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FIRST and SECOND SITTING June 7th and 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

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PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**In Attendance:**

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

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe**

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

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

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

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

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

**Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Honorable Daniel Pottle**

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

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Jack Shiwak**

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

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

**Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy**

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

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

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

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

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

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

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

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers**

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

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

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

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings**

were recorded in Inuktitut and English.

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Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m. on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Ullâkut.* We will start with item one on your *Orders of the Day*, "Prayer."  
I'd like to call to order again the 11th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut  
Assembly, and I would ask President Johannes Lampe to say the opening  
prayer.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** (Recites Prayer).

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek,* President Lampe. Move onto item two on your *Orders of the Day*, "The Opening Address by the President." Congratulations to  
President Johannes Lampe, who is newly acclaimed and sworn into office  
in his home community of Nain on May 4th, 2016. We look forward to  
working with you and we wish you every success in your term as  
President. Please join me in inviting the Honourable Johannes Lampe to  
give his first opening address as the President of the Nunatsiavut  
Government.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek Uhatti. (Speaks in Inutittut). Nakummek Uhatti.*

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek,* Honourable President. With that we'll move onto Item 3 on  
your *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." Please be  
advised if the Assembly Members haven't noticed that we have a  
considerable absence from this sitting due to officials dealing with some

medical appointments. Ms Patricia Ford, the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roy Blake, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms Diane Gear, have all been properly excused from these proceedings. Also the Chairperson for Sivunivut, Ms Trudy Mesher-Barkman, has been reasonably excused. At the last sitting the Assembly was advised that Tabea Onalik is replacing Hilda Hunter during the recruitment process for the position of Assistant to the Clerk. Ms Onalik has been extremely busy with her new position and we wish to recognize her efficiency and professionalism. For the information of the Assembly we are continuing on with our Visiting Pages Program and we are joined today by two beneficiaries from the Canadian Constituency. We have with us Mr. Julian Ford, who joins us from Ottawa and Ms Tama Ball, who joins us from St. John's. The Assembly thanks you for your time and interest in these proceedings and we hope that this provides valuable experience to each of you. Our interpreters/translators are Rita Andersen and Gus Semigak. Thank you to Mr. Semigak for joining us and we are very pleased to have Ms Andersen in the translating booth once more. Chesley Andersen is our IT support for this Assembly and we would also like to recognize, of course, OKâlaKatiget staff, Christine Lampe and Johansi Tuglavina. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see Tabea Onalik. I'd like to recognize those who are in the public gallery today and thank you for your interest in the proceedings of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Is there any Member that would wish to

recognize any visitors in the gallery today? If not, we will move onto item four, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements today? I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to submit to the Assembly a brief update on the activities of my department since the last Assembly sitting in March of 2016. Mr. Speaker, in regard to the implementation file, the next meeting of the Implementation Committee is scheduled for June the 15th. The first draft of the 2015-2016 Annual Report will be reviewed and direction given for completion. On the agenda will be a response letter from Canada to the Nunatsiavut Government regarding the Nunatsiavut Government's request for an amendment to *the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* to allow continued harvesting of migratory birds in the area identified in Schedule 12E of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. The discussions to date on this issue are positive, however, the parties will need to consult and inform the Innu Nation. Another issue for discussion will be the process and timelines for the transfer of the \$15 million announced in the Federal Budget for housing for Nunatsiavut. We will request a substantive update response from Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador to the Nunatsiavut Government proposal for a renewed 10-year Implementation Plan which has been tabled by the Nunatsiavut Government. In regard to the membership; enrolment of beneficiaries and the membership appeals process are ongoing. The Registrar is planning another Membership Workshop to be held late summer or early fall to deal with ongoing process issues. Don

Dicker Sr. and Rita Andersen have been appointed as replacements to the Nain and North of Nain Membership Committee. We are currently working to fill one vacancy on the Hopedale Membership Committee. In regard to public property, Mr. Speaker, the prototype six-plex in Nain, the drawings for this building were submitted to Service Newfoundland and Labrador in March, 2016, and in early May FGMDA, the consultants that we use received the approval for construction subject to some specifications required by Service Newfoundland and Labrador. The request for proposals for consulting construction tender and project management have been issued. Our intent is to have the exterior work on the building completed before the snow comes and completion of the building in February, 2017. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to Illusuak, a contribution of a million dollars is to be expected to be announced by the Federal Government to assist with the completion of this project. We have now secured the funding to be able to complete Phase 3 of this project. Work is commencing now and the building is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2017. The HSD Hopedale Building. The Aivek Stantec Report on the Nunatsiavut Government office requirements recommended a new office complex for Hopedale. A tentative design layout of the office space was included in the final report, and we are now in the process of selecting suitable land in which to construct this building on. So we hope to have some more information at the next Assembly. Mr. Speaker, in regard to the Geotechnical Drilling Program, we have received a final report from Aivek Stantec for the Geotechnical

Drilling completed in Hopedale last summer. Stirling Parsons from Aivek Stantec came to Hopedale to do a briefing on the results of the drilling and to discuss the type of foundation options for construction of new houses in Hopedale. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council have approved \$400,000 for a geotechnical program for Makkovik, Rigolet and Postville to be completed this summer. We are in the process of completing the request for proposals for that program and hope to have all this work completed by this fall. In regard to the housing file, Mr. Speaker, Housing Repair Program. On April the 18th, I met with Sherry Gambin-Walsh, the Provincial Minister responsible for housing and social development and expressed the housing needs within Nunatsiavut including the need for additional supportive living infrastructure. I asked the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing if they were prepared to contribute funds for a Housing Repair Program in 2016. As a result of that meeting, I have received a letter from Minister Gabin-Walsh confirming that Newfoundland and Labrador Housing would contribute \$150,000 for a repair program if the Nunatsiavut Government would match the contribution. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has agreed to match the contribution which results in a \$300,000 Housing Repair Fund for 2016. Because the funds are limited we have decided to do repairs on homes in Nain and Hopedale which have already been assessed as part of 2014-2015 Attic Retrofit and Housing Repair Program. But repairs could not be completed at that time due to lack of funding. We are now in the process of selecting the homes to be repaired and a contractor to complete the

repair work this summer. Federal Budget on Housing. We will be travelling to Ottawa next week and I will do a presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Housing. We have prepared a powerful PowerPoint presentation which confirms the housing crisis in Nunatsiavut. The 2016 Federal Budget announced for the first time ever \$15 million over two years for housing in Nunatsiavut. We know that this decision is the result of the strong lobbying by the Nunatsiavut Government with Federal Ministers as well as Prime Minister Trudeau. We do not know yet when and under what conditions that funding will be transferred, but we have heard that the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation intends to transfer the funding to Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation to be administered. The Nunatsiavut Government has strongly opposed that, and we have written letters to the Federal Ministers of Indigenous Affairs, Finance and Treasury Board and the Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation. We have a meeting scheduled with the Minister responsible for Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation but, unfortunately, we were stuck in Nunatsiavut due to bad weather. We are continuing to lobby the Federal Government to have this funding transferred directly to Nunatsiavut Government from Canada and are using appropriate clauses from the mechanism established by the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* to promote our argument. ITK is supporting the NG and the other Inuit organizations in trying to get the housing funds transferred directly to the Inuit Governmental organizations. President Natan Obed met with the

Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation on behalf of all the regions on June 6th to argue the case. We are hoping that the efforts of the Nunatsiavut Government and ITK will result in this housing funding being transferred directly to the Nunatsiavut Government from Canada. In regard to transportation, Mr. Speaker, on April the 18th I also met with Minister Hawkins, who is the Minister of Works and Transportation. We discussed the Provincial budget cuts to transportation within Nunatsiavut, marine services and the proposed Nain airstrip. I have asked Minister Hawkins that he consider revising the 100 percent increase in medical transportation, rescinding the 40 percent increase in ferry rates for residents of Nunatsiavut and ask that he provide me with a breakdown of where the funds collected from the airstrip landing fees were spent as he certainly has not gone back into operating the airstrip facilities, particularly, the washroom facilities. He has not yet responded to my request. The Province collects \$800,000, or they will, from Air Labrador and Innu Mikun annually from the landing fees. And we want to have this funding used to at least upgrade our airstrips. In regard to marine transportation, Mr. Speaker, the Northern Ranger and the Astron will continue to provide the marine passenger and freight service in 2016. But the season has been reduced from the normal 174 days to 169. We raised the concern about winter supplies not being delivered to Nunatsiavut, and we are assured that all freight shipped by the end of the shipping date will be delivered even if it means an additional trip for the Astron. 2016 is the last year for the Astron and

an RFP is being prepared for a replacement vessel for 2017. I ask that I be sent a copy of the final draft of the request for proposals for NG comments before it is released. Minister Hawkins committed to provide a draft copy of a request for proposals. The shipping season for 2016 is the Northern Ranger will commence freight passenger service from Goose Bay on June 20th and will run until November 30th. The Astron will commence the freight service from Lewisport on June 20th and will run until December the 5th. The last day for shipping freight at Lewisport and Goose Bay for guaranteed delivery is October the 15th. Any freight shipped after October 15th is not guaranteed for delivery. If there is freight shipped by October the 15th but remaining at the terminals in Lewisport and Goose Bay on December the 5th then the Astron will make additional trip to deliver that freight. And, Mr. Speaker, on the Nain airstrip, we explained to Minister Hawkins that during our discussions with the Federal Ministers we were told that the proposed Nain Airstrip Project may fit the criteria for funding under the New Building Canada Fund. However, the Federal Government must have a commitment from the Province that this project is a priority and that the Province will negotiate a cost sharing arrangement. Mr. Hawkin said he was not aware that the Province has to confirm that this proposed project is a priority. That discussions are still ongoing with Canada and that he will have his staff continue discussions with Canada, however, he did confirm that funding from Newfoundland and Labrador is extremely difficult or impossible to find. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. The audit teams of Deloitte have been on site at the Department of Health and Social Development Regional Office and at the Nain Administration Building, and they have completed all field work required for the audit of the financial statements. We are currently on track to meet all reporting deadlines. We would like to take the time, Mr. Speaker, to thank all finance staff who have once again gone over and above to ensure that our financial records and audit working papers are ready for the arrival of the auditors. Mr. Speaker, over the last number of years we have given updates on the issue of royalty payments under Part 7.5 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. We invested much time on this matter to gather and analyze information and have made several attempts to resolve these issues through the Subsurface Resource Revenue Sharing Committee. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, we have not been able to find this resolution. As such, the Nunatsiavut Government has filed a statement of claim against the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on this matter. Mr. Speaker, Department of Lands and Natural Resources. The department made the 2016 Commercial Fishery Applications available to the public in March. Applications were received in April. Eighteen applications were reviewed and 16 beneficiaries were designated to participate in the commercial

fishery to harvest species such as Northern shrimp, snow crab, green and halibut and scallop. We will also designate beneficiaries to participate in the Commercial Arctic Char Fishery in Nain as required. To date, Mr. Speaker, we have received 50 percent of our normal Northern shrimp quota in SFA4 and 75 percent of our quote in the SFA5. We anticipate to receive the additional quota once the formal last in/first out LIFO review process is completed, and the Minister notes that the remaining quota allocations before the end of June. The NG participated in the LIFO Review Consultation Process by presenting to the Ministers Advisory Committee. The bottom line, Mr. Speaker, is any changes to the policy or replacement policy is that our *Land Claims Agreement* must take priority and the Federal Government must respect the intent of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* and interpret it in a reasonable and purposeful manner. Mr. Speaker, my staff, with the help of Legal Services, are actively engaged in negotiating and finalizing a nine-year arrangement for the domestic fishery in the area of 12E as per the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. We are hopeful to finalize both the arrangement and the annual communal licence this week with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Wildlife, Mr. Speaker.

Beneficiaries have harvested 26 of the 35 moose licenses available for the 2015-2016 season. The season is now closed until this coming fall.

