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**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

January 23, 2017

**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 Nunatsiavut Treasurer Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Darryl Shiwak**

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

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

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

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

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

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Jack Shiwak**

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

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

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

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

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

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings**

**were recorded in Inuktitut and English.**

**January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* We'll start with item one, "Prayer" on your *Orders of the Day*. I'd like to call to order this spring session of the 13th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly, and I'll ask President Johannes Lampe to say the opening prayer.

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. We'll move to item two on your *Orders of the Day*, "Opening Address by the President." Now we'll call upon the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek UKâtik.* (*Speaks in Inutittut*) Mr. Speaker, it also touches on other municipal infrastructure dimensions; notably housing and community facilities. Our plan has been produced through extensive national and global research on sustainable energy in remote and northern communities and through consultations within our communities. Through a comprehensive inclusive and substantive process, Mr. Speaker, this plan directly addresses community needs for Nunatsiavut in a manner that considers the social, economic and environmental dimensions of energy. Equally important, it is grounded in

the regulatory and policy umbrella of Newfoundland and Labrador and the economics of energy that are a reality for all. The appropriation of this energy security plan is a first step towards forging a more sustainable energy future in Nunatsiavut. Effort has been taken to ensure that the proposed actions can produce a range of energy security benefits for Nunatsiavummiut and businesses and are community-centred and achievable over the short and medium terms. This plan, Mr. Speaker, was approved by the NEC last fall and has been shared with provincial and federal partners. We are currently following up on that engagement with targeted asks in hopes of securing federal funding, including opportunities that are anticipated in light of the pan-Canadian framework on clean growth and climate change. That framework was developed by the Government of Canada with the provinces and territories and in consultation with Indigenous peoples. It includes an approach to pricing carbon pollution and measures to achieve reductions across all sectors of Canadian economy. It also aims to drive innovation and growth, increase technology and development and adoption to ensure Canadian businesses are competitive in a global low carbon economy. Early drafts of that framework, Mr. Speaker, had language that was very concerning for the Nunatsiavut Government as we felt it did not take into account the current realities in our communities. There are concerns Nunatsiavut will be excluded from considerations that are being made for the territories, especially in regards to carbon pricing. It notes the federal government will work with the territories to find solutions that address

their unique circumstances, including high cost of living, challenges with food security and emerging economies. The framework is still not clear in the finding Indigenous northern remote and vulnerable communities, nor is it clear how these different categories may be accommodated or implicated in any special considerations. The Nunatsiavut Government has communicated these specific concerns to Inuit Tapariit Kanatami as well as the federal and provincial governments, and we remain hopeful these concerns will be addressed as we move through this process. As a follow-up, Mr. Speaker, last week our policy and analyst attended the Pan-Canadian Summit reducing diesel in remote communities in Winnipeg to ensure we remain engaged and well informed of developments taking place as we move forward to implementing our Energy Security Plan. I would encourage all Members to take the time to review this energy plan, Mr. Speaker. It is a good plan, one we believe will help guide us as we strive to enhance economic and social development in our communities. *Nakummek UKâtik.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable President. We will move to item three on your *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." Of course I'd like to welcome all our Members back to the Assembly, and I wish you all Happy New Year along with our support staff and all your families. For your information, we did have some issues just then with the translating equipment, your device, but the translation channel is number two and the current audio is on channel one. The Member for the Sivunivut Corporation, Ms. Trudy Mesher-Barkman, has resigned as Chairperson.

On behalf of the Assembly I'd like to thank Ms. Mesher-Barkman for her contributions and wish her all the best in the future. The community of North West River will be conducting a bi-election to fulfil this vacancy. Also absent from the sitting is the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, who has been properly excused by the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe. For the information of the Assembly, the high school students of ACMS are writing midterms, which means that we will be rotating our pages throughout the time that we are sitting. We have with us this morning, Julia Abel and Jacob Edmunds. Thank you for joining us. Tabea Onalik will be continuing support to the pages. Our interpreters/translators are Boss Kairtok and Gus Semigak. Tristan Gear is our IT support for this Assembly and, of course, we'd like to recognize the OKâlaKatiget staff; Johansi Tuglavina and Simone Kohlmeister. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see the Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. I'd like to welcome those in the gallery and thank you for your interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Is there any Member today wishing to recognize visitors in the gallery? I recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek Uhatti.* I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Belinda Webb. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Is there any Members who would like to recognize the visitors in the gallery today as well? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you. I'd like to recognize this morning one of our community members, David Millie. David is joining us and I'm happy to see that people are coming out. I think it's very important that people come and listen to the Assembly Sitting. So thank you, David, for coming.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ms. Flowers. Again, the English or current audio is available on channel one and *Inuttitut* on channel two on your devices. Further, I was asked to bring to your attention that the title of either *Uhatti* or *Uhalitik* is perfectly functional during our procedures to refer to the Chair or Speaker. Is there any other Member wishing to recognize visitors today? If not, we'll move to item four on your *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements." Do we have any Ministers statements this morning? I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable 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 September, 2016. Implementation. The Implementation Committee met on December 14th and 15th in Goose Bay. They reviewed the Board's Draft Work Plans and Budgets for 2017/2018 and discussed the drafts with the Board Chairs and the Secretariat. The Implementation Committee has also asked the negotiators for the 10-year Implementation Plan renewal to take advantage of this opportunity and to meet and discuss the Nunatsiavut Government proposal for the

renewed plan. Included on the agenda an updated response from Canada to the Nunatsiavut Government request to amend the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* to allow beneficiaries resident in Upper Lake Melville to harvest migratory birds within the Schedule 12E area. A meeting will be scheduled with the Innu Nation as Canada requires their consent in writing given that the area identified in Schedule 12E of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* will be within the Innu Settlement Area. Membership. The membership workshop scheduled for October, 2016 has been postponed and is now being held in January, 2017, this month. The reason for the postponement is that a number of current committee members' terms of office expire this month, and three of the five members on the Rigolet/Lake Melville Committee have indicated that they do not intend to serve another term. Therefore, these three members need to be replaced. As well, we still have one vacancy on the Nain and North of Nain Committee and one vacancy on the Hopedale Committee. We are in the process of selecting candidates who will be appointed to fill these five vacancies. Mr. Speaker, in regard to public property, Nunatsiavut Construction was contracted and have completed extensive repairs to the Department of Health and Social Development unit at Blueberry Hill in Nain, and replace windows as well as completed some other work at the Nain daycare. They have completed upgrade and repairs to eight Nunatsiavut Government staff housing units in Nain. Illusuak. The exterior of the building is complete and the solar panels installed on the roof. Progress continues on the interior construction,