Beneficiaries filled all 13 polar bear licenses this season and the hunting season is now closed until 2017. Mr. Speaker, we continue to engage in discussions with UPCART, the Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Round

Table, regarding a draft management strategy for the George River, Leaf River and Torngat Mountains Caribou. It has been decided by the UPCART that I am to replace former President Sarah Leo as the Co-Chair of UPCART until the delegation meets face to face in September to re-elect another Co-Chair. *Impact Benefits Agreement*, Mr. Speaker. With regards to the Voisey's Bay Project, community information sessions for Nunatsiavut communities began in May and all aspects of Underground Expansion Project. The weather caused havoc on their schedule and the plan is to complete these sessions in the week of June 20th. Shipping to and from port has commenced again for the open water season. The company did experience some delays due to ice with the last shipments prior to the spring closure. The Torngat Mountains National Park Co-Management Board will meet next and depart in August. Mr. Speaker, our IBA co-ordinator, Theresa Hollett, recently went on extended leave. We are working with the Human Resources section to consider options for covering these duties on an interim basis. We wish Theresa a speedy recovery and hope to see her back to work as soon as possible. The Non-Renewable Resources Division, Mr. Speaker. As you are aware there have been a considerable slowdown in work plan applications from expiration companies for the past few years. This year's activity is again predicted to be very slow with only five permit applications received and approved within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, including the Labrador Inuit Lands. Although the mining industry has seen some recoveries in the past few months, increases in expiration activity within

northern and remote areas like Labrador is expected to take a few years to recover. The Non-Renewable Resource Division continues to promote the region as a mining destination at various industry forums as well as working directly with companies. Luckily the Voisey's Bay Underground Mine Expansion is continuing on schedule. The division is currently busy reviewing and providing input on regulatory permits including the Development and Rehabilitation Enclosure Plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. I am pleased to report on the activities of my department since our last sitting in March. I am pleased to report that our department has made significant progress in a number of key areas since our last Assembly. We did have one employee who left us early May to seek other opportunities. I want to let him know that if he wants to come back to the department, the door is open. Congratulations, Mr. President. I would also like to thank Sophie Tremblay-Morrisette for her work as Acting Director of Tourism and Kristy Sheppard, who was our Director but has now gone to a new position as Director of Economic Development. One of those cases where our loss is your gain, but I'm sure she'll do a spectacular job. I would also like to formally welcome some of the new staff to our department. Belinda Webb, as Director of Culture and Sybella Tuglavina in the position of Language Program Coordinator. Louisa Kojak has rejoined us with the interpreter/translator

team. We also have Sarah Townley taking over as Academic Advisor for our Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program. Sarah replaces Beth Gatbonten who served for the last five years as our Curriculum Consultant. We are now in the hiring process for two new positions; the Heritage Co-ordinator who will focus on our research collections, including the Illusuak exhibit work and a new Art Caravel Repository. We will also be appointing a new Artist Development Officer to work on building our Arts & Craft Sector with our key partners. Illusuak. The final securing of funds for Illusuak is now allowing us to proceed on the Illusuak exhibit. We have completed the competition for a firm to do our final exhibit design, fabrication and installation. The exhibit will occupy nearly 400 square feet of space and creatively tell the stories of Labrador Inuit. On the Heritage Forum in Makkovik, Postville 2016, delegates will gather in Makkovik June 12th to the 15th and in Postville on June 16th. The theme is "Developing Community-Driven Heritage Initiatives." Local organizing committees in Makkovik and Postville are hosting and the agenda will include discussions on the next steps in building heritage projects in each community. Hopedale Moravian Mission Complex. Parks Canada has approved funding for significant work on the provisions house and we will have meetings with Agvituk Historical Society and Parks Canada the week of June 27th to set a plan for the project. Hebron Interpretation Plan. We will be presenting a proposed Interpretation Plan for Hebron National Historical Site to all stakeholders as we work to enhance the site and experiences for visitors. Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program. In the

next month we will bring together instructors for training in delivering the LITP modules in the communities. Last November we did Phase 1 of the Instructor Training Program with 14 participants. Archaeology Projects. This summer we will have a number of significant archaeology projects including Double Mer Point, Groswater Bay sites, and in the Nain area we will also be assessing new projects for Postville, Hopedale and Hebron. And on the Inuit Studies Conference 2016 in partnership with Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, we will be hosting the bi-annual Inuit Studies Conference in St. John's October 7th to the 10th. The conference will include over 200 project presentations as well as the opening of the first permanent Labrador Inuit Art Exhibit at the ruins. And a celebration of Inuit culture, Inuit Blanche. And on National Aboriginal Day and Community Summer Festivals. We are beginning a season of celebration of our Aboriginal identity with the National Aboriginal Day on June 21st, and I encourage all communities to showcase our Labrador Inuit culture and heritage. Also this summer there'll be a number of community celebrations, festivals, and I encourage you to contact the department so we can help facilitate the advertising. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some updates from the Department of Health and Social Development. We are pleased to announce that we

have a new Director of Health Services, Sylvia Doody. She was a public health nurse in Hopedale in the past. She has completed her Master's Degree, was working for Lab-Grenfell Health and began working for us on May the 23rd, 2016. Also the HSD hosted a two-day pre-engagement session for families of murdered and missing Indigenous women in Happy Valley Goose Bay in March. The feedback from this session will contribute to the national inquiry. Also we are pleased that the supportive living units in Nain and Hopedale are up and running. We have four presence in Nain and three in Hopedale. We have seven staff members in each of the communities. Also we have 38 residents living in supportive living units in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Key Assets has completed hiring and training staff for the unit in Hopedale. We are anticipating that we will have three children return from Roddickton very soon. We are anticipating that we will have two more houses opened by mid- to early fall of this year. Myself and my Deputy Minister attended a forum in St. John's just a week and a half ago to provide feedback to Child, Youth and Family Services on new ways to address the needs of children in care. The Tobacco Control Strategy is now in its second year. Many activities such as "Quit to Win" and training has been completed. We have completed the household surveys and are analyzing the results. We have also completed the staff survey. The Family Connection Program is now running in Nain and Hopedale. The purpose of this program is to provide support to at risk families. Krista Lane is a worker

in Hopedale and Diane Dicker and Jenny Oliver are the workers in Nain.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to speak on the Education Division. The Inuit Bachelor of Education Program just completed their first year of their four-year degree program. The *Inuttitut* language portion of the program started in July, 2015 with an intensive six-week term. This term introduced students to the language with utterance style teaching. Students will complete the two-year newly-developed Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program over the four years of the Education Degree. The language instruction has been very well accepted and all students are doing well in this part of the program. Following the end of the winter semester, 14 students were successful in their studies and will continue with the program. One student was unsuccessful and was removed from the program by Memorial University. The 14 remaining students completed a short two-week placement in schools in May. We had 12 students who completed their placements in school in Nunatsiavut and 2 in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Mr. Speaker, Student Status. The 2015-2016 year started with 150 full-time and 38 part-time students. At the end of the year we have 27 expected to graduate by August. Confirmation of graduation is not expected until later in the summer. Throughout the year we had 31 students discontinue or were

removed from their programs for various reasons and 7 students are due to graduate in December. The selections for the upcoming year will take place in early June. At the present date we have 82 students continuing full time, 24 continuing part time. We currently have 99 new applicants being processed for the new academic year. Counselling sessions are ongoing and the information on the institutions continue to be collected for the processing of all applications. We don't expect any delays in the selections and we expect that our budget allocation will be sufficient to fund all continuing and new applications that were received by the deadline date. Mr. Speaker, this year we created a Facebook page to keep students as well as beneficiaries up to date on program changing, posting of announcements and deadlines and to provide general information on scholarships and employment opportunity in a forum to promote student success and achievement. This page has seen a lot of activity since it's been implemented. Needs Base Study. We have recently posted a call for proposals to complete a needs base study. This needs base study will provide an analysis on assessing an individual's need, including but not limited, to individual and household income sources, family size, to name a few and recommendations for a formula for distribution of funds based on the same. We hope to have this work completed by early fall. Transition and Bridging Program Reviews. We are ready to roll out a questionnaire for students who have completed bridging or transition program over the last five years. The purpose of this study is to determine if these programs are providing students with

the necessary tools and knowledge to be successful in higher post-secondary programs. We had hoped to have this exercise completed before the end of the winter semester, but we encountered some delays. We now hope to complete this work by the end of the summer. Once we have the results of the students' input, we will determine if we need to take further action to improve on the programs available or to develop our own. Mr. Speaker, the Inuit Society and Culture Course. The department is currently partnering with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District in the development of a new high school two-credit course focused on the Inuit of Nunatsiavut. Currently the course is in the final stage of the pilot year and has been offered in Nain, Hopedale and Rigolet. The development of the textbook online resources and curriculum guide is nearing completion and that we are working on permission from the Department of Education to have the course recognized in both the Canadian Studies and Fine Arts categories under graduation requirements. The full offering of the course will begin in September which will include all five schools in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, we received five applications for the Sharon Baikie Memorial Scholarship. The committee met and the word was given to Silpa Saurak of Nain. An official presentation of the plaque will be made at the Jens Haven Memorial School Awards Night on June the 23rd. Students On Ice. We will again be sponsoring two students for the Students On Ice Arctic Expedition this year. The application process is complete and the students have been notified. However, upon request of Students On Ice,

we are unable to release their names until all acceptable letters have been sent out. Mr. Speaker, Summer Literacy Camp. We have signed a contract with Frontier College to deliver a Summer Literacy Camp in Nain this July. It will run for three weeks and will have room for 50 children, aged 5 to 12. Two experienced counsellors will be hired from outside and there will be two local people hired as counsellors as well. Local applications have been received and interviews will take place soon. To date, over 50 children have been registered and it is possible we may be able to accommodate more should the interest continue to grow. Jodie will be heading up this project and questions can be directed to her.

National Committee on Inuit Education. The Parental Engagement Tool Kit is in its final review process and will be sent for graphic design within the next few weeks. We're aiming for September to launch the project which will be delivered in Nain this coming year. As per recommendation Number 6 from the National Strategy on Inuit Education the committee is now working towards planning a national forum on support programs and services for students who require additional support in Inuit education. Jodie is on the planning committee for this firm and is expected to take place the fall of 2017. Inuit Pathways have had 17 clients complete the long-term training programs this spring and 9 more due to complete before the end of June. Staff have been busy at this time working with the new applications for 2016- 2017 training year, including up year end operations for Service Canada and audit completion. Inuit Pathways has received preliminary notice of a 3

percent increase for a portion of their budget from Employment and Skills Development Canada. We are still awaiting official confirmation on the amount and conditions, but we are very thrilled with the possibility of a budget increase even though it is very small. Assets staff have been invited to the National Assets Engagement Session being organized by ESDC National Headquarters in Ottawa later this month. This will be an opportunity to share views and perspectives on the current strategy and help inform future policy and program approaches to Indigenous labour market programs. And, finally, Mr. Speaker, call for proposals for the Federal Government's Skills and Partnership Fund has finally been called. Closing date is July 5th, 2016. The proposal from LITP, Vale, the Innu, Inuit and Métis in the Province is undergoing some revisions to reflect the new proposal guidelines such as will now be four years and a maximum of \$10 million with 50 percent contribution from stakeholders. The proposal will include Mining Essentials Program, focused specialized underground trades training such as heavy equipment operators, training new clients for underground mining and training for existing Vale employees for underground mining. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. We'll move onto item five on your *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Are there any member statements this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, Makkovik Inuit Community Government would like to extend congratulations to the graduating class

of John Christian Erhardt Memorial in Makkovik, 2016. We have eight graduates this year. Would like to thank the teachers and the parents as well for their guidance throughout the year. Would like to thank the Department of Economic Development, to this department, for funding that was provided for a craft project where we employed five employees for five weeks. Those ladies did wonderful work and they are providing the crafts in kind to the local craft shop in Makkovik as well as the Moravian Church. Thank you to this department. We look forward to seeing some of you in Makkovik next week for the Heritage Forum, and we'll extend a good welcome and look forward to you coming. Just a little update on the arena. It's coming along well and anticipated to be complete in late August and people are excited about that as well. We're also in the process of seeking funding to install interchangeable panels and interpretation notes for our boardwalk. We're also looking forward to a successful fishing season for our fisherpersons fish plant workers and hope they do well. We also are seeking funding for a breakwater and spill way. Those projects we hope will get underway pending, I guess, our success in funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek Uhatti.* First of all, President Lampe, *salutvagit.* I hope I said that right. I wish you well in the road ahead and look forward to working with you in the months ahead on. It's just concerning to our area and work of the NunaKâtiget Corporation in Happy Valley Goose Bay and Mud

Lake. I have a brief rundown of activities at the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation since the last Assembly in March. For the Community Freezer Program, which is our main program, it's pretty much business as usual with the Community Freezer Program. We presently have a few items in stock. We have store-bought blueberries, corn and peas. We have run out of wild berries for a while now. We also have cod fillets, Arctic char and partridges. We carried some seal meat for a while and some smelts this spring, and the moose meat is all used up now. So, I mean, it came in handy over the winter and people are missing their fresh meat, but we still have a few partridges. At this time everyone is looking forward now to some fresh salmon and trout. To save some dollars and utilize our funds toward the Community Freezer Programs or other expenses NunaKâtiget has discontinued paying for registration fees for firearms acquisition, and we've notified the college that we're not paying any more registration fees for firearms acquisition, and those funds will be used for, like I said, the Community Freezer Program or expenses. We have offered another 10-hour basic sewing course in April whereby beneficiaries were given training in using the sewing machine. We are planning for more craft training in the fall such as some sort of sewing classes or snowshoe making, but no details have been finalized yet. We are now in negotiations with one of the farms in Goose Bay and working on having another farm project to grow some fresh produce for people who use the Community Freezer Program. We have applied to the Provincial Government Community Healthy Living Fund for financial

assistance for the farm project. There's no word back yet on whether we have any funding approved. I'd just like to add that I understand there's a food safety summit coming up, and I'm kind of disappointed that we have not been involved or invited to attend this food security summit seeing we've been kind of a leader in community foods and a subsistence for people with the Community Freezer Program and also with the farm project that we're now in our second year and feel kind of left out that we've been involved in these projects but not invited to take part in the food security summit in Nunatsiavut. And remember that these people that use our farm project and our Community Freezer from are beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* and part of us all. With the salmon season coming up on us, we are now preparing to advertise for fishers to harvest our quota for the Community Freezer. Hopefully we'll receive the same number of salmon tags from the Department of Lands and National Resources as we have been granted in previous years. And along with those projects since in Roy's absence, medical leave, and Patricia's travelling, I've been involved in some discussions with beneficiaries' inquiries, so I don't mind that. I'm there for that purpose, to help people out or take inquiries or pass on information to them. So I've involved in that as well and it's been great to talk to people and just to converse with people and see how they're doing, or they ask me questions of what the Nunatsiavut Government is doing, and it's always good to relay that information to beneficiaries in

the area where communication can be very much improved. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My report is brief. It will relate only to what's happening in my community as from a mayor's point of view, AngajukKâk point of view. I guess all the other events that happen in the community will be relayed to you by the Ordinary Member for the community. Since our last sitting, Mr. Speaker, the Jeremias Sillett Memorial Centre has opened on March 17th of this year. The Sillett family, from grandmother to Ingutaks and relatives help cut the ribbon. We estimated about 700 people came through at the opening. The community has really taken advantage of this facility and we're averaging up to 60 to 70 persons per night, or per day, and I'm proud to say that a lot of the young people at school are taking advantage of that and keeping children off the street and enjoying themselves in a healthy way. We offer card games for seniors, community events that can take place, you know, and just a place to hang out. We have a fully equipped gym that a lot of people are taking advantage of. So far two main events that have taken place is a wedding reception and a volleyball tournament in the short since it opened. It's a great success an asset to the community and I'm very proud to report that to you today. We've hired a new Town Manager. Her name is Beni Ittulak. She used to be Beni Andersen. She's a former counsellor of the Nain Inuit Community Government and she fits right

into her position and doing really well. Right now with regards to any projects that we have on-going, we are working with the Economic and Education Department of Nunatsiavut with regards to developing a space or putting a proposal together to develop a new space for training for arts and crafts, Kamutik making and things like that, and the old fire hall is the space that we provide. This is our contribution to the project. At the same time, we're also working with Kayla Deboer who is working here, but I think that she just moved to Nain yesterday. She's been very helpful to us. She's developing a proposal to also look at the Community Hall, the Old Community Hall, and to get that repaired and up to grade because even though we have the new Jeremias Sillet Centre up there, we still are lacking space for community conventions or community get-togethers, and it's also right in the centre of town which would be great for other organizations within the community to use. And I'd like to thank at this time Department of Education and Economic Development for assisting us with those projects. Just yesterday I attended a teleconference with Yvonne Jones, MP for Labrador, with regards to, I guess, establishing a list of priorities that our community is looking at with the new infrastructure money that's been announced. The other communities, unfortunately, were not present because they were in the process of travelling here, but I think that a teleconference just for AngajukKâk and the other organization will be forthcoming. We gave, I guess, four lists of priorities that we looked at for Nain. One that was announced this morning. The airport itself is an ongoing issue. Land

Development. I think every community has their, I believe, probably with land development and this is one of our top priorities. Like I said, the new community centre with the hall and a new Sportsplex. That's my short report to you this morning, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek Uhatti.* Mr. Speaker, firstly, June month is designated pride month. I would like to recognize the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Trans community and the important contribution our mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters make to our communities and society as a whole. Also yesterday marked the 72nd anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. The largest amphibious operation in history. In keeping with that theme, Mr. Speaker, this summer students from Nain will attend the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Beaumont Hamel, World War I. On July 1st, as we all know, is Canada Day, but it also has a special place. "July 1st, 1916 and I quote "saw the Royal Newfoundland Regiment advance on German lines with devastating consequences to men of the regiment." Memorial Park at Beaumont Hamel France preserves a place where over 700 brave Newfoundlanders were killed or wounded within 30 minutes of the first day of the battle. Today in five places in France and Belgium stoic brown statues of caribou stand in tribute to the brave soldiers of Newfoundland and Labrador. Students and cadets will bear witness to and be humbled and inspired by the sacrifices made in the 1st World War. They will come home with a new appreciation for our country's history." I would

like to recognize the students from Nain, Mr. Speaker, and their names are Emerald Hay-Jenkins, Melanie Angnatok, Shawna Dicker, Amos Lidd, Megan Dicker, Caroline Nochasak, Jade Howell, Jules Ford, Ethan Shiwak, Chace Howell, Taylor Ivany, Leslie Daw and Erin Tibbo. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. I'll recognize the other Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

*Nakummek Uhatti. Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* I thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good day and good morning, everyone. Certainly at first I'd like to congratulate you, Johannes, on becoming the third President of Nunatsiavut. I know that we attended an Open House last night and we heard your Presidential address this morning and you brought forward three of your top priorities that you wish to work on. Certainly three top priorities of many within Nunatsiavut. You know, these issues had been brought forward and addressed at this table, and one being housing, mental health, and *Inuttitut* language. Certainly, you know, I would like to look forward to working with you on these issues and other related issues of my community as well. Certainly I will touch a bit on these a little bit more in my statement today and hopefully into tomorrow. But before I do I want to take this time to report to the Assembly and truly saddened to report to another passing of one of our youth. Darryl Earl Andersen passed away on March 20th. So sincere condolences going out to Tony, Mary Adelaide and the Andersen family. Mr. Speaker, I also just want to take this time to send congratulations to a number of students that

graduated this year from both the Jens Haven Memorial School and the students that attended post-secondary studies. Now Jens Haven Memorial School held a graduation or a prom on May 21st with 14 students graduating from high school. And I'd like to make note of their names of who they are. Shane Andersen, Melanie Angnatok, Rhianna Brown, Rosie Edmunds, Jade Howell, Brandon Ivy, Amos Lidd, Caroline Nochasak, Sean Semigak, Cora Saksagiak, Chesley Semigak, Kelsey Soloman, Willy Suarak, and Katrina Anthony. These youth now take on a new journey and a new path in their lives and will be the next generation that will soon lead our community and maybe this government. And I wish all the graduates the best in their future studies. Mr. Speaker, I also want to congratulate the following that did further their education and recently graduated from post-secondary studies this year. I have a short list here, but today, however, I know the numbers are to be much higher for my community, for our community. Travis Pilgrim graduated from Kona on June 14th as a heavy duty equipment technician. Selpa Saurak graduated her second year in advanced Inuit studies at Algonquin College with a Nunavut Sivunivut in Ottawa. Her graduation was on May 15th. Too also Donna Dicker completed their first year with Nunavut Sivunivut. Her graduation was also held on May 15th. Raymond Obed graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree at Memorial University from Newfoundland. His convocation was held on May 12th. Patrick Webb graduated from Memorial University with a degree in Bachelor of Physical Education. His convocation was held on June 1st. Zachary Ford,

currently living in St. John's with strong ties to our community, Nain, graduated from Munn with an engineering degree. His convocation was held on June 3rd. Mitchell White will be graduating from Carleton University in a couple weeks this spring with a degree in communications and political science, and just recently Mitchell just joined a full-time position with ITK, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami in Ottawa. Mr. Speaker, if I may, I'd like to make special mention of a young lady, although not a beneficiary to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, but someone that was born, raised and who is currently a part of our community. Jessica Dawe graduated from Memorial University with a degree of Doctor of Medicine. Jessica is on her way to becoming the first doctor to come from our community. She would be caring on her studies in neurology for the next four years in Halifax and her convocation was on June 2nd. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to say my son, Josh Pamak, graduated from Nova Scotia Community College with an electronics engineering technician diploma. His convocation will be held on June 11th with his mom and I in attendance. Congratulations to you, son, and to all the students from JHMS and to those that attended post-secondary studies. You are the next leaders, and I wish you all nothing but the best in your future studies and your endeavours. Mr. Speaker, I don't have much to bring forward today as part of my member statement, so I'll keep it short. As I was more interested in hearing from our Ministers, what they provide in their statements to us today and tomorrow. I do have to say that since the last sitting of Assembly in March it has been

somewhat slower than usual, the constituents dropping into my office and looking for information or even assistance. However, social housing continues to be one of the biggest issues that I hear from my constituents. Although that we are making great strides and we mentioned some of them today and in previous Assembly sittings, the demand and the needs still leaves us in a housing crisis. Over the past year or so, Mr. Speaker, I have been working with a number of families that have the children removed by the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services of the Provincial Government. I've heard many stories and concerns from families and deal with the department in working with them and trying to understand the process for them to get custody back. Certainly I'm not up to speed to say on the mandate or the process of Child, Youth and Family Services that undertake when children have to be placed in their care. However, I do have somewhat an understanding of what Nunatsiavut Government through the Department of Health and Social Development is doing with the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services in keeping our kids in our communities and working with families to keep their children in their own homes. Certainly I'm very pleased to see that two positions were created, Family Connections Workers, and filled by the Department of Health and Social Development recently to help and guide families through that whole process. Mr. Speaker, as Ordinary Member, I still do not know and understand the complete process myself, and certainly I look to the Minister of Health, Social Development, Honourable Greg Flowers, to hold a session with all

interested Members of the Assembly of that process. First, to get an understanding of the whole process which then will enable me or us to help guide and direct families to resources that can help. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency Office and constituents residing in the Constituency of Canada I would like to welcome Tama and Julian to Hopedale and I also extend congratulations to both of them for being accepted as pages under the Visiting Page Program. *Nakummek* for your interest in our government. I trust that this will be a memorable experience for both of you. Congratulations, Johannes, on your acclamation as President of Nunatsiavut. I wish you great success in leading Nunatsiavut Government over the next four years. *Uhatti*, I would like to thank Steven Cooper and his team from the law firm of Ahlstrom, Wright, Oliver and Cooper, Kirk Baert and Celeste Poltak from the law firm Koskie, Minsky and Ches Crosbie of Ches Crosbie Law and the Government of Canada for reaching a \$50 million agreement to settle the Newfoundland and Labrador residential schools class action lawsuit. I congratulate all survivors for your patience during this long, drawn out process, and I would like to say a special thank you to Toby Obed who was instrumental in bringing this case to trial. *Nakummek*, Toby. *Uhatti*. On the 27th of September the judge will make a ruling on whether or not to accept the agreement, reached between the claimants

and the Government of Canada. I trust that the judge will rule to accept the agreement and, if approved, I carry much hope, *Uhatti*, that the survivors of the residential schools in Newfoundland and Labrador can begin the process of healing and reconciliation. *Uhatti*, in closing, I call upon Prime Minister Trudeau to extend an apology to the residential school survivors in our Province. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Are there any further Member Statements this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just short and brief. I'd like to extend my congratulations to the Honourable President, Mr. Lampe, in his acclamation as President. It just goes to show if at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again, I guess, Johannes. The other thing I wanted to bring up was a week ago I had the privilege of speaking at the high school graduation there at the Northern Lights Academy. It was a privilege, yet a disappointment because when I talked to the three graduates I knew that, you know, as it is, their time in Rigolet is getting short. Not because they don't want to live home, but it's such a case in like some other communities, what do they have to come home to once they've finished post-secondary education? The only thing I could tell these students was when I ran for election, if nothing else, my goal was to at least lay a foundation to bring these kids home once they finished post-secondary education. That is my goal and that's what I plan to work for over the next two years. We have to start bringing our people home. These

people want to be in our communities. They want to help us grow. They are our future leaders so we have to work collectively to bring the kids home from all along the north coast. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the two Ordinary Members for Upper Lake Melville, we'd like to congratulate President Lampe on being acclaimed President of Nunatsiavut. I'd also like to send condolences to the family of the following people who passed away since our last sitting. Diane Terriak, Velda Morris, Edgar Lucy, Susan Winters, Junior Blake, Ronnie Michelin, and Rich Kirby who was the husband of Viane Kirby. I wish Roy Blake, Theresa Hollett and Fred Meshier a speedy recovery. And I'd like to thank the Lands and Natural Resources Department, particularly Carl McLean and Todd Broomfield, for working to resolve the communal fishing for 12E in Upper Lake Melville. And I'd like to congratulate Gilbert Jim and Agnus Blake on their 50th anniversary on May 27th, 2016. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Are there any other member statements this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for a second opportunity. Something that I was going to mention right away and I forgot was to congratulate Johannes

on his being elected President but also to say that I'm exceptionally proud, I guess, that our mother tongue has been spoken once again.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. DICKER:** That's something that was missing for four years. And I guess I'm also proud to see that, you know, from now on or the next four years at least, you know, the Presidential addresses will be in our language, and there's something that's important to the listeners out there, to the Assembly Members and to the *Inutittut* language program that we have in place. It just instils the need to have our mother tongue spoken at the important meetings like this. And, Johannes, I hope that, you know, when you do speak 90 percent of the time will be in *Inutittut*. Of course sometimes you had to speak in Kallunâttut, but that's okay. And, you know, I just want to make that point, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, AngajukKâk.* Are there any further member statements this morning? If there are no further member statements then we will break and reconvene at 11:00 a.m.