electrical and mechanical. We have been working with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and Nilik Construction to implement recommended changes made by the interior design consultants to the exhibit, kitchen, café and gift shop areas. The building designer, Todd Saunders, visited Nain in November to view the building progress and the draft design for the exhibit area. The building is scheduled to be officially opened in October of 2017. Mr. Speaker, the Prototype Six-plex in Nain. Budgell's Equipment experienced delays in the supply and shipping of materials for the prototype, however, work has progressed well. The site work has been completed and the cement footing, basement walls and floor are poured. As per the design there were three inches of Styrofoam insulation placed underneath the basement floor before the cement was poured. Two inches of insulation have been placed inside and outside the cement walls, and four inches of insulation have been placed eight feet from the building around the whole basement area. This insulation is covered with a heavy duty poly vapour barrier and then covered with four feet of fill. Budgell's have installed a first floor of the building. It has been covered with a heavy tarpaulin and a heater placed inside for the winter. This work was completed by the end of November, and Budgell's will resume construction as soon as the snow goes this spring. Mr. Speaker, in regard to the geotechnical drilling. Cartwright Drilling was subcontracted by Aivek-Stantec to do the geotechnical drilling in Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet. This drilling has been completed and a sample sent to the lab for assessment. We expect to get the final report

from Aivek-Stantec sometime in January. This report will tell us what kind of foundation is best for home construction. And, Mr. Speaker, Housing. Housing has taken the majority of our time within my department over the past four months. I attended a CMHC Housing Policy Forum and, along with President Lampe and other Nunatsiavut Government representatives, I attended the ITK Inuit Housing Forum in Ottawa. I made presentations regarding building sustainable housing in Nunatsiavut during both those forums. My Deputy Minister also attended the housing session of the Inuit Studies Conference held in St. John's. CMHC is developing a new housing policy and is holding sessions to hear from all of the regions of Canada regarding housing issues. I have used these forums to state to CMHC, Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation, that a new policy needs to reactivate office in Nunatsiavut to educate Inuit on CMHC programs, home ownership and to assist with the completion of housing program applications. I have further stressed that Canada must continue to transfer Inuit housing funding directly to the Nunatsiavut rather than through Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation. And in regard to Housing Repairs and the Federal Housing Funding, Mr. Speaker, under the \$300,000 Home Repair Funding Program which is cost shared by Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation and the Nunatsiavut Government, we have contracted Nunatsiavut Construction to do repairs to three homes in Nain, and Lucy's have been contracted to do repairs to three homes in Hopedale. This work is now completed. In September the Federal Government

agreed to transfer the \$15 million announced in the 2016/2017 budget directly to the Nunatsiavut Government. The Nunatsiavut Government intends to use \$4 million before the end of 2016/2017 fiscal year and has developed a plan for the expenditure of that amount as follows: We intend to do repairs to all homes in Nain and Hopedale that were included in the inspection assessment done by FGMDA in 2014. We have amended the housing repairs contracts to Nunatsiavut Construction and Lucy's to repair a total of 23 homes in Nain and Hopedale. The work is proceeding well and all exterior work has been completed, and all interior work is scheduled to be completed by March, 2017. In addition, we were asked by Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation if Nunatsiavut Government would consider doing repairs to two of their units in Hopedale and one in Nain, and the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation would pay for the cost of such repairs. The Nunatsiavut Government agreed to do that and have included these three units in our repair program. This will result in three additional units being available for rent. We will use these funds from this funding source to cover the costs of the geotechnical work that was done in Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet. Under the Nunatsiavut Energy Security Program, we ordered seven more energy efficient wood stoves for distribution to either new home construction or the home repair program. The report compiled by Lumos Energy, through our questionnaire program, indicates that users of these wood stoves supplied by the Nunatsiavut Government in 2015 confirmed that their wood consumption was reduced by one-

third and the home heated comfortably 24 hours a day. During the winter of 2017 we will contract a qualified firm to do an inspection assessment of homes requiring repairs in all Inuit communities. The consultants will prepare a report and material list, and the Nunatsiavut Government will use that information to do home repairs in all communities in 2017/2018. The Nunatsiavut Government proposes to construct two multi-unit complexes; one in Nain and one in Hopedale in 2017. These complexes will assist with supportive living and will help provide a home for parents whose children would otherwise be taken into protective care without the provision of adequate housing. The Nunatsiavut Government has transferred funds to Torngat Regional Housing Association to construct one additional new home in Rigolet and has provided Torngat Regional Housing Association some additional funds for home repairs. The Nunatsiavut Government will develop a detailed plan for expenditure of the remaining \$11 million in 2017/2018 and will inform this Assembly during an Assembly Session after the plan is complete. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to our Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy, the housing working group met on January the 4th, 2017, Varian Hassam was invited to discuss the options related to the one missing component which is a Nunatsiavut housing delivery model. The options set out in the IISD, and that's the contractor, the Institute for Sustainable Development, Housing Delivery Model Report were discussed thoroughly and progress was made. We now have a couple options for review, and I'm scheduling another housing working group meeting with

Varian attending to try to finalize the best option which can be recommended to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. I am determined to try to get the housing strategy completed in 2017. I will have a further update to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council in March. Transportation, Mr. Speaker. In April Minister Hawkins informed me that the contract for the Astron concludes on March 31st, 2017, and that the province would issue an RRF for replacement of the Astron. I have asked that the Nunatsiavut Government be provided with a copy of their RRF before it is issued. And Minister Hawkins confirmed that his department would provide the Nunatsiavut Government with a copy when it was finalized. To date, the RRF has not been issued, and the Nunatsiavut Government has not received a draft copy of the RRF. My department is communicating with Minister Hawkins' department regarding an update on this issue. I plan to meet with the Minister of Works and Transportation to discuss the 2017 shipping season. And, finally, Mr. Speaker, in regard to the Nain airstrip, we are still lobbying Canada and the Province for funding to construct a new proposed new air strip in Nain. Canada still maintains that this is a priority, however, they require a proposal from Newfoundland and Labrador Government for cost sharing funding arrangement. Newfoundland and Labrador states that although they consider the new proposed Nain airstrip a priority, and the province has no funds to contribute towards this project, we are continuing discussions with Canada. We continue to lobby the province regarding the state of washrooms at our airstrips within Nunatsiavut.

The province recognizes the problem, however, they have made it clear that there is no funding available for any upgrading of airstrip facilities.

The province is responsible for maintenance and repair of the infrastructure at the airstrips. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a few updates from my Department this morning. First of all the food security co-ordinate position is now filled. Kristeen McTavish started in this position last week and will be working out of the community of Nain, but it's a regional position. So she'll be travelling to all our communities within Nunatsiavut. My Deputy Minister and the HSD made a presentation to the Provincial Legislative Review Committee for the *Children Youth Protection Act* in St. John's this month. In the recent presentation NG gave to the province, we outlined the need to make a significant shift in children protection. We need to preserve and protect our families and not remove children. We have seen a steady increase in the number of children taken into care. So, Mr. Speaker, we are very aware of the situation and we are working very hard with the province to, I guess, make a shift in trying to preserve and protect the families in Nunatsiavut, and we're doing everything in our power, Mr. Speaker, to do what we can on this matter. NG, through DHSD, has sent a clear message to the Province that we will not support any adoptions of Inuit children to non-Inuit families unless there is a strong commitment and cultural plan to

support an ongoing relationship with the communities and culture. NG utilized our intervener status to challenge the current adoption process within the court, which worked in our favour. The judge granted one month to sort out a protocol process which is acceptable. So, Mr. Speaker, just to add that we feel that any children that's going to be adopted outside of Nunatsiavut, or to non-Inuit families, we want to make sure that there's a strong connection to their homeland. The funds for the Tobacco Control Strategy Project has been extended for an additional year. So that's good news for our Tobacco Control Strategy Project. As a number of children require care in Postville so it looks like Postville has been busy we have not a childcare program going on in Postville for the last three or four years, but with the increase of children in the community, we're happy to say that we will be advertising for a position so that we can operate once again in Postville. So that's some good news for Postville. Hopefully in the next month or two we'll have that program up and running. TB. Presently there are 14 cases from January, 2016 to the present day, Mr. Speaker; 13 from Hopedale and 1 from Nain. The majority of the cases are between the ages of 17 and 33. Three are older than 33. On November 1st, Sylvia Doody, Director of Health Service and Dr. Wollam, Sharon Lethbridge and Dr. David Allen visited the community of Hopedale and conducted two meetings. The first meeting was with the community leadership and the second was a public meeting. Both meetings were well attended with some valuable questions. So, Mr. Speaker, our Department is, I guess, aware of the TB in