(Recess)

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Prior to recess we left on item five on your *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." We'll now move onto item six, "Returns to Oral Questions," are there any returns to oral questions today? If not, we'll proceed onto item seven, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk from Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Mr. Speaker, just some clarification first before. I have two questions so I can come back to second question after I ask the first question? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My first question is to the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell. In her statement this morning she mentioned that the Nain Airstrip may qualify under the new infrastructure announcement by the Federal Government. But at the same time at the end of her statement she was saying that the Province or Minister Hawkins, I guess, is saying or heard the word "extremely difficult" to find funds for this **as a part of the share**. I asked the Minister if you could clarify what you interpret the Minister when you said this and how does it affect the status of the airstrip as a priority for Nain? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Nain. In response I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, how the program works is under the Building Canada Fund is a federal program, but in order for a project to be considered, it has to be a priority of the Province in which the airstrip is to be constructed. So in order for the Federal Government to consider the project it has to be a priority of the Provincial Government. And what we were told, myself and Toby, I met with Minister Hawkins and we asked him about the status of the Nain airstrip. It was not a priority of the Provincial Government he said because they were \$15 million short when they looked at, and has to be jointly funded between the Province and the Federal Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question?

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It surprises me that the Provincial Minister would say that it's not a priority for the Province. I think that the Nunatsiavut Government even back in the LIA days were always arguing and negotiating for the airstrip to be considered a priority, and I wonder if they fell on deaf ears. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** As that was more of a statement, we will move onto the next line of questioning. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Sometime ago I made a statement here in the Assembly on communications and sometimes the lack thereof. I just wondered if the, my question is for the First Minister. As the NEC ever discussed any ways to improve communication so Assembly Members are kept up to date on issues because we bring it out in statements and we bring it to the Assembly. So I just wondered if the NEC takes some of these statements in their hand, and in this case, has there ever been discussion to improve communication or what the lack of communication might be within the Nunatsiavut Government. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson. In response, I'll recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson for your question. First, I would just like to say that communications falls under the

Secretariat. That's under the Office of the President. So I guess in regards to anything to do with communications, it would not be in my department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Would the President like to field that question or take it under notice?

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. I'd like to thank Chairperson for the question and I really have not been given briefing wholly in terms of communication but, most certainly, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, when we, you know, meet, we try our best to communicate to all Nunatsiavut elected members, and most certainly to try to make sure that everyone is knowledgeable of what is going on, but I have noticed since becoming President that lately that elected members have been taking some time off from their offices, and so maybe that way that communication is being missed. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable President. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Chairperson. I recognize the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health, Honourable Greg Flowers. In your member statement this morning you mentioned the supportive living units up and running in Nain and Hopedale. I was just wondering if there was any talk or anything going into our community as the need is there as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. In response I recognize the Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Herb, for your question. The short answer is no, there hasn't been any talks, but if there is a need in Makkovik we can certainly sit down with the people involved and find out what the need is so that we could move forward on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister for Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. In a statement this morning provided by First Minister Kate Mitchell, she announced an additional \$150,000 of funding to match with the Provincial Government for housing repair program this coming year. Certainly at the last Assembly we had a large discussion on the budget and some discussion on housing. Can you tell me where the \$150,000 came from as it was not mentioned in the last budget? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. In response I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I'll probably get slapped on the wrist if I get this wrong but, as you know, when we do our budgets for yearly balanced budgets there is a housing element in that budget, and it's geared towards housing in the housing strategy. I believe that the 150,000 came out of that budget for this year so it is budgeted in this year's budget. It's geared towards housing and the housing strategy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. PAMAK:** Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly at the last Assembly discussion on housing and funding, and certainly you all know that I've advocated hard to see if we can get extra funding for social housing within Nunatsiavut. I get asked at that time for a financial breakdown of that, I believe, a little over \$10 million for housing initiatives for Nunatsiavut. You did mention of a housing strategic. Is there a way that you can provide to us an actual breakdown of that funding that was in the budget for each category, an actual budget for what was allotted in that budget. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance to respond.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We certainly can provide a budget to each Member of this Assembly on, what you call it, a \$10 million budget. I believe it's a combination of different funding towards the strategy

towards Torngat Housing. It's all into what we consider the housing budget, but we certainly can break that down and provide that to each Member of this Assembly and we'll certainly do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a final supplementary? *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Are there any further oral questions this morning? Is there any Member who has yet to speak who would like to utilize an oral question? I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. My question is for the First Minister. Just a quick preface to my question. Last week we received another telephone call from a beneficiary whose application was being reviewed given the requirement of the *Land Claim Agreement* when that person became 19 years old. That review took place. The individual is out. The sibling is still in. We had been working tirelessly, I believe, with the membership committees to look at these issues, and one way of dealing with these matters was over the last couple of years we had budgeted for and had hired a co-ordinator to work with the Membership Committees to develop a regional list as per the *Land Claim Agreement* under 3.9.3 of the *Agreement*. I recently spoke with the register of beneficiaries after I had gotten an indication from a Member of the Executive Council. I won't name that person because the information may have been wrong that this process was no longer taking place and that it was cancelled. The Register of Beneficiaries informed me that the regional list has been

developed for the Membership Committees and the next step in the process is to outline and work on a step-by-step basis of how those Members are going to be reviewed as per 3.9.3(d)(1) of the *Land Claim Agreement* which states that the Membership Committee must inform the Nunatsiavut Government of the individuals who the Membership Committees determine are to be enrolled on or to be had their names removed from the register. Can you give me an update on whether my information from the Register of Beneficiaries is accurate? And can you, I'll save my second question for supplemental. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. In response I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member for your question. In regard to the process and wherever, to my understanding, the list was completed, and in regard to anything else, like, as I've said many times before, my responsibility is to make sure this is in place, but I will certainly find answers to your questions and I will get back to you when I get that information for you. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Do you intend to take that question under notice or? Honourable First Minister, do you intend to take that question under notice? *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Are there any further oral questions? Since the question has been taken under notice we can take the supplementals, incorporate that into the question under notice and distribute that as well to the Assembly Members and the Ordinary Member. Are there any further oral

questions this morning? I recognize Mr. Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I speak to the Minister of Health. I think I heard in this house before some time ago there was a concern regarding optometrists in Nunatsiavut. You know, I've talked to people in my community and I'm sure they're all on course, that the line-up to see an optometrist right now in Goose Bay could put you back six months.

There's a six-month's waiting period before you have a chance to get in. I think the question was asked before, you know, is there a possibility that your department could look into having somebody visit the coast of Nunatsiavut to sort of help the people there? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. To respond, I recognize the Minister of Department of Health, the Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Jack, for your question. I guess the optometrist is a big issue and I know it is in Nunatsiavut and I get calls on a regular basis. The thing about it is we have to have a list of so many people on our list, like a wait list of I think it's 30-odd people before optometrists will come directly into a community. So I can certainly revisit it, but right now our policy is that a list of people and if we've got the right number of people an optometrist will visit. If not, like you stated that there is a wait list and you have to go to Goose Bay. So right now that is what we are going by. So I can certainly look into the matter and check it out and see if we can get any changes made to it, but right now we are following the policy that if there's not a number of people in

the community that needs optometrists, you have to go to Happy Valley Goose Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? Thank you, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions?

**MR. POTTLE:** Question of privilege, Mr. Speaker?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Please state the question of privilege and/or point of order, Mr. Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** *Nakummek Uhatti*. I should have done this previously before the last Member had asked the question, but I was a bit caught off guard by your ruling and I didn't understand what your interpretation of my question to the First Minister was and that it would be taken under advisement. And given that I think I did not have a right to as per the Standing Orders to ask supplemental questions. *Nakummek, Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Member. The matter's already been decided upon, however, as I've stated, we will take the supplementary questions under notices and all to the Minister. The Member will have his response to the supplementary questions and all the Members around this table will be able to see the response to those supplementary questions as well.

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Please state your point of order, Mr. Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** How can a supplemental question be taken into consideration when it wasn't asked? *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

The Honourable Minister took the question under notice. The procedure is that we've followed of this House is that the supplementary questions normally do not follow up upon that, but given that the Ordinary Member would like to see these matters addressed, they are being incorporated into the response that will come from the Honourable Minister. That matter has been decided upon. We'll move onto the next round of questioning, and I recognize Mr. Joe Dicker, the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Resources, Honourable Darryl Shiwak. With regards to the Voisey's Bay underground, I understand that Theresa Hollett has taken ill. She was part of the team that travelled to Nain with Vale and Labrador Aboriginal training people there to update my community on what was happening over there. They plan on going ahead this summer. I think it's very important that in the absence of the IBA Co-ordinator, Theresa Hollett, who we don't know if she's going to be back soon or not, because it's happening this summer, that someone be there to forward the IBA protocol, as you put it, I guess, to ensure that it's followed. I ask the Minister, is there a plan in place for while you're quickly looking at someone to do that for the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries? Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. To respond I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for the question. It's a very important one 'cause, as you state, it's a very important file and we have

to move very quickly on it. Yes, we are moving very quickly to put a replacement in for the summer while Theresa is on extended leave so that we aren't falling behind on that file. But we are putting a plan in place with HR to ensure that we do not miss out on those opportunities with the IBA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? Thank you, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Minister of Education and Economic Development, Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak. Last Assembly I think I asked a question about hiring for the Vale underground project and we were told that the training would be done as they were hired. At the Vale information session about two weeks ago I asked the question who will be doing the hiring for the Vale underground project for the construction part, and they said the contractors will be doing the hiring. My question now is are the contractors going to be doing the training for the workers that will be accepted for the construction part of the Underground Mining Project? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson. To answer that question, I recognize the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson, for the question. It was my understanding that once they completed the mining essentials and other programming then they would become employees and then they would be hired by the contractors to do underground mining development and continue on. But if something has changed, I will look into it and get back to you, but that was our understanding of how the process would work because in other training programs in the past we've trained people, but they weren't always hired for the projects that we trained for. So that was an important part of the negotiation. That once they passed and went through a screening process, they would be hired while they were still in on the job training. So I will check back to find out if anything had changed on this, but that was our understanding. But thank you for the question.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary? *Nakummek*, Chairperson. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If there are no further oral questions we will now proceed onto item eight on your *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions today? If there are no written questions, we'll move onto item nine, "Returns to Written Questions." At the last sitting the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, read a letter from Simon Kohlmeister of Nain related to the Hebron and Nain plaques that commemorated families that were relocated and whether not Nunatsiavut has taken all appropriate steps to ensure that each effected family was included on the name plaques at

the locations. The Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall, filed the written response with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 34.1 and 34.4. A copy of that response has been provided to the Assembly Members electronically, but for the purposes of the Hansard, I will recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall, to read the response.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek Uhatti* and thank you for the written question, and that goes to the Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak. As you stated, Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 34(1) and 34(4) I have filed a response to the letter dated March 21st, 2016, and it reads, "Regarding response of Simon Kohlmeister letter tabled by Ordinary Member Richard Pamak. I have reviewed the issues presented by Mr. Kohlmeister in his letter in regards to the apology plaques at Hebron and Nutak. The plaques are placed at Hebron in 2009 and Nutak in 2012 as part of the official apology to the former residents for the forced relocation. The names listed on the plaques came in part from the book, "Reconciling with Memories," by Carol Brice-Bennett. The book tells the Hebron and the 1999 Hebron reunion story and includes the names of all persons who were relocated from both communities. The names were then provided to the Province and as part of the agreement they had the plaques made and shipped to Labrador and Nunatsiavut. The names of the Kohlmeister family; John, Amalia, Margaret (Andersen) and Simon were placed on the Nutak plaque, the area the family came from originally. The Kohlmeisters did move to Hebron after the Nutak closure.

In 2009 at the Hebron plaque ceremony in Hebron it was acknowledged by the Hebron Relocation Committee that the Kohlmeister family should have been on the plaque. It has come to our attention that is also one admission from the Nutak plaque. Our department will consult with the Province and also reach out to the Relocation Committees to see if there were any other omissions. Action will be taken in 2016 to ensure that the plaques in both Hebron and Nutak accurately list the relocatees as approved by the residents themselves through the Relocation Committees. Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism." In addition, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to add that correspondence has been sent to the Honourable Chris Mitchell-Moore and cc'd to the Member of Torngat Mountains MHA, Randy Edmunds, explaining the situation and as of this morning, Mr. Speaker, I have yet to receive a response.