Nunatsiavut. We are still working very hard on trying to control the TB in communities, and we're making sure that the public is, you know, notified as much as possible. The merging shelter "Out of the Cold" in Happy Valley Goose Bay opened in December, and they managed to provide shelters for up to 10 individuals per night from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and has been a very busy shelter. So it's good to see that we're making progress in these areas and people at least can come out of the cold, which is we know the temperatures in the Upper Lake Melville and to give them a warm place to sleep at night. It's very heart-warming to know that, you know, they're not sleeping in other conditions. And the other thing, Mr. Speaker, we are currently drafting a request for proposal for medical travel accommodations in Happy Valley Goose Bay. As most people are aware, when people from the coast travel to Goose Bay, accommodations is a real issue. So Mr. Speaker, my Department and I are working very hard to try and do a proposal, or interests of people who might want to, you know, build something or look at doing something besides what's up there now because we feel that it is a necessary thing for our people to have something that they can call their own, or to be able to use, in the Upper Lake Melville area where accommodations are hard to find. So, Mr. Speaker, like the hotels; I mean, we checked with the hotels. Most of the hotels are filled up by the Muskrat Falls Project and other things, so we would like to put out a call for interests for people to come forward to look at doing something with us, or if there's any ideas that people might have that we can utilize, I'm

certainly open for any suggestions from anyone. So, Mr. Speaker, I'm glad to say that we identified that problem a couple years ago and we are moving forward to try and get something done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

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

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'll give a quick update from the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to report that the Labrador North and Microwave Radio Overbuild Project is on budget and on schedule. All equipment has been ordered and all backbone radio equipment has been installed at repeated sites at Mulligan, Double Mere, Monkey Hill, Zoar and in the communities of Hopedale and Nain. There has been significant work in the installation and commissioning of the backbone radio equipment from Happy Valley Goose Bay to Hopedale. The current plan, Mr. Speaker, has customers in Hopedale who migrated to the new equipment by the end of January. Customers in Nain migrated to the new equipment by the end of February. Customers in Rigolet and Postville should be migrated by the end of May and Makkovik by the end of June, which represents the completion of this project. Mr. Speaker, Chas Evans has recently resigned from his position as IT Support Specialist effective January 27. He has taken a new position with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board District and will be

based out of Makkovik. Chas, thank you for your dedication and hard work for the Nunatsiavut Government. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours. *Nakummek*. Mr. Speaker, an update from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. The in shore commercial shrimp fishery concluded for 2016/2017. Beneficiary designates had a very good year and landed 3,134 tonnes of our 3,212-tonne shrimp in quota in shore. As per policy, shrimp quota can be transferred off shore to be harvested after November 15th. We had 78 tonnes available to transfer off shore. This is being fished by the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, and revenue received from this will be deposited into the Commercial Fishery Fund. The Torngat Joint Fisheries Board held their annual fisheries workshop in Goose Bay on November 22nd to the 23rd, 2016. Staff in my Department attended this annual workshop. The fisheries workshop is a forum to discuss the past season's fishery and make recommendations to the TJFB for the new fishing season. On November 24th immediately following the fisheries workshop the Department held a meeting with the NG designate fishers and Trinav Fisheries Consultants to discuss options and seek feedback on a Consultant's Multi-year Designation Report. We are presently consolidating comments received from our fishers in hope to be able to discuss options with the Executive Council on this report in this quarter.

Wildlife, Mr. Speaker. The moose hunting season opened on September 15th. To date seven moose have been harvested in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. When more snow falls we anticipate that these

numbers will quickly increase when it becomes easier to get around. As you're all aware, a total of 39 licenses are available this hunting season. The hunting season will close on March 31st. Mr. Speaker, the Grosmorne Moose Harvest went well again this year. NG employees travelled to Grosmorne on October 25th and partnered with 4 local hunters in Rocking Harbour. Fifty moose were harvested within the park and delivered to butchers in Hawk's Bay and Daniel's Harbour for processing and packaging. The meat was picked up from the butcher's on November 21st and trucked to Goose Bay. Once distribution of the meat began we learned that moose process at one of the butcher's was contaminated and unfit for human consumption. Due to the facility in question being a provincially-licensed operation, we contacted the Provincial Food and Inspection Agency to inform them of this. On December 29th Provincial Food Inspection Agency advised the Nunatsiavut Government that the meat must be disposed of. We subsequently disposed of all the meat that were processed from that facility. The meat from 18 processed meat was disposed of, and the meat of the remaining 32 moose is being distributed to the communities. Mr. Speaker, we would like to thank the Parks Canada staff at Rocking Harbour for their support and assistance in this project, as well as the Ulapitsaijet Committee for accepting the non-profit licenses. Mr. Speaker, a wildlife manager participated in the fall classification of the George River Caribou Herd with provincial wildlife biologist, John Pisapio, last month. We expect that the Provincial Government will release the

results of the fall classification in the near future. Twelve polar bear licenses are being distributed to the Nunatsiavut Government for the 2017 hunting season of February 2nd to June 30th. Applications are currently available to beneficiaries with the draw being held on February 1st. Impact Benefit Agreement. Mr. Speaker, Teresa Baikie, our IBA coordinator's continuing to work with Vale and its contractors to get as many of our beneficiaries working at the mine site; both permanent and temporary positions. There have been few glitches, especially with the contractor hiring. However, these issues are being dealt with as they come up, and there is a better process being followed. The IBA coordinator has communicated directly with Innu Municipal and NGC many times over the last number of months. This came about as a direct result of complaints and concerns regarding NG beneficiaries not getting calls for work. There have been a few NG beneficiaries who are overlooked but now have been hired. They were able to provide copies of emails or correspondence detailing when they had sent their resumes. This is the type of proof that we need to go back to the company so that they cannot deny any information. Innu Municipal is now being more diligent in confirming Aboriginal status and really going through the resumes to ensure they meet the requirements of their contract. They had been told we cannot support them for further work if they are not willing to follow the commitments in relation to hiring. All applicants for positions must have their status confirmed, whether it be NG or Innu. There was a list of 634 applicants for the first round of hiring, and of those there were only