*Nakummek Uhatti.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any further returns to oral questions this morning? If not, then we'll proceed to item 10, "Petitions." Are there any petitions to be presented this morning? Onto item 11, "Responses to Petitions." There will be no responses today. We now move onto item 12, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, to provide an update on the Member Services Committee ruling and status with respect to the speaker's chair podium and footstool.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the June, 2015 Assembly Sitting the Assembly accepted and adopted the Member Services Committee Report on the

decisions, recommendations made by the Member Service Committee for the period of February 1st to June 1st, 2015, which included the Member Services Committee interest to pursue the development of our speaker's chair, podium and footstool. Following the report the Member Service Committee continues its efforts to find an appropriate builder or company that was capable of taking on the contract. The expression of interest continued in circulation and individual woodworkers were also contacted and provided with the public advertisement. On the latest expression of interest the deadline was set for March 10th, 2016, and the only applicant received was Mike Paterson of Paterson Woodworking Limited in Upper Amherst Cove, Newfoundland and Labrador. Mr. Paterson started his woodworking business in 1992. Some of his projects include the restoration of the architectural woodwork at Ryan Premises in Bonavista, now a national historical site. As well, the design and construction of the furniture used during Memorial University convocation ceremonies. It has been two years of continual attempts to recruit tenders for the construction of the speaker's chair, podium and footstool. Given Mr. Paterson's experience and ability to take on the work, his expression of interest was considered appropriate and approved by the Member Services Committee. The contract will involve both the design and build and will run from June 6th, 2016 to July 31st, 2017 at a maximum cost of \$37,500. This cost included travel of Mr. Paterson, assessments and construction. As part of the design process, Mr. Paterson requested a detailed review of the Assembly chambers and

a consultation with Members of the Assembly to create a chair that would reflect the Labrador Inuit culture as well as the overall architecture of the Assembly building. Mr. Paterson met with Members of the Member Services Committee on June 6th, yesterday, 2016, in Hopedale which marked the beginning of the project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move and seconded by the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Dan Pottle, that the Member Services Committee report update on the speaker's chair, podium and footstool be received and updated. Standing Order 72(2) and Standing Order 72(3). Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. The motion is in order. Would the Ordinary Member like to speak to the motion? Is there any other Member who would wish to speak to the motion? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll make a comment or question, I guess. When this contract was advertised, was there a dollar figure announced in that contract?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the mover of the motion, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you for your question, AngajukKâk Dicker. Certainly there was no dollar value in the expression of interest that was sent out. It just laid out the requirements that we were looking for in terms of the design and the construction of the table desk and podium and footstool. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. That concludes debate. Any nays? The motion is carried and the MSC Report update has been adopted by the Assembly. That concludes Standing and Special Committee Reports for today, and we'll move onto item 13, "Tabling of Documents." I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table two reports today; the Nunatsiavut Government Annual Report for 2014-2015 and the 2016 Presidential Election Report.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. The tabled documents will be numbered as table document 01-3(11) and 02-3(11) respectively. I'd like to recognize the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

*Nakummek*, Honourable President. That tabled document will be numbered as tabled document 01-3(11). I'd like to recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. For the benefit of the translators, if the President will reread that tabled document.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek Uhatti*. I would like to table the Nunatsiavut Secretariat 2015-2016 Annual Report. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable President. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** *Nakummek Uhatti*. As per the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, Section 38, we respectfully submit our report for the year ending March 31st, 2016.  
*Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Lyall. The tabled document will be numbered as tabled document 04-3(11). I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table the 2015 Financial Statement of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the 2015 Financial Statement of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The tabled documents will be numbered as 05-3(11) and 06-3(11) respectively. Are there any further documents to be tabled today? We'll move onto item 14 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion." I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, June the 8th, 2016, that I move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development, Honourable Greg Flowers, the following motion. That the Assembly strike a Special Committee of the Assembly to meet with the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to discuss the 2016 Presidential Election

Report and report back to the Assembly on the recommendations contained in the report. The Committee on Rules and Procedures shall recommend to the Assembly names to sit on the Special Committee. And, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 16, "Motions."

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Are there any further notices of motion today? We'll move onto item 15 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion for first Reading of Bills," and there are no notices of motion for the first reading of bills today. Move onto item 16, "Motions." And I'd like to again recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Honourable Speaker, I'm seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today that the Assembly strike a Special Committee of the Assembly to meet with the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to discuss the 2016 Presidential Election Report and report back to the Assembly on the recommendations contained in the report. The Committee on Rules and Procedures shall recommend to the Assembly names to sit on this Special Committee.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with her motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Honourable Minister, you may proceed.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members. This motion is as follows: 2016 Presidential Election Report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Whereas

the Assembly has received a report of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer on the 2016 Presidential Election, and whereas the report contains recommendations for considerations of the Assembly. Now therefore I move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, that the Assembly strike a Special Committee of the Assembly to meet with the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to discuss the 2016 Presidential Election Report and report back to the Assembly on the recommendations contained in this report. The Committee on Rules and Procedures shall recommend to the Assembly names to sit on this Special Committee.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Would the Honourable First Minister like to speak to the motion? Is there anyone else who would like to speak to the motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Honourable First Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I wish to close debate. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That will conclude debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. We'll move onto item 17 on your *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." There are no scheduled first reading of bills today. Onto item 18, "Second Reading of Bills," there is no second reading of bills today. Item 19, "Assent to Bills." There is no assent today. Move onto item 20, "Adjournment." The Assembly is adjourned for the day until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, Wednesday, June 8th. We will be

scheduling a meeting of the RPC, the details of when that'll happen, we'll decide that within the hour, and we plan to have *Inuttitut* lessons which I can happily say we'll do with Ms Rita Andersen, and we'll try to schedule that for some point this afternoon. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

I wanted to thank the Assembly Members for coming out today. We're very happy to be able to accommodate this request. The Assembly was fortunate to be here in February when the communities paid tribute to the memory of John, and we're happy to be able to share in this moment here today. There's a lot of Members around the table, I'm sure, whose hearts are very full with the memory of John and we're glad to be able to share this with you.

**MS HUNTER:**

Good morning.

**ASSEMBLY:**

Good morning.

**MS HUNTER:**

Ladies, gentlemen, Members of Nunatsiavut Assembly, I, Jennifer Hunter, is honoured and fortunate to have this opportunity to present to you all a beautiful portrait of my deceased father, Frank John Lampe. This beautiful portrait was done by Colin R. Hibbs, son of Larry Hibbs. When John was going to school in Northwest River, John and Larry became very close friends. I find I have some physical characteristics of John. I have some of his looks, his laughs, and at times I have a lot of his patience. Even though he's gone from the physical life on earth, he will always remain in our hearts spiritually in some memorable way. He is now a beautiful guardian angel watching over us all. Thanks a lot to Sybilla Elias

Daniels for getting the portrait here to me. I could not have gotten it safely without their help. I am presenting this portrait to the Nunatsiavut Government. He would be so proud of this right now. I am sure he is. After working with LIA NG, Nunatsiavut, all these years he's finally getting a good well-deserved recognition. I would also like to thank Colin R. Hibbs for taking time out of his busy schedule and doing an amazing job for this portrait for me, Nunatsiavut Government and everyone. Thank you.

**ASSEMBLY:**

[Applause].

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*(Speaks in Inuttitut)*. On behalf of Nunatsiavut Government and as President, I would like to accept this portrait of John Lampe. And John was a cousin of mine, a second cousin. My father told me before that Sabina Lampe was his sister who was born up to Hebron and from Sabina Sarah Lampe was born and she was adopted to Eli Nitsman and Silpa, I believe. And so Sarah, you know, gave birth to John Lampe and that is how we are connected to John Lampe and his family. And I would like to thank Jennifer and her family for this portrait and most certainly appreciate the Assembly giving the family the opportunity to do this. *Nakummek.*

**ASSEMBLY:**

[Applause].

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Johannes. Ullâkut.* We will start on item one on your *Orders of the Day*, "Prayer," and I will ask President Johannes Lampe to say our opening prayer.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** (Recites prayer).

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. We will move to item two, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Assembly. Is there any Member who wishes to recognize the visitors in the gallery today? We'll move to item three, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements this morning? I recognize the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Today I will be presenting on the Economic Development Division. To maximize the available services and outcomes of our Economic Development Division, two external programs in the amount of 997,000 have been identified to fund our 2016-19 programming. So we will be applying for funds. ACOA. As of March 4th the division has submitted a two-year application for 2016-18 in the amount of 497,000. The supporting proposal for the formal application is in the draft stages and is expected to be complete before the end of June. All reporting requirements for the 2013-15 ACOA contract has been completed and submitted. Strategic Partnership Initiative is a federal program under Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. SPI focuses on increasing Aboriginal involvement in complex economic development opportunities in relevance to the Nunatsiavut Government. It focuses on ensuring community economic development readiness to maximize benefits associated with the Voisey's Bay Underground Mine Development. As of May 26th we have finalized a draft three-year

application for this program including a work plan and budget in the amount of 500,000. Elements of our work plan and deliverables have been strategically aligned with the Innu Nation's application to maximize the outcome, cost efficiency and partnership associated with this funding proposal. To ensure our complimentary use of the funding dollars and program focus between the two federal programs SPI proposal will be formally submitted once we've completed the ACOA proposal. Business Development Committee. The committee received nine applications this quarter for new Inuit business. They've approved five new Inuit businesses for registration and four applications are still under review.

Procurement. Between March and May, 2016, 10 packages were received from Vale with our department submitting between 1 to 8 Inuit business nominations for 6 of those packages. We are working with the HSD partnering with their department to support their 2016-2017 urban partnership grant for their Nain Garage Program. The division has established itself as a member of the Labrador Working Group with Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador to explore Labrador guide training, needs and solutions. Similarly we are exploring possibility of Nunatsiavut Certified Guide Program with local and external education institutes. We continue to analyze, conference and forum invitations as a means to strategically determine the need, outcomes of staff travel.

Recently we have attended four events. To provide industry knowledge and collaboration two staff and four Inuit business women from Rigolet and Nain and Makkovik attended a Newfoundland and Labrador

Organization of Women Entrepreneurs, NLOWE Annual Conference in St. John's, April 27th and 28th. Promoting economic development and partnership options in Nunatsiavut and demonstrating our support for Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, one staff member along with myself attended the NGC-sponsored St. John's Board of Training Opportunities North in St. John's on April 29th. To engage the International Inuit Community and the Inuit in Canada I attended and presented at the Arctic people's circle on economic development in New Greenland on May 17th to the 19th. We met with many other Inuit groups, governments and had a lot of networking opportunities to support community business awareness of expanding a Voisey's Bay underground our Education and Economic Development Department staff attended the Vale Roadshow on May 9th in Nain and will attend the remaining community sessions the week of June 20th. Our division will host a booth and have five Inuit business delegates attend Expo Labrador in Goose Bay June 26th to the 29th. Community Economic Development Program. In this past quarter two funding proposals were approved in the amount of 155,000; Torngat Arts and Crafts Shop in Nain, 103,000 and as AngajukKâk for Makkovik mentioned, the craft program for Makkovik Inuit Community Government in the amount of 12,655. Two proposals are under review, an additional application is expected in the coming month. Status of Women Project. The first of two regional best practice missions were scheduled for May 31st to June 3rd in Kuujuaq but was postponed due to bad weather and will be scheduled later in June. In

partnership with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, we have support funding applications for site infrastructure improvements and to continue to participate in the Joint NGC Operations Working Group overseeing the 2016 season. At the invitation of Nunatsiavut Secretariat, our division has taken an active role in the Parks *Impacts and Benefits Agreement* negotiation process. We are currently revising a proposed IBA budget for inclusion in the final *Agreement*. Also we have assisted the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to complete and the initial exploration of possible Inuit Base Camp and experience development options in the Mealy Mountain National Park. And, as mentioned yesterday, Kristy Sheppard, our new Director of Economic Development has completed her three-month trial period from tourism and has confirmed she will remain in the division permanently. And, finally, we want to offer our congratulations Hilda Broomfield Letemplier who was named President Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs, NLOWE, as of June the 2nd. Ms Broomfield Letemplier is an accomplished and certified Inuit business woman, and she is the first Labrador Director to serve as President so we want to extend our congratulations to Hilda. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give you another update from the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

Mr. Speaker in July, 2015 the Government of Canada released Canada's fiscal approach to self-government arrangements. The fiscal approach states that it will not affect existing treaties or self-government agreements or the terms of existing fiscal agreements. However, this new approach causes the Nunatsiavut Government grave concern. We had communicated our position regards to this fiscal policy in detail to the Government of Canada. The fiscal relationship between the Nunatsiavut Government and Canada was defined over 30 years of negotiations and is clearly outlined in the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. Chapter 18 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* requires the Federal Government to negotiate a *Fiscal Financial Agreement* and an *Own Source Revenue Agreement* with the Nunatsiavut Government. We will not and do not support any deviation from that which is set out in the LILCA. For Canada to insist its fiscal approach that it can be the basis for negotiations is a direct contradiction of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, Mr. Speaker. Recently officials from INAC and the Members of the *Land Claims Agreement Coalition* met and agreed to work collaboratively on a fiscal policy for current Inuit and First Nation groups with self-government agreements and treaties. Mr. Speaker, while this appears to be a positive step forward, we continue to be cautious and have agreed to participate in the drafting of this policy. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government expects Canada to honour the intent and the spirit of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* including the negotiation of *Fiscal Financing Agreements* and the *OSAR*

*Capacity Agreements.* This is Canada's legal obligation. *Nakummek.* Mr. Speaker, to finish the report or the statement from the Lands and Natural Resources Department, marine conservation had been identified by our Federal Government as an important commitment area and the marine environment off Labrador has gathered much interest. In order to ensure that the Nunatsiavut Government benefits from this focus, the Non-renewable Resource Division is leading an internal working group that is at the early stages of identifying different marine areas that we may want to pursue for conservation and management. The division is also working closely with the Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board in preparing a new Labrador Strategic Environmental Assessment. A process that will ensure that traditional knowledge and concerns over environmental impacts identified by the Labrador Inuit will be included in the Province's plans for offshore oil and gas development. Environment Division, Mr. Speaker. Based on years of research through university partnerships, in April the Nunatsiavut Government released a scientific report, a summary report for policymakers and community report that includes results from research in the Lake Melville in relation to Muskrat Falls. A major component of the report focused on mercury, and methyl mercury, and was led by Harvard University. Harvard University found that Lake Melville is a uniquely efficient in magnifying methyl mercury. Methyl mercury exposures of Inuit living around Lake Melville are currently higher than the Canadian average. Experimentally flooded soils from the future of Muskrat Falls reservoir showed a spike in methyl

mercury concentration within 72 hours and a 14 fold increase in methyl mercury concentration within 120 hours. Elevated levels are expected to last for decades. Mr. Speaker, methyl mercury exposures for Inuit will increase post Muskrat Falls flooding. On the current regulatory path of only partial clearing of the reservoir there may be some individuals who consume greater amounts of country foods whose methyl mercury exposure may increase by up to 1,500 percent. On the current regulatory path, hundreds of Inuit will be exposed to methyl mercury above regulatory guidelines. All of the communities surrounding the Lake Melville area will be at least. For example, Rigolet residents who reside within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area are at higher risk of increased methyl mercury exposure compared to Inuit living in other Lake Melville communities due to the greater reliance on locally harvested food. It is possible that the 46 and 66 percent of the community would exceed Conservation Health Canada Guideline and the US EPA Guideline respectively. Mr. Speaker, the research shows the removal of surface soil and later is likely to substantially reduce and may include the methyl mercury production. It may reduce roughly two-thirds the number of Inuit expected to exceed the Health Canada Guideline. Based on the results, Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government has put forward four science-based recommendations. Number one, governments require Nalcor to fully clear the reservoir of wood, brush, vegetation and top soil before flooding. Number two, the governments require Nalcor to negotiation *Impact Management Agreement* with Nunatsiavut

Government to the satisfaction of all parties before flooding. Number three, governments require Nalcor to establish an independent expert advisory committee of recognized experts, including from the academic community, to advise on a downstream and audit of a rigorous and credible predictive monitoring program. Number four, governments require Nalcor to grant Inuit joint decision making authority over downstream environmental monitoring and management of Muskrat Falls through the creation of the Environmental Management Board to which the Expert Advisory Committee on Monitoring would report. Mr. Speaker, we are eagerly awaiting a response from both levels of government on the four recommendations. After reviewing their responses we will determine next steps accordingly in order to protect the health and the well-being of Inuit downstream of the development in relation to methyl mercury. And, finally, from the Environment Division, Mr. Speaker, Members of this Assembly may have heard that Tom Sheldon has submitted his resignation as Director of Environment with our department. Tom has advanced Inuit issues in the environment files with professionalism and dedication in his tenure as Director. I want to thank Tom for his service, and please join me in wishing Tom and his wife, Mandy, all the best as they continue on their journey. Mr. Speaker, the Director's position has been advertised and we hope to complete the staffing process before the end of June. Lands, Mr. Speaker. DFO's and Public Services and Procurement Canada has proposed Makkovik Harbour Floating Docks and Breakwater Project in Makkovik is in the final stages

of a summary review in accordance with the *Nunatsiavut Environmental Protection Act*. The *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* states that before an interest in a water lot can be issued you need the approval of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. I have and will table this at this Assembly of resolution requesting the Assembly approval to issue a water lot lease for this project subject to the positive decision in the environmental assessment. Mr. Speaker, the GIS specialist has been providing ongoing support to other NG departments in fulfilling the GIS mapping request. We have continued to work on Google Streetview Project in the Google Earth Outreach Project as supported by the Geotechnical Drilling Program and tested new software programs to allow 3D image capture and data analysis. Mr. Speaker, there have been 15 land use applications submitted in 2016, 11 cabin applications, 2 for mineral exploration, 1 for a trail and 1 for archaeological research. In May the Nunatsiavut Executive Council approved fish camp leases for Newfoundland Capital Corporation for Tom Luscombe's Brook and Adlatok Limited. They have been recently forwarded to the applications for review and then execution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek Ukâlaget . Ullâkut.* For my statement today I'd like to touch on an issue that has been brought to my attention, and I feel that's important enough to bring to this Assembly. When I have concerns brought to me I like to pass it on to the Assembly to make us aware that there's some things happening there. For centuries we have been feeding ourselves from berries, fish and wild meat, food from the land and sea that we are blessed to have in our environment. It's part of our livelihood, diet, our way of life which we cherish so much and depend on its availability within each season. Now we know that there are numerous seals, but how much other wildlife is out there? We don't know the numbers. We always thought there was enough caribou on our land to feed each and every one of us for years to come. Well, you know the situation on that one. What I'm doing here today is to bring to your attention a concern that was brought to me that there's some wildlife abuse that has been observed with regard to wildlife hunting and harvesting. It was brought to me and I was told that during this here seal hunt on the ice in Lake Melville which extends down to the Land Claims Area some hunters are killing seals on the ice and just taking the side flipper or the arm and leaving the rest of the carcasses around on the ice, and many of these were from young jar seals. There are also some concerns about overkill on white partridges and in some cases hunters were just taking the best meat of partridges. Now there might not be much left behind from a partridge, but taking the best meat and leaving the rest is a waste and abuse of our wildlife. If these things are

happening, and I can't verify that, but it's been brought to me and I bring it to you. You know, we act on concerns and reports and pass it on. If these things are happening, then it's clearly an abuse of wildlife and I think that it's time we stepped it up to an enforcement level on protecting our environment and resources rather than just monitoring and managing. If we don't protect what we have and utilize our wildlife resources properly, there will be nothing to monitor or to manage. In reviewing Chapter 12 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* related to wildlife and plants, I could not find anything that defined abuse of wildlife or what definition of abuse of wildlife was. Maybe somebody can tell me where to find it. I realize that if abuse of wildlife is not defined, then it would be difficult to enforce. I think that we as a government should create more awareness and responsibility of protecting what we have. We have great concerns about the methyl mercury in Lake Melville, and we have environmental legislation for protection of development on Labrador Inuit Lands, but what about harvesting practices and abuse of fish and wildlife? People in general will quickly take advantage of an abundance of wildlife and fish when the opportunity is there. But do they always need or utilize it? If we're stewards of managing our resources, then we ought to take a good look and see whether we are doing enough to protect it. Our non-beneficiaries taking advantage of what fish and wildlife resources we have. After all we negotiated with both levels of government to gain these rights for Labrador Inuit. We have an obligation and responsibility

to protect and utilize our resources to the fullest without wastage or abuse. After years of negotiations we now have the powers and authority to properly protect our wildlife and fish resources for people to live on for generations to come. And we are the generation now to see that this is being done. As the saying goes, "The future is what you do today." *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to say thank you to the graduates of Hopedale; seven graduates that graduated from high school. A job well done, and I think somebody said yesterday they are our future and we all know that. So go out and come back and do your education, whatever you choose to do. But, you know, find your way 'cause you are our next leaders in our communities. And I'd also like to thank Jennifer Hunter for the portrait that she presented here today. It was, you know — it takes a lot of courage to be able to get up and speak and, just for me, I knew John Lampe all my life from here. He grew up here with us and he went to resident schools and he moved to Nain after he got a job with LIA. And one thing I know about John, he always had people of Nunatsiavut in his heart and he really was dedicated to the people of his home town, his home land. So I'd just like to say thank you very much to Jenny and her mother for presenting that today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. PAMAK:**

*Nakummek Uhatti. Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning again, everyone. I'm sorry, but I'm not feeling my best this morning so if I pause then you'll understand, so. Mr. Speaker, before I get into my member statement, I just want to undertake to take this time to pass on some acknowledgement and recognition and achievements from our community or groups from our community. The Jens Haven Memorial Huskies. What can I say? Over the past year I informed you from time to time of their past achievements in sports within Nunatsiavut at the regional and at the provincial level. Today I would like to share with you more. Since the last sitting in March the Jens Haven Memorial Huskies competed in the following sports events. In the winter sports meet in Makkovik Huskies placed first overall. With sports meets in Makkovik, Huskies placed first in ball hockey. Boys Double A ball hockey regionals in Churchill Falls April 9th won gold. Girls Double A ball hockey regionals, Churchill Falls, April 9th, again won gold. Those two teams also advanced into the provincials; Double A ball hockey provincials at King Point for the boys and also in Burgeo for the girls. They've done well, however, represented our community well but did not at that time bring any medals back. Mr. Speaker, four gold out of six events is pretty impressive. Congratulations to all athletes that participated in the sports events. Job well done. I also want to take this time to recognize the Junior Canadian Rangers and members of the Canadian Rangers in our community that participated in the third annual Community Clean-up. Each year once a year in the spring members of the Junior Canadian

Rangers and the Canadian Rangers go into certain sections of the town and clean up the garbage left over from the winter. It's placed on the sides of the roads and then picked by the Nain Community Government. Their efforts are easily evident. Mr. Speaker, during my campaign trail in running for the position of Ordinary Member, I made a number of commitments to my constituency what I intended to do if elected. Mr. Speaker, in my capacity as a member of the NEC, or in my current role, I took those issues to both tables. I can safely stand here and say that I fall upon those commitments and I will over the next two years continue to do so to advocate as best I can for my constituency. I made commitments in improving housing. I made the commitment, as others in this Assembly as well, for a seniors facility. I made commitments on preserving and advancing the *Inutittut* language. I made commitments on improving the health and the well-being of our community. Mr. Speaker, having said that, I've supported assisted living arrangement outside of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Area only if the programs were offered here in Nunatsiavut. Today we are staffed two units, up and running in both Nain and Hopedale. I have received the commitment from the Minister of Health and Social Development to conduct a study to assess the need for a seniors facility for Nain or Nunatsiavut. I've looked. I've asked. I've advocated for extra funding for social housing within our budgets knowing that we are still in a housing crisis. I recognize the need for extra support and culture, the need for a director within our budgets. Today we have a Director of Culture in place. As you

all know I express concern that our language is considered a priority of this government, however, has the smallest budget of all departments within the Nunatsiavut Government, even more so when it comes to the delivery of the language programs. Mr. Speaker, I think we are making progress within preserving our language. I can see within the last 15 years our beneficiaries have asked for more to be done with language. We have answered. We now have language nests; first here in Hopedale and now in Nain. We have a dictionary that we can all access if we need to. We have two versions of the Rosetta Stone that's available for anyone. Language is offered in all our grades in school, and it's even an optional credited high school course. And after several years, you know, we're about to deliver the Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program. We have done well, but now is the time, a critical time, that language be given more priority. Mr. Speaker, I have raised awareness at the Assembly and for more to be done with mental health in our community, more to be done in keeping our children within our communities. Mr. Speaker, I'm not here standing looking for or asking for credit, but to say that I made commitments to my constituency, commitments that I will continue to fall upon. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti. Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* Mr. Speaker, the past year has presented a number of challenges for the Canadian Constituency. Namely, the lack of political representation created by my colleagues'

medical issues therefore effecting things such as communication and response time to beneficiaries. Two, Mr. Speaker, challenges related to operating issues relative to many unknown and, in my opinion, hidden charges by the Post-Secondary Student Support Program whereby no other Ordinary Member is expected to be contributing to the often double billing practices which were never agreed to either by myself or my colleague. Three, temporary layoff of the Canadian Constituency Officer because of budgetary constraints and four, the sudden dismissal for the NEC earlier this year, my dismissal earlier this year which not only left me bewildered but my constituents bewildered as well. Despite these challenges, Mr. Speaker, I and the Canadian Constituency Office are doing our best to maintain communication and working on behalf of constituents in Canada. *Uhatti*, I would like to say *Nakummek* to the constituents for your continued and unwavering support as we address the challenges which I just alluded to. I wish you all a safe and happy summer and again thank you for your support. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. Are there any further member statements this morning? If there are no further member statements, we'll move to item five, "Returns to Oral Questions." Yesterday the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, spoke on the commitment of \$150,000 for housing from the Nunatsiavut Government in its partnership with Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation to continue on with the Attic Retrofit Program. The Member asked the Minister of Finance

about the origin of these dollars. To speak to this matter I recognize the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again thank you to the Ordinary Member for Nain for the question. I believe the final question he asked was for a breakdown of the \$10,566,693 in the housing fund. Mr. Speaker, I presented the Ordinary Member and the rest of the Assembly with the breakdown of the committed funds, or under that fund and the actual expenditures under that fund. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any further returns to oral questions today? I recognize the Minister of Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. In response to the question from the Honourable Chair of NunaKâtiget Community Corporation, Mr. Mitchell, in regard to exactly who will be hiring the trainees referred to in the plan under LITP Training Plan; if I might first point out that this training plan is designed to train underground mining workforce that will be needed for Voisey's Bay as there is a shortage of Aboriginal underground mining technicians in Canada and actually in Canada in general. This will be for about 250 people. The majority of the workforce will be underground miners and underground technical support and underground maintenance workers. These workers will be hired by the underground mining development company during the first three to four years of underground mining development and then will transition over to Vale as they take responsibility for the underground mine operation. I

appreciate the question and will ensure this will be more clear in Vale presentations during their community visits during the week of June the 20th. They're going to be hiring almost double the workforce, but 250,000 will be for underground, and the others will be for on top of the ground, but this training is specifically for underground training.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any further returns to oral questions this morning? I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday the Ordinary Member for Canada asked some questions about the regional membership list, and I hope that this answers your question. Okay, the LILCA requires that each membership committee have a regional membership list. That includes the list of beneficiaries who are permanent residents of or who are connected to that region. That's the sole purpose of the regional membership list is just to have a list of beneficiaries who are permanent residents of a community or are connected to that region. The membership office and the membership committees have been working on putting together those lists over the last couple of years and all those lists are now completed. There is no general list of beneficiaries whose membership will be reviewed. Whether a beneficiary's membership will be reviewed is the decision of the membership committee. If a membership committee decides that a review is warranted, that individual will be informed by letter saying that this is going to happen.