20 applicants from Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, Sarah Leo has been hired as Vale's Aboriginal Affairs Superintendent. She started her position on November 21st, 2016. Winter Shipping Information sessions were held in Hopedale and Nain on January 10th respectively. There will be three with the shipments instead of four between January 22nd and April 6th, 2017, and there will be a six-week shipping enclosure from April 7th to May 21st, 2017. Also, Mr. Speaker, the Tasiujatsaok Committee met and its meeting is scheduled to be held in Voisey's Bay on February 8th, 2017. The Torngat Mountains National Park Co-Management Board has not met since the face-to-face meeting in August. Efforts are being made to have a teleconference on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I have some announcements to make in regarding staff and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. We have seen some changes and additions to our staff complement since the last Assembly meeting. I'd like to announce that Kyle Crotty joined our Department in October of 2016 as the new Heritage Program Co-ordinator position out of Nain. Also Jenna Anderson joined our department on November 1st, 2016 as the Visitor Experience Co-ordinator within the Tourism Division. Jenna is based in our Makkovik office and brings extensive tourism and academic training and experience with the expedition cruise industry, Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station and Parks Canada. Also, Mr. Speaker, Belinda Webb

was the successful candidate for the Deputy Minister position for the Department and officially started December 19, 2016. She is currently performing the Director of Culture and Deputy Minister role. Belinda brings to the Department and the Deputy Minister position experience at federal and provincial levels of Government and national organization, as well as a bachelor and masters in tourism management. Welcome. Mr. Speaker, a report from the Culture Division. The Inuit Studies Conference in October of last year, 2016, from October 7th to the 10th, and there was a funding contribution of \$182,000. Mr. Speaker, this was co-hosted by the Nunatsiavut Government and Memorial University under the auspices of the Tradition and Transition Research Partnership, and the 20th bi-annual Inuit Studies Conference was a success, Mr. Speaker. A total of 519 participants, the conference attracted the second largest number of attendees in Inuit Studies Conference history topped only by the Smithsonian Institution. Mr. Speaker, nearly half of those attending and participating in the Inuit Studies Conference 2016 were themselves Inuit representing a significant shift from previous conferences where a considerable majority of the participants were academics. All five keynote speakers were Inuk addressing the topics of Inuit leadership and governance. For instance, the President of Inuit Tapariit Kanatami and also the President of the National Inuit Youth Council. There are also keynote speakers for Contemporary Inuit Culture Expression, Mr. Speaker. Tanya Tagaq and Joar Nongo and Indigenous Language Revival. For instance, Natalia Radunovich. The unprecedented degree of Inuit

engagement in this year's conference was made possible by generous support of the Nunatsiavut Government, and several federal agencies which earmark funds specifically to facilitate the participation of Inuit presenters and artists. Specifically, Nunatsiavut Government through the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Department contributed the following: CRT was able to obtain funding from Indigenous and Northern Affairs in the amount of 50,000 to provide, co-ordinate subsidies to approximately 34 individuals to attend in the amount through its funding. CRT was also able to attend funding from Canadian Heritage in the amount of 50,000 to co-ordinate the Katingavik Inuit Arts Festival. The Culture Division co-ordinated the attendance of local performers such as the Sun Dogs, Carrie Obed, Joan Dicker, Nain Brass Band, Gary and Jennifer Mitchell, etcetera. CRT was able to obtain funding from the International Grenfell Association in the amount of 82,000 for the SakKijâjuk Arts Exhibition which opened at the rooms on October 7th, 2016, and this featured 87 works of arts and crafts from 47 artists from across Nunatsiavut. SakKijâjuk broke the rooms' all-time attendance record with over 800 visiting guests on the exhibition on its first day. CRT co-ordinated the attendance of eight local artists; Jason Jacque, Samantha Jacque, Derek Pottle, Nellie Winters, Ryan Winters, Sarah Jensen, Sophie Pamak and Lucas John Terriak. As part of SakKijâjuk, Culture, Recreation and Tourism has submitted an additional proposal to the International Grenfell Association to support the exhibition's movement to additional cities such as Ottawa and Winnipeg. Mr. Speaker, in regards to

translations, the following is a word count for translation that the Division of Culture has provided to date. This will give you an idea of the amount of *Inuttitut* to English translation and the amount of work that the Translation Department has undertaken. 8,726 in September of 2016; 9,778 in October of 2016, 10,986 in November, 2016, 28,150 of December, 2016, and as of January 17, 2017, 3,903. Mr. Speaker, the Conference Board of Canada. The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism with the Conference Board of Canada and Parks Canada hosted a meeting in Goose Bay from January 17 to 18 to discuss with key individuals and players that are, or have been, involved with the base camp and research operations. The intent of the research is to provide the Nunatsiavut Government with recommendations and possible business models for the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station. The meetings were very well attended, and there is a continuation of these meetings happening in Nain in early March. Mr. Speaker, on the Tourism Division, Aboriginal Tourism Canada. The Minister, Deputy Minister and Director of Tourism attended an Aboriginal Tourism Meeting from January 19th to the 21st, 2017 to learn about Destination Canada and Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada. This meeting was supported and co-ordinated by the federal members of Parliament, Yvonne Jones, Gudy Hutchings and Scott Simms. Also Minister Mithelmore with the Newfoundland and Labrador Government responsible for tourism with the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Developments was also in attendance. This meeting

was very fitting as a Director of Tourism has joined the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada as a Board Member. Tourism Division Update. Work has begun on the 2017 Nunatsiavut Visitors Guide. The 2016 Guide was our best guide yet. With the support of Air Labrador, we were able to have it distributed in all their flights. And in partnership with the Economic Development Division we completed three tourism opportunity assessments, Sea Kayaking, Rigolet Tourism and Mealy Mountains both coastal touring and inland hiking. Mr. Speaker, staff will be meeting with Inuit Community Governments, hospitality businesses and community heritage groups within 2017. Staff are working closely with Destination Labrador and Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism on support to our community tourism businesses to help ensure that they comply to new standards and regulations. Media continues to work with us on major profiles including the Boston Globe and Enroute Magazine. Tour operators are building new itineraries to promote and increase tourism in Nunatsiavut. That's it for now, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I believe that the First Minister will be reading the update from the Department of Education, Economic Development. Before we go to that we have reached the time limit for Ministers Statements, and I'll be asking the unanimous consent of the Assembly, 16.1, to proceed with Ministers Statements this morning. Are there any nays? I recognize the Honourable First Minister on behalf of the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Federal Funding Contracts. The Division of Department of Education and Economic Development. The Division has secured \$476,767 over three years in federal funding from INAC. The funding will focus on maximizing benefits for Inuit business related to the Voisey's Bay Underground Mine Expansion. Three specific focus areas for the funding include: 1) Completing a Compliance Review and Assessment, hiring a Compliance Officer to assist in policy development, support companies through the pre-qualification process, host information sessions and revamp an Inuit Business Registry. 2) Will conduct a Needs Assessment and providing business training and support to meet identified needs. 3) Will complete a Supply Chain Analysis to determine ways in which Inuit businesses can further take advantage of this opportunity. In partnership with the Innu we are completing an RRF process. This contract has been awarded to LIDD Supply Chain Intelligence, Montreal, and will be completed by June, 2017. In the Division of Business Development the Division has approved two Inuit businesses to be added to our registry. Five additional application requests are under review. We have assisted seven entities or individuals with business start-up inquiries. Between mid-November and mid-January, 45 underground packages were received from Vale with our Division submitting 73 business nominations and 8 companies met pre-qualification requirements. Industry Support and Research. Northern Exposure Trade Show and Conference. The Department is supporting six Inuit businesses to attend the Northern Exposure Trade Show and