The person will then be given the chance to respond and provide any additional information they deem relevant to that matter. So that is the sole purpose of the regional membership list and if you have any further questions I'll try to respond. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any further returns to oral questions today? We'll proceed onto item six on your *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. My question is to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Darryl Shiwak. When the harvest of caribou was banned, or three years ago the Nunatsiavut Government, through the President, I guess, made a commitment that the loss of this important nutrition that we already use to then suddenly cut off like cold turkey, you know, the commitment was made to replace that important source of nutrition. With the visits by the biologist and the George River Caribou management herd and their updates to the communities, from what I hear in what they report in Nain that the herd will not be allowed to be hunted or harvested by the Province unless the numbers are up to about 50,000. The timeline for that, Mr. Speaker, is about 30 years or so under their estimates. My question to the Minister is, is the NG still going to be committed to replacing that loss of meat or nutrition that we so enjoyed?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for a very good and, in many cases, difficult question to answer. I believe when the former President made that commitment, yes, there was a commitment to try to replace or to put other country food or wild food on the tables of beneficiaries in the communities, and that still is our goal. And it's our goal despite if there's a ban in place that we will try to help the Community Freezer in all of the communities to try to put other food on the table as we have done in the past with the hunting of the moose from Gros Morne as we've requested from Makkovik on the Leaf River Herd. Unfortunately that has yet to pan out. But it's through instances like that we continue to do that. And we will still continue to do that, whether it's exchanging food between communities with regard to char in one community and something else from another community and support those initiatives, whether it's through the Department of Lands and Natural Resources or the Department of Education and Economic Development or the Department of Health and Social Development. You have that commitment. We will certainly try, wherever we can, to ensure that any time we can get country or wild food into the communities, we will certainly do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? I recognize the AngajukKâk for a supplementary question.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you for your response, Minister. I guess has your department, I guess, considered I don't know what to call it, maybe a free trade or

something kind of agreement with possibly not just for the access to some meet from the Leaf Herd, but we know for a fact that Nunavut or Nunavik is killing snow geese by the hundreds for each household because they are overwhelming their feeding grounds. Is it possible that we could possibly get some of those, or could your department consider trading with them? I know that, you know, places like Kuujjuaq the inner communities, they have a hard time accessing seal meat and we have some meat there. Could those kind of things be considered in the near future? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Nain. In response I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, again, another great question. Something that we're always open to is between the different Inuit regions is exchanging country food, and if there's something we can offer that they want and they offer that we want, then we certainly will be open to that. At this point we have had no discussion in regard to snow geese or anything like that. But it's something certainly, that we're open to it, and we will certainly consider. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary? Thank you, AngajukKâk. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell for clarification purposes. During this sitting

there was no mention of pointing ministers to the vacant ministerial positions. There was some concern of heavier workload for Acting. What's the status on this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister, to respond.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk for Makkovik, for your question. As everybody knows we just had our new President sworn in, so we felt that at this point in time with the things that are happening within the government, and most ministers right now are settled into their portfolios. It would be in the best of the government at this point not to appoint a new minister the same time as we had the President. So, you know, we're just hoping that, you know, we'll give our President some time to settle in and get more used to the portfolio before we appoint another minister. And in regard to concerns about the work of where we have our Honourable Minister of Finance and Lands and Natural Resources with two portfolios, at this point in time there is no problem with him filling in until the government is ready to appoint again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question also goes to the First Minister. You know, for some years now before Nunatsiavut there was talk of a

transition team that would move most of Nunatsiavut offices out of Goose Bay and into Nunatsiavut. I understand that there was a first draft completed by the transition team approximately two years ago and this team was directed by the NEC to make some revisions, and I'm sort of wondering where are at with this? Have the revisions been made? Is there a second draft ready for approval, and when might the whole Assembly have access to that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. In response I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk from Rigolet, for your question. That transition team is an interdepartmental team that is made up of — is under the Secretariat, so that is under the office of the President. And I know that they worked on some of the issues and then they came back to the NEC, and they were going to go back and present. They're continually working on it, but they come back to the NEC for approval and direction on where to go further, but then again, like, that is not my department. That is under the Secretariat. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. If the President wouldn't like to add to that, I'll ask if the AngajukKâk would have a supplementary which perhaps could be directed to the President. No supplementary? We'll direct it to the President.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, this has been on the go for a long time, and I think people are getting a bit restless and wondering what's going on. So is there a timeline? You know, is there a date set when we can be told definitely when this transition is going to happen and how it's going to happen? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. To respond I'll recognize the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. And, thank you, AngajukKâk from Rigolet for asking the question and the transitioning of offices from Upper Lake Melville to Nunatsiavut. I have been, to a limited extent, been briefed on the issue and, as the First Minister indicated, we are still working on this issue, but as we move forward the Assembly will be updated on the progress of the issue. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable President. Does the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet for the final supplementary question.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it's out of line. That people want to know, and I think it's been going on for so long that it's time to start giving us a timeline. It's time to start giving us a date so that we can go to people and say, you know, this is what's going to happen. And I think if you listen to my statement yesterday I alluded to trying to bring our people back to Nunatsiavut, and I think this is what people are looking for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** As that was a statement as opposed to a question, I'll give the AngajukKâk another opportunity to reframe the supplementary question. If not, then we will proceed onto the next question. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question's for Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honourable Darryl Shiwak. It's a follow-up to my statement this morning on wildlife. I'd just like to ask the question, why does the ruling on non-beneficiaries hunting and fishing in Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, are there restrictions? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think you're referring to non-beneficiaries harvesting on Labrador Inuit Lands. To harvest on Labrador Inuit Lands, a non-beneficiary would have to apply for a permit from the community that your accessing from, whether it's one of the offices in Upper Lake Melville or one of the Nunatsiavut communities. You go in to see the conservation officer for a permit to harvest on Labrador Inuit Lands. I think that might be what. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. MITCHELL:**

If they need permits to hunt and fish on Labrador Inuit Lands, non-beneficiaries, and we don't have any enforcement powers to enforce the regulations, is there a joint management with the Province to enforce those regulations on Labrador Inuit Lands? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson. To respond I recognize the Honourable Minister.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To start I guess I have to say that this is an issue that came up in our wildlife and fish consultations when we visited all the communities in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville as well is the issue of enforcement. Who enforces it? And, if there's an issue, what you're talking about, how do we deal with it? There's nobody to deal with it. To answer your question if there's an issue that requires DFO, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, to deal with, our conservation officers from the department will work with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for Canada to deal with that issue. If it's a Provincial issue, we'll do the same thing for wildlife issues there. But with regards to enforcement from Nunatsiavut Government perspective, that's one of the recommendations or one of the issues that we're working through that we will have put recommendation for for the future. Is that somewhere where Nunatsiavut Government wants to go 'cause you're absolutely correct. We do not have an enforcement within the government currently. But that is an issue that we are considering and working towards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Chairperson have a final supplementary? Thank you very much, Chairperson. I recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** *Nakummek Uhatti*. My question is for the President of Nunatsiavut. Mr. President, *Nakummek*, for sharing some of your vision of what you believe to be priorities for the Nunatsiavut Government with this Assembly yesterday. I would like to know as we all here at this Assembly and outside of the Assembly what would your vision be, Mr. President, for enhancing and improving communications within the Nunatsiavut Government and across the board with beneficiaries to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement*. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for your question. In response I recognize the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek Uhatti*. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*).

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

**MR. POTTLE:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Lampe, for your response, and I appreciate that yes, you are early into your date, but I mean it's good to hear what some of your early thoughts are, and I'm impressed with your response with respect to how you would like to hear from each and every one of us, I would assume as elected officials, on some of the work that we're doing. One of the things that seems to be remiss from me as a politician in this

government for the past 10 years is that there's no collective discussions and dialogue among each and every Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. We dialogue from time to time in our own little silos whether that's at the NEC, whether that's when we come here to Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Members, AngajukKâks, Chairs, Community Corporations. We do when we come to this Assembly, we sit together, we work, we share ideas, we support one another. So I would like to know, Mr. President, do you plan on enhancing and improving your vision to at least meet annually once a year collectively with the entire Assembly to help you achieve that vision? *Nakummek Uhatti.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. To respond I recognize the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti.* Thank you to the Ordinary Member Canada-wide, Danny Pottle, and when we come to Hopedale to sit as an Assembly, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council does meet. But I believe that we can do more than that. I believe that, you know, that the leadership has to say to government, the elected members, that we, as representatives of the Labrador Inuit wherever they may live, they have concerns and issues that are related to whether it's their health or their well-being, their concerns for family, whether they are within Nunatsiavut or Canada-wide. And so as representatives we, I believe by working together, could become stronger. And so I believe that we have to, as a government, with our staff, meet not just as Executive Council. So I feel that, you know, I could see that by working together more closely I know some

issues are being, you know, outstanding and being worked on. And those issues are still, you know, to be kept in confidence. But I believe with some issues that are not as pressing as some of the issues that I speak to that we, as government, can, you know, as Ministers and Ordinary Members, AngajukKâk and staff, you know, we can, by working more closely together, become stronger and so become stronger for Labrador Inuit. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable President. Does the Member have a final supplementary question? I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti.* I think it's a question as opposed to a statement, but I just want to say thank you again to the President for that response. We eagerly await your call for consultation and collaboration with you and we welcome that opportunity, I think, as non-Members of the Executive Council to help you achieve your vision and your goals for Nunatsiavut for the next four years. *Nakummek.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

As that was a statement as opposed to a question, move onto the next sets of questioning. I recognize the Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I direct my question to Minister for Health, Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers. Certainly it's coming close to a year now since you gave a commitment to us to complete an assessment of a seniors facility within my community, Nain, or within

Nunatsiavut. Certainly I look to you today to give us an update or give me an update, to give this Assembly an update, on where you are in starting that process of getting the study underway. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Nain. In response I recognize the Minister of the Department of Health, the Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for that question, Ordinary Member for Nain. We do have the criteria in place for the seniors survey that we will be doing in Nain and also in Hopedale. But we, I guess, ran into a little issue with our elder co-ordinator who we had planned to do the work in the communities. As you may know that she's had her own health problems and issues, and she was ready to come back to work about a month or so ago and then she had other family issues and she's dealing with them right now. But we are still hoping that as soon as she can get her family issues straightened out that she will get back and start doing the work that we assigned to her. It's just that the timing of everything. And we chose her because going into the communities to ask a lot of personal questions and things like that, she is very capable of speaking *Inuttitut* and understanding, and people understanding the language, and getting down to the real issues that people can relate to. So right now we are still underway. It's just that we're waiting for her to come back to work and we will get it underway. So hopefully in the next few weeks. That depends on family issues, I guess, that she should be

back to work and then she can get back to her role and get started.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Member for Nain for a supplementary question.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much, Minister Flowers for your response. Do you have like a timeline given to have this assessment completed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Member for Nain. In response I recognize the Honourable Minister.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. I was hoping that we would have had it done by the spring like I alluded to before. But right now our goal is to still try to get it done as soon after she gets back and hopefully by this early summer that we can have the survey done and then we can get on with it. So we are in the process and all I can say is that we certainly want to get it done by fall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a final supplementary? Thank you, Member. I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency for a second round of oral questions, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. My question is for the First Minister. *Nakummek*, First Minister, for your timely response to my question yesterday. I guess it's now time for my couple of supplemental questions that I didn't have an opportunity to pursue yesterday, namely, because you didn't provide

the answer until today. My question, First Minister, was prefaced by not only a recent telephone call but many telephone calls and concerns that we get from many beneficiaries who often raise concerns that one family member is still a beneficiary, one family member is out. I ask you, Madam First Minister, when you hear that, does that cause you concern?