Conference hosted by the Labrador Chamber of Commerce in St. John's this week. Building on opportunities for networking industry awareness and partnership opportunities, we have arranged a federal procurement training session during the event that is opened to all attending Inuit businesses. Status of Women Canada Contract. Through our Status of Women contract we have explored the successes and hurdles of Inuit women in business. We completed two best practise missions to Nunavut and Nunavik and hosted an event in Hopedale last week. The 13 current or potential female businesses in attendance, each Nunatsiavut community was represented, and 8 industry sectors including craft, accommodation, retail, photography, catering, cosmetics, real estate and food and beverage were present. This event was supported by the attendance of the Nunatsiavut Government Status of Women Office and AnânuKatiget Tumingit Regional Inuit Women's Association, CBDC and Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs. We drew on our local success stories and show case two female Inuit business owners; Sandy Michelin of Rigolet and Patty Dicker of Hopedale. The key message from the early research indicates are anxious to be in business and require additional support from the Nunatsiavut Government. Four early outcomes of the discussions suggests women need: 1) An annual/bi-annual business conference. 2) They need additional support with business plans and assistance in loans and grants, etcetera. 3) Require a loan or a grant program and 4) Assistance for the craft sector development and market readiness. We welcome this

feedback and thank all participants who attended this important event. The summary report including recommendations on how the Nunatsiavut Government can further support this under Representative Business Sector will be available in March. Nunatsiavut-specific business documents will be out by May. We congratulate Brenda Jararuse for successfully completing the research delivery phase of this project and thank Molly Shiwak and Melva Williams for assisting the organization and delivery of these events. And I think that concludes this portion of her report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I believe that we have finished with Ministers Statements. Before we proceed to "Member Statements," we'll have a break, 15 minutes. Reconvene at 10:30. Thank you.

(Recess)

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Before the break we were about to finish item four, "Ministers Statements." We'll now move onto item five on your *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Do we have any member statements today? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, on behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year. Makkovik Inuit Community Government would like to congratulate Kim Anderson in receiving her award for 13 years' service with the Junior/Senior Rangers. We'd like to say hats off to Kim for her hard work and dedication. We extend a warm welcome to our new gym

teacher of John Christian Earhart Memorial School, Garrett McLean.

Congratulations to Roy Martin in his new position with Makkovik Inuit Community Government as Water/Sewer Maintenance Operator. We wish him the best in his new position. We welcome Cindy Dwyer as our new Chief Administration Officer and wish her the best of luck.

Congratulations as well to Jenna Anderson and Chas Evans in their new positions as already mentioned this morning. The Makkovik Inuit Community Government would like to take the opportunity to thank the Provincial Government for providing and approving our seat dollars applications. We're very pleased and appreciate this funding as it goes to help many of our seniors and disabled in our community over those long harsh cold winter months. Some of the activities that our program were assisting seniors in wood cutting, snow clearing, crops for our Moravian Church and for our local craft shop. Also thanks to the local Makkovik Trust for support in providing extra funding to extend this project. I'd like to comment and acknowledge Kate Mitchell as a member of our local Pantry Committee in her hard work in obtaining funding and wood for our seniors for providing food and hampers for those people in need. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I guess, I just want to take this time to pass on sincere condolences to a number of families that lost loved ones since the last sitting of this Assembly. Brenda Maggo, a young lady, who

was born in Nain but lived her whole life with her foster family. Brenda was laid to rest in her homeland with her biological family by her side back home in Nain. Sally Voisey passed away on November 1st in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Sally was born in Hebron, spent most of her years in Nain until she moved into a seniors care facility. Prior to her passing Sally was the eldest resident of our community and she passed away at the age of 93 years. Hannah Dyson Obed passed away just before Christmas while she was placed in a foster home in Newfoundland. Hannah was six years old. Justine Kalleo passed away early yesterday morning in St. John's Newfoundland. Justine was born and raised in Nain and she moved to Newfoundland several years ago. She is survived by her common-law spouse, brother, John and sister, Roseena, large circle of family and friends. Sincere condolences to the Maggo, Voisey, Obed and Dyson and the Kalleo families. Mr. Speaker, Nain Huskies. They've done it again, Mr. Speaker. Nain Huskies took gold in the Triple A Regional Volleyball Championship that was held in Sheshatshui in mid-November. The boys are Matthew Ford, James Dicker, Seth Dicker, Hunter Fox, Ethan Shiwak, Trevor Dicker, Jobie Lidd, and with coach, Ms. Julie Dicker. The Huskies also travelled to Bonavista, Newfoundland in early December to play in the Provincial Championships where they placed second taking home silver. Congratulations to the Nain Huskies. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take this time, you know, to recognize one of our students that is attending Memorial University in Cornerbrook. Chaim Anderson is a first year student attending Memorial University of Newfoundland in

Cornerbrook studying nursing. Chaim received an award for excellence in chemistry from the Dean of Science and Environment, and she's also the recipient of a thousand dollar scholarship in recognition of excellence achievement in early childhood development. Chaim is a single mother working her way to a promising career in nursing. Congratulations, Chaim, on your achievements to date and wishing her all the best as her schooling continues. Mr. Speaker, in December Nain said goodbye to two individuals that have contributed to our community in so many ways. Pastor Andrews and his wife, Ivy, moved to Nain six years ago in January, 2010 with the Pentecostal Church. They reach out to people in our community to better their lives. Never turned anyone away that showed up on their doorstep. Supported many families in times of need, provided support groups such as Wow: Women of Worth. Addictions healing through teaching of the bible, held annual plow drives and provided a means to gather wood for seniors. Not only will the community miss Junior and Ivy, but they will miss Nain too. Junior and Ivy will be moving to the civil war torn country of Africa later this January. I want to take this time, Mr. Speaker, to thank Junior and Ivy for all that they've done for our community over the past six years. Although their time was short in Nain, they have made a difference and I want to wish them well on their new mission, new adventure to Africa. Mr. Speaker, the Non-insured Health Benefits Program is a federally funded health program administered by the Department of Health and Social Development to provide a broad range of health services to our

beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut, Labrador and elsewhere within Canada, health programs that our beneficiaries truly appreciate. Times are changing, circumstances are changing and with that changes are needed in program delivery. Others in the Assembly have raised concerns and some of those were heard here with new practises implemented. Examples such as escort services for pregnant women and to increase accommodation rates. Non-insured health benefits in Nunatsiavut are provided by two levels of government, the Provincial Government through advance education and skills and our Nunatsiavut Government through Department of Health and Social Development. Two servers or program delivery agents that deliver very similar non-insured health benefits, and this could be, and in most cases to be, very complicated to our beneficiaries whether you are a client of AES, or Advanced Education Skills or a beneficiary looking for extra assistance. A service or a program that should be delivered under one umbrella, and the NG should be holding that umbrella to provide programs that meet the needs of our beneficiaries of today and for program consistency. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, I'm very pleased to hear this morning from Minister Flowers. I want to thank you as well at looking at reviewing and hopefully revising current accommodation policies that will meet the needs of our beneficiary. Over the past three months I have heard from several constituents having to cancel their medical appointments in Goose Bay as they are having difficulty in finding accommodations while traveling out for an appointment. As I said earlier the Department of Health and Social

Development has made improvements and implemented new policies on their non-insured health benefits. In accommodation policies for patients and escorts travelling for medical appointments to Goose Bay should now be consistent across the board. Mr. Speaker, I am again very pleased to hear Minister Flowers for, I guess, hearing our voices with respect to child protection of our children. Very important issue that I've dealt with on many occasions over the last two years. But, Mr. Speaker, I still do have to say I'm somewhat a little bit disappointed. Before I go there, I want to thank you, Greg, too, as well, that, you know, you continue to advocate as hard as you can and hearing us and advocating for the protection of our children. But I do have to say that I'm somewhat a little bit disappointed with the Department of Child, Seniors and Social Development, formerly, the Child Youth and Family Services of the Provincial Government not making the solid commitment to come here and address, you know, this Assembly on the concerns that would be brought forward with respect to child care and protection of our children. Mr. Speaker, I truly recognize your efforts and look to you to continue your efforts to have both Child Services and Social Development and Department of Health and Social Development here at this level to address this very important concern from our communities. Again I am very pleased with the report from the First Minister regarding housing and the many initiatives that they have undertaken since the last sitting of the Assembly, and I was going to save my comments and my questions later as I believe the First Minister did make a commitment at this

Assembly to provide this Assembly with an update or presentation outside of the Assembly on the housing strategy or what this Nunatsiavut Government is doing in regards to housing. So I certainly look to First Minister Kate for that presentation to still be available to this Assembly, although that she has said she will give another update at the next Assembly, so. Mr. Speaker, my member statement today does not really reflect how busy my office has been since the last sitting of the Assembly. I can really say that I continue to deal with Members of my constituency on a daily basis. I know the Standing Orders limits my statements to five minutes a day and can only address one issue. My first statement, I just want to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to at least share some of my dealings that I've been dealing with since the last sitting of the Assembly. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. BLAKE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This morning, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the following: Minister Shiwak, Deputy Minister McLean, Trevor Bell and our President, Johannes Lampe, for hosting public meetings in the communities of North West River, Mud Lake, Happy Valley Goose Bay. Mr. Speaker, these meetings were very informative, eye-opening and each community they were lengthy with many questions asked along with concerns heard regard methyl mercury. Also at this time I would like to thank Ordinary Member Mr. Pamak, Minister Lyall, Minister Flowers, Minister Kemuksigak, Deputy Minister Kinney, AngajukKâk Jack

Shiwak and First Minister, Kate Mitchell, for taking the time out of their busy schedules to show support to Make Muskrat Right. I would like to commend the communities that held rallies of support to show their concern for their fellow beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker, recognition needs to go out to all individuals who showed support by donating food, wood, tents, financially sent encouraging messages. Our town of Happy Valley Goose Bay employees need to be thanked as well. Mr. Speaker, our land protectors in Rigolet, North West River, Mud Lake, Sheshatshui, and Happy Valley Goose Bay and within Nunatsiavut certainly deserves a huge thank you. *Nakummek Illonasi*. Mr. Speaker, the beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville and myself would like to thank our President, Johannes Lampe, for writing support letters. 1) Asking the Premier of our Province to drop all charges against land protectors. 2) Ask him to host public meetings in Upper Lake Melville concerning the North Spur. Mr. Speaker, the beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville and myself still have concern for the instability of the North Spur. After attending public meetings that were held by Nalcor, the beneficiaries still have a genuine fear and lack of trust. Even after the short 20-minute presentation offered there were many in attendance and their growing frustration against Nalcor certainly showed in each community meeting. The lack of concern, information, and inappropriate answers to questions showed overall that Nalcor's presentation was truly unprofessional. Mr. Speaker, I would like to send condolences to the family and fellow police officers of the late Inspector Peery. Mr. Speaker, this is the gentleman who I was

in contact with just about every day to try and keep the protests peaceful. Mr. Speaker, he called many hours late at night to go over and, you know, when things get out of hand, but this man genuinely wanted to keep it peaceful. Again, please accept my sincere condolences.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhalatik*. Mr. Speaker, as most Members, or all Members of this Honourable house is aware, the residential schools settlement class action lawsuit was approved by Justice Robert Stack of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador Trial Division in September of 2016. After the settlement was approved by Justice Stack there came a one-month appeal period for anybody who wished to appeal the decision and the settlement reached between survivors and the Government of Canada. There were no appeals to that settlement, and after that one-month time had elapsed, the application process for survivors to submit applications for compensation for their experience in residential schools came into effect. That application period will end in May of 2017, and very soon thereafter people should expect their compensations for their experiences in those residential schools. Mr. Speaker, although it's impossible to recognize all of the survivors of residential schools, I think it's important this Assembly acknowledge the efforts of three individuals who were instrumental throughout the process since this trial started. Toby Obed from the community of Hopedale, Mr. Speaker, was the

catalyst that drove this residential school settlement to where it came through the long 10 years of the trial. Toby, after the *National Residential School Settlement Act* was announced approached the lawyers for the residential school survivors throughout Canada, and through Toby's lobbying efforts and his advocacy they undertook this very difficult and trying case. Also, Mr. Speaker, I think it's important to recognize that Toby, Cindy Lyall Dwyer formerly of St. John's, now residing in Makkovik and Nora Ford formerly of Hopedale and Nain, now living in St. John's, throughout this trial process put themselves in the eye of the public, told their stories, and shared the impact of their experiences as a result of living in residential schools. Time and time again, Mr. Speaker, Toby, Cindy and Nora stepped outside of their comfort zone, I guess, for lack of a better word, and let their vulnerabilities down oftentimes after telling their stories only to re-live the traumatic experiences that they went through in residential schools. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I'd ask the Members of this Honourable House to join me in recognizing the efforts of Toby, Cindy and Nora throughout this whole trial process. It is my hope, Mr. Speaker, as a residential school survivor, that with the closure of this sad period in Canadian history, in particular the history of residential school survivors in Newfoundland and Labrador, that this will give closure, that it will help people move through the healing process and to help rebuild their lives and focus on a healthy future. So, Mr. Speaker, again, I'd ask members of this House to join me in congratulating not only Toby, Cindy and Nora, but all residential school