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Canada. In response I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you for your question, Ordinary Member for Canada. I guess that causes me concern the same as it does everyone else, but I still, in my capacity as First Minister, I'm still powerless to do anything about it. The criteria for membership is laid out in the *Land Claims Agreement*. It is the sole responsibility of local membership committees, appeals board, and whoever else to determine who members are. And I do not have anything that I can do about it. There's absolutely nothing. It's not in my jurisdiction. I don't have the authority to do anything about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary? I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*, and thank you for that response which in turn causes me some concern. I'm not asking you, First Minister, to get involved in the review process. I believe and I take you to Part 3.2 of the *Land Claims Agreement* with respect to the enrolment functions of the Nunatsiavut

Government. 3.2.2(d) carry out other appropriate duties and functions as directed, I would assume, by the Nunatsiavut Government. It seems to me from your response that the Membership committees are off doing whatever they so choose. So, I mean, I think it's incumbent upon any Minister relative to any department with respect to whatever may be going on there to raise some concerns and to flag and ask for some explanation. So I mean, you know, part of that I mean what role and responsibility do you have as First Minister in directing these membership committees as per the processes as set out in the *Land Claims Agreement* to possibly take something under review or consideration like the application, the problems associated with the applicant review process. Again I'm not asking you to get involved in the review process, but I think you have a duty and a responsibility as a Member, as a Minister of the department responsible for enrolment, to make sure that that process is smooth and efficient as possible. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Thank you Member for the Canadian Constituency. In response I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you once again, Ordinary Member for Canada, for your comment, but elected officials have absolutely no role to play in membership. Membership committees apply the criteria and there is the final decision if you want to take it, you know, to that level, I guess, the final decision would be the Federal Court to make a determination because that's the way the criteria is laid out in the *Land Claims Agreement*. And my role as First Minister, and like I said many

times before, is to ensure we have a registrar's office in place. We have our local membership committees. They have the training that's required by legal and then, you know, the options and the criteria is laid out in the *Land Claims Agreement*. They go through the appeal process, and then if they want to take it further then the next step is the Federal Court, and I have absolutely no role to play other than making sure that we have our membership office and that the membership committees deal with the applications in a timely manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister. Please keep in mind Standing Order 31 under questions as well. No additional facts or arguments shall be presented as necessary as needed as to get the point of the question across. With that in mind I acknowledge the Member for the Canadian Constituency for his final supplementary question. Thank you.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti* and again my response to the First Minister is to thank you for attempting to answer the question but, to me, your response is still mired in what you believe to be your non-responsibility when it comes to reviewing and application. When, Mr. Speaker, an application is reviewed and there's multiple family members who are beneficiaries, would it not be concerning that if an individual who turned 19, by way of example, membership is reviewed and that application is denied either through the process set out by the membership committee or the appeal board, don't you think it's problematic that, I mean, you know, what would have changed in 18 or 19 years with respect to a person's family

history and connectivity to the *Land Claims Agreement*? I ask you simply do you believe or are you not concerned about that? *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Member, that was a repeat of the previous questions. I'll give you one more opportunity to try to raise a supplementary in a different way and again keep in mind Standing Order 31.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. Simply, Madam First Minister, do you have concerns when you hear that one family member is still a beneficiary and the other family member is not? *Nakummek, Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member. To respond I recognize the Honourable First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you once again Ordinary Member for Canada for your question, and I have to say that how I feel or whatever does not make any difference because I do not have the authority, and I do not have no role to play in determining, or I don't even know who's being reviewed because that is not my responsibility. I have absolutely no role to play so how I feel or how I don't feel has absolutely no bearing on anything to do with membership. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I see the Minister of Culture's been sitting there and not having to answer any questions, so I'll ask the Honourable Sean Lyall a question referring to traditions and transitions. It comes under the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. On the new

website it indicates that — it's a new website open and it will be for updated information. It mentions cultural research. I just wondered if that site will be used so people can go on and put updates on happenings in the Nunatsiavut Government. What benefit will it serve to the people in, say, Upper Lake Melville or beneficiaries elsewhere? I guess that is my question. What benefits will the Traditions and Transition site on the internet serve to the beneficiaries? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Gary Mitchell, for that question. What benefits will the website do? I understand in the efforts of getting all communication lines open to beneficiaries, they'll provide an avenue to obtain information on the progress and upcoming events of traditions and transition. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary? I recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I have to ask the question what is the upcoming events in Traditions and Transitions? Like is it a certain project that's being undertaken? I just want to know what the objective of that project is. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Thank you, Chairperson. To respond I recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture.

**MR. LYALL:**

Again, thank you for your supplementary question. The objective and purpose of Traditions and Transition, it's a collaborative effort bringing together traditional knowledge of Labrador Inuit and scientific research. Now there is a Project Management Committee and also an advisory board. Well, if you look at an executive board, the component of which is 50-50, Labrador Inuit beneficiaries and academia project stakeholders, that's complimented 50-50. So the objective is obtain research alongside with traditional knowledge and that is useful. Of course, any information pertaining to research is always very beneficiaries to everybody.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, and I have one more question for the Honourable Minister and is that it always comes to finance and what we are always concerned about, what it's going to cost us. Is this project going to be costing Nunatsiavut Government money? And how much if there is. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson. To respond I recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Thank you for your supplementary. That's a two-part supplementary question, and I'll answer both with the leniency of the speaker, if that's okay with you, Your Honour.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Yes, Minister.

**MR. LYALL:** The money involved; it's a five-year program. We budgeted at \$7.2 million. The bulk of the actual finances is contributed by Federal Government and mostly by universities. Nunatsiavut's financial in the whole financial scheme of things is very low. Most of our contribution will be in kind. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any other oral questions this morning? If there are no further oral questions we will take a break and we will reconvene at 10 minutes to 11:00. Thank you.

(Recess)

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Prior to recess we conclude with item six on your *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." We now move to item seven, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions today? If we have no written questions we'll proceed to item eight, "Returns to Written Questions," and there are no returns for today. Item nine, "Petitions." Are there any petitions? We'll proceed with item 10, "Responses to Petitions." There will be no responses today. Item 11, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees," I do not believe that we have any reports scheduled for presentation today. Item 12, "Tabling of Documents." I'd like to recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the Annual Report for the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology 2015-2016. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The tabled document will be numbered as tabled document 07-3(11). Are there any further documents to be tabled today? We'll proceed to item 13, "Notices of Motion." I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, June 8th, 2016, that I will move, seconded by the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque, the following motion. That subject to the Minister's decision under Section 4.11.10 of the *Nunatsiavut Environmental Protection Act* the Nunatsiavut Assembly acting in accordance with subsection 2.111(d) of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* hereby approves the issuance by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada Public Works and Government Services Canada of a 20-year lease of approximately 1050 square metres in Labrador Lands water lot 11C in Makkovik Harbour for purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining a breakwater and floating docks and on such other terms and conditions as the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources may deem necessary or appropriate. And be further resolved that in accordance with subsection 2.111( e) of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby waives requirement for an Inuit *Impacts and Benefits Agreement* in relation to the proposed development of the breakwater and floating docks in the Labrador Inuit Lands water lot 11C in Makkovik Harbour. And, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 15, "Motions." *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any further notices of motion for today? If there are no further notices of motion, we'll proceed to item 14, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills," and there are no notices of motion for the first reading of bills today. We'll move to item 15, "Motions." And again I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. The motion is as follows:

Approving the issuance of a private interest in a portion of water lot WL11C under *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* and waiving the requirement for an Inuit *Impact and Benefits Agreement*. Whereas Public Works and Government Services Canada has submitted Land Use Application A 2013-026 for a portion of Labrador Inuit Lands parcel WL11C located within Makkovik Harbour for construction of a breakwater and floating dock. And whereas the Nunatsiavut Government's Minister of Lands and Natural Resources has consulted Makkovik Inuit Community Government and residents of Makkovik about the application. And whereas the Makkovik Inuit Community Government and residents of Makkovik support the construction of a breakwater and floating docks in the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and the Department of Lands and Natural

Resources recommend approval of land use application A2013-026. And whereas the proposed infrastructure would benefit the Inuit community of Makkovik and substantially improve its small craft infrastructure and the proponent and community wish construction to start as soon as possible following environmental approval. And whereas construction of the proposed breakwater and floating docks is being subjected to a summary environmental review under the *Nunatsiavut Environmental Protection Act*. And now therefore be it resolved that subject to the Minister's decision under Section 4.11.10 of the *Nunatsiavut Environmental Protection Act* the Nunatsiavut Assembly acting in accordance with subsection 2.111(d) of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* hereby approves issuance by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada Public Works and Services Canada of a 20-year lease of approximately 1,050 square metres in Labrador Inuit Lands water lot 11C in Makkovik Harbour for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining a breakwater and floating docks and on such other terms and conditions as the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources may deem necessary or appropriate. And be it further resolved that in accordance with subsection 2.111(e) of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby waives the requirement for an Inuit *Impacts and Benefits Agreement* in relation to the proposed development of the breakwater and floating docks in Labrador Inuit Lands, water lot 11C in Makkovik Harbour.

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

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This proposal has been in the works with the Inuit Community Government of Makkovik for a while now, and it was determined that this would have to go through a summary review. That review is almost finished and ready for the Minister's desk, but it's very important that we bring it here today in support of the Inuit Community of Makkovik in order for them to proceed with this project this year. As everybody knows doing projects in the communities requires time, requires mobilization. So we are here today requesting that we get the approval of the Assembly to do this today based on the Minister's approval of the environmental assessment to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Would anyone else like to speak to the motion? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to make a comment. Our community and boat owners are very happy to welcome this project and as it will benefit and improve the production of vessels. We did a survey. We had very positive feedback, and we'd like to take and acknowledge First Minister Kate Mitchell and Deputy Minister Toby Andersen in assisting in pursuing this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. Are there any further comments, questions? I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** *Nakummek Uhatti*. Just a question on the motion, if I may, Minister Shiwak. Just for clarity purposes, I think I heard you state that the summary review is still ongoing and nearly finished. Do you anticipate as part of the review process that the summary review would ask for a waiver of the *Impacts and Benefits Agreement*? Thus is this the reason for your motion today? *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. I'll ask the Member to repeat the question, if he may.

**MR. POTTLE:** *Nakummek Uhatti*. Sure. I'm just wondering. You stated that the summary review process is still ongoing, is nearly finished. Do you anticipate a part of that summary review would ask for a waiver of the *Impacts and Benefits Agreement*, and is that the reason and rationale for putting that motion forward today?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. I recognize the mover of the motion, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have not seen any of the recommendations out of that summary review yet as it's not completed, and the recommendations only come forward when that process is done. That's why you see in the motion "be it further resolved." The *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby waives the requirement

for the *Impacts and Benefits Agreement* in relation to the proposed development. It's in the motion for it to be waived there. Does that answer your question? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Just for clarity purposes, again, I think I'm hearing you, but I just wanted to make sure I'm hearing you correctly. So you, as Minister, are asking for a waiver of an *Impacts and Benefits Agreement*, not summary review process itself, if you understand what I'm saying.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Again I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Yes, that is correct, as per the motion before the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any further questions or comments related to the motion? I recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. I'd just like to add on the motion that I must commend the good people of Makkovik, also Makkovik Inuit Community Government and the First Minister, Kate Mitchell and the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources on this very important initiative. I'm thinking in all Nunatsiavut communities I understand there's no breakwaters available for beneficiaries to 1) protect their very important mode of transportation when they're acquiring what they need, not only from their land but more importantly

from, I guess, the sea and in regards to their boats or their ships, and I think this is something to look at. It shows progress and it shows initiative. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to the motion? I recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to say thank you to Minister Shiwak and Lands and, of course, to the Speaker himself who enabled us to be able to get this motion to the Assembly, and the reason for us is why it was so important is that the funding for this project was already rolled over once, and that if we didn't get this motion to this Assembly then we would lose the funding. So I must say I really appreciate, you know, all the help in everybody in getting this motion to the table because this is very important to our community and any of our communities. And I think it just shows the commitment that we have as Nunatsiavut Government to be able to do something positive for our communities. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to the motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate on the motion?

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? The motion is carried. We'll

move onto item 16 on your *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills."

There are no first reading of bills for today. Item 17, "Second Reading of Bills." We have no second reading of bills today. Item 18, "Assent to Bills." There is no assent to bills today. We'll go onto item 19, "Adjournment." A quick update for the Assembly Members with respect to the decision on the Rules and Procedures Committee. Yesterday the RPC met and decided that it was a wise decision to wait until the fall sitting to present the Special Committee task to examine the NEO Reports on the 2016 Presidential election which will give the RPC appropriate time to determine the candidates for the Special Committee. This has been a successful sitting with our new President and we look forward to having many more with the Honourable Johannes Lampe leading our government as well. I wish to thank the Ministers and the Members for their contributions. And I give special mention to our interpreters and translators, Rita Andersen and Gus Semigak, to our visiting pages, Tama Ball and Julian Ford and to Ches Evans from IT. As well we'd like to recognize our OKâlaKatiget staff, Christine Lampe and Johansi Tuglavina and to the new Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. For the information of the Assembly, the Charter is on weather hold as it stands. We'll be sending out some information shortly related to that. So keep your ears open. The Assembly is now adjourned and the next session is scheduled for the week of September 19th to 23rd, 2016 and I wish you all a happy and safe summer. Thank you.