survivors for their patience and their courage, I guess, for seeing this through to the very end. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Thank you, Mr. Pottle. Are there any further member statements today? I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. *Ullâkut Ilonnasi*. With my colleague absent, empty seat here, I'd just like to acknowledge the absence of Trudy Barkman, who was the Chairperson for Sivunivut, North West River, the corporation there, and unfortunately she had resigned for medical reasons and we're going to Miss Trudy's presence. She made contributions to the Assembly, to our community by running the programs there for Sivunivut, her sense of humour to get people laughing at the time when we need a little lift, and we certainly wish Trudy all the best as she deals with her medical condition. So *Nakummek*, Trudy. My statement today is just a brief one, just report on the activities with the NunaKâtiget Corporation since our last Assembly in September. As previously mentioned we took on another farm project this past summer and worked in partnership with one of the farms in Goose Bay with the help from a grant from the Province under the Community Healthy Living Fund, and we appreciate the Province's contribution of \$5,000 that helped us with our farm project. We went in partnership with Nature's Best Farm belonging to Des Sellers, and he had a good deal of crops for the beneficiaries who used the Community Freezer. We distributed fish produce to approximately 130 households, and they were grateful for

this contribution that we made to them. We're well stocked with our Community Freezer at the time with corn, cod, fresh frozen char, frozen rock cod, partridges, rabbits, red berries, blueberries, strawberries, frozen corn and peas. So we've got a good variety of traditional foods for our beneficiaries in Happy Valley Goose Bay and Mud Lake. We have two moose licenses, however, we just had one of them harvested the weekend, and the other one should be harvested hopefully soon in the Rigolet area. We had about 880 pound of meat from the moose meat from the Grosmorne Harvest but, unfortunately, we had to return some of that meet as it was suspected of contamination which left us short, but we held out until now. I think we're just about running out so we'd like to thank the Department of Lands and Natural Resources for your contribution to help us out with our Community Freezer and keep our people happy with having fresh meat which is very much appreciated and just in time for Christmas. At this time also I'd like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government, Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Department of Education and Economic Development for the generous contribution of fresh frozen char made to the Community Freezer. Char is a very popular item in Lake Melville area, and we are very pleased that we can offer it to them as part of the traditional foods that they receive with their money pick-up from the Freezer. And unfortunately Torngat Co-op had a misfortune and lost a lot of their char this fall. So the Torngat Co-op's inventory has now run out of char so it's going to run us short for remainder of the winter. It's too bad because

we have such a good resource of char up north and more could be brought down to keep it going for the winter. We've appreciated having fish on hand. NunaKâtiget Corporation held its AGM in November and we had a good turnout with some good discussions from the people who attended. Our Community Freezer co-ordinator position is now at part-time, and we are only open in the afternoons, the Freezer part of it. My office is open all day. The funds that we save by bringing in the reduced operating hours by going from full-time to a part-time position is now used to purchase more food supplies for the Community Freezer Program, or craft instructional training. We ran a competition for the position of Community Freezer for the part-time and Debbie Hynes is the now permanent staff member there. We had run one resignation of a Board Member, Sheila Saunders. She resigned from the Board so we held election during the AGM and Sandra Boone was elected as the new Board Member. I'd like to thank Sheila for her dedicated years of service as a Board Member with NunaKâtiget and she's a very active member of Moravian Church and contributes to her community. So *Nakummek*, Sheila. As being requested by beneficiaries, we are now in the process of initiating a couple of craft instructional courses that are in line with our culture and traditions. We're offering a snowshoe making course in the next couple of weeks and, as well, some sort of sewing course will be coming up as well in the next few weeks. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Mitchell. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear.

**MS. GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I'd like to say thank you to the Department of Lands for supplying moose meat to our freezer. Once again our people seems to be enjoying the moose meat. At first they didn't take to it too good, but they're starting to enjoy it more now. Mr. Speaker, we have also received funding for the seed program again this year. We have some workers hired and they're doing local crafts and they can also do odd jobs such as shovelling snow and getting wood for seniors, widows or disabled. Mr. Speaker, Postville Inuit Community Government wants to say thank you to everyone that helped make our community Christmas Eve supper a success again this year. Without everyone working together, you know, events like this would never happen where our community is so small. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this a success. And to you, Mr. Speaker, personally, I'd like to say thank you very much for doing your greetings in *Inuttitut* at our community supper. It was surely appreciated. Thanks to the local trust fund for supplying our community once again with some funds to hire a couple of people to do upgrades at our outdoor rink. The children love playing outside, spending time at the rink which is a good thing because it gets them away from the internet and social media and gets them enjoying fresh air. Mr. Speaker, we're also pleased to say we have started working on the winter trails for this winter season again. We have the trail marked from Postville to Little Neck, and hopefully later on this week or the beginning of next week we'll be starting down toward Drunken Harbour area. We're not sure when we're going to be able to

get in on the trail going toward Goose Bay, but the sooner we get more snow we'll be doing that as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize Mr. Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

On behalf of the RICG and counsel, I'd like to send out sincere condolences to all those we have lost since our last sitting. I'm quite sure they took with them a lot of knowledge and information that we no longer have access to. Today, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to speak on a subject that I'm not sure I'd say bothers me, but I see it every day. And that is equality. I grew up in a time when the man of the house sort of went out and made the pay, done his thing. The woman of the house stayed at home, looked after the children, cooked, cleaned and all that. And we're happy to say I've had the opportunity to watch as women moved out of the house. They moved into the workplace. They took on rules and responsibilities that helped to guide us today. We have women that sit in very important positions. They're leaders. They're executives. They're Deputy Ministers. They're Presidents, and they do all these things. I still have to ask the question why do we need safe houses for Women, Why do we need women's shelter's? Why are women still marching for their rights? They have proven they are equal to us. They can do the same job we do. So why do we treat them that way? Mr. Speaker, to make it short, I'm going to ask everybody throughout, whoever's hearing me today, the next time you raise your hand to a woman, extend it to congratulate and welcome them as equals. When you raise your voice,

rejoice with them in how far they've come. Encourage them to go on, and acknowledge and accept where they came from and where they are today and accept them as equal partners in society. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Shiwak. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:** *Nakummek Uhatti*. Mr. Speaker, this is a brief report on community activities going on in Hopedale Inuit Community Government. You'll have to excuse my shaky voice because Jack, that was really nice talking. Hit home, so thank you. With this being our first sitting of 2017, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Our government has grown larger every year, and there will be challenges as with any government. My hope is that we can all work together towards making our towns vibrant and healthy and safe. Our contractor, Budgell's Equipment and Rentals Limited, started work in October, 2016 under the Clean Water and Waste Water Fund, upgrades to water supply system and upgrades to sewer system. I was very impressed with the amount of work completed in a short time by this company. From October to December this is what was completed. Water System, which is now 95 percent completed and within budget. They install the heat trays at American Pond intake. Upgraded electrical power in American Pond intake and chamber from 100 to 200 amps. Re-wired the interior with new boxes and breakers. They removed and replaced the old and worn out steel platform and

stairs in the intake chamber. They installed the water temperature gauge in the intake chamber. They removed and replaced the old and worn out exhaust fan. They removed and replaced the old and worn out intake structures in American and supplementary ponds. They also removed a major unexpected obstruction in American Pond intake pipe. They checked the freeze prevention system. That's the heat traced tubes on the transmission line, and removed heavily discarded valves in the intake chamber. They also removed and replaced four main six-inch water valves in the chamber. They removed and replaced two worn out basket strainers in the intake chamber, and they installed a 220 volt connection at the outside of the intake to make an attempt re-pumping easier in case there was another freeze up this winter. They also installed two-inch Styrofoam at the intake chamber wall. The sewer system related work that was done was they thoroughly cleaned out the piping and re-wired the temporary pumps at three lift stations. They installed new controls and pumps, riser pumps and headers in Centre Avenue, and they installed new pumps and controls in Harbour Drive Station. When equipment arrives, they will continue with that work in January. The town water and sewer work is 80 percent completed and within budget. They replace collapse sewer main and installed ground filter sheet and repaired a manhole in Centre Avenue. They also replaced two damaged fire hydrants with new insulated hydrants and recalibrated three megametres at the distribution building. They checked main valves for leak valve locations at Harbour Drive, Centre Drive and Siksit Place and

supplied and installed 15 residents' water pumps. There will be more done when the weather improves. They cleared the black floor drain through exterior wall and intake chamber and additional jetting two outfalls will be completed in the spring. That's a huge amount of work for one company to do in a couple of months. On December 17th a suspected water leak was reported. The water and sewer staff started work immediately to try and determine where the leak was coming from. Due to the cold temperatures and frozen ground water and sewer staff could not get access to Budgell's Buster to dig different areas in the water main until the 9th of January. On January 16th, 2017, water started to seep into the distribution building at which time the water and sewer crew had requested additional help. Budgell's was called into this to assist. They were quick to respond and arrived the next day, and the leak was found on January 18th and repaired on the 19th. There still has to be some work done, but due to the cold temperatures we could not risk turning off the whole water main and having people's homes freeze for the rest of the year so we will prepare this in the spring. To date 34 water freeze-ups have been reported. One home we couldn't get the water back so they're hooked into a nearby home. There is very little snow this year and this has attributed to the many freeze-ups that we experience. The Christmas season and parties went over very well this year with all parties being hosted at our Nanuk Centre. And I commend the staff for their hard work and dedication for the amount of work put into hosting parties for all ages. With a big centre to maintain operating

costs have skyrocketed making it difficult to find funds to maintain the building. I think this is a problem most Inuit Community Governments are facing now, and I think it's time that we come together as a government to discuss solutions for this increasing problem. Hopedale Inuit Community Government still continues to struggle financially and had no other alternative but to give four of our staff lay-off notices until further notice and our deficits have been cleared. We did have two resignations for counsellor seats. One election was held and we will hold another one in February. I'd also like to report that the wood was greatly appreciated by our residents. We have now run out, and we'll be starting a new wood program shortly. Here ends my report for this Assembly sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Are there any further member statements this morning? I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Just very briefly, I'd like to wish all the students of Jens Haven Memorial School well in their pursuit of excellence in their academic studies during exam week, and I do sincerely hope that if they choose to pursue further academic studies that they come back home to Nunatsiavut. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Lyall. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to give a big thank you and I recognize the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* for once again approving our application for our wood program, and we were very fortunate to be able to purchase 44 cords of wood because last year the going got too bad before we got all the wood harvested that we needed. So we were able to purchase 44 cords of wood from NGC and a big thank you to the Inuit Community Government for delivering the wood for us. I'd like also to thank our Makkovik Community Trust once again. We submitted an application for \$5,000 for our pantry, and what we do each year is before shipping season closed, we'll purchase frozen meats and staple dry goods from the co-op in Goose Bay and we'll get it shipped in and that's how we supply our pantry, and I would also like to recognize the Town of Churchill Falls. We were very happy to receive a donation from the Town of Churchill Falls to our pantry. They sent us \$800 to help us with our pantry, and that's really good because we've had to open our own bank account to be able to, you know, take care of our pantry and wood box, but that meant that we were only operating on, you know, the grants that we received. So that left us nothing for, you know, bank charges and things like that. So, you know, this would give us a bit of a cushion now. So and I'd also really like to recognize the Members of our committee. We're small in number, but I think we're, you know, we're very fortunate to be able to, especially this year where, you know, there's no snow, or hardly any snow so that we've been able to, you know, supply everybody who needed firewood with wood and our pantry is ongoing in supporting

seniors and low income people. So I'd really like to say thank you to Herb, to Carol Gear and to Todd Broomfield. Like I said, there's just four of us on our committee, but we're doing great work, I think. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ms. Mitchell. Do we have any further member statements this morning? If there are no further member statements then we will move to item six on your *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." At the September, 2016 sitting the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, asked the President of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, if the Nunatsiavut Assembly could be provided with a report at the November, 2016 sitting detailing the process on how the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology was appointed and how that process relates to the Nunatsiavut Constitution. I will ask President Lampe to read his written response for the purposes of the Hansard, and I recognize the Honourable Johannes Lampe, the President of Nunatsiavut.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek UKâtik*. The Executive Order appointing Darryl Shiwak as Treasurer and Minister of Finance was made under Sections 5.5.1 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. Section 5.1.1(c) of the Constitution states that there shall be a Minister responsible for the financial management and administration of the Nunatsiavut Government who is appointed by the President upon the advice of the First Minister in accordance with the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. That was followed as stated in the September 12th, 2016 Executive Order. Section 5.5.1 of the *Constitution* states that

the appointment of the Nunatsiavut Treasurer and other members of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council shall be from among the Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The order complies with this requirement because Darryl Shiwak is an Ordinary Member of the Assembly. Section 5.5.2 goes on to say that the First Minister cannot nominate a person for appointment as a Minister without agreement of the Assembly. The Assembly agreed to the appointment of Darryl Shiwak as a Minister when he was first appointed as a Minister after the last general election. Once Ordinary Members have been appointed as Ministers, the President, on the advice of the First Minister, can determine what and how many portfolios they are responsible for. This is outlined in Sections 5.8.7 and 5.8.8 of the Constitution. *Nakummek UKâtik.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. President. There are no further scheduled returns to oral questions today, and we'll move to item seven, "Oral Questions." Do we have any oral questions this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek Uhatti.* My question is to Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Finance, Human Resources and Technology. Honourable Minister, in your report this morning you stated that out of 634 applicants to the underground mining phase of the project at Voisey's Bay, you reported only 20 applicants were from Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. And further that I was informed through my questions since 2015 since the announcement of the underground phase

been started that the *Inuit Impact Benefits Agreement* will be followed to the letter with regards to the process of hiring. And also that money was supposed to be flowing to Nunatsiavut Government to train our beneficiaries from Ottawa. Honourable Minister, can you tell the Assembly where the Nunatsiavut Government is at with the training dollars flowing from Ottawa to get our beneficiaries trained, and why is the number of beneficiaries so low given that the *Inuit Impact Benefits Agreement* protocol is supposed to be followed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's my question.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. In response I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, to the AngajukKâk from Nain for the question. With regards to the first question with the training dollars, I assume that you are referring to the training dollars that would flow through the Department of Education and Economic Development for the training of beneficiaries to go underground. For that question I will have to get that answer for you and get back to you with that information with more detail on where that's at and numbers associated with that. With regards to your second question, why are the numbers so low? What you see, or what you heard in the report that was the first round of hiring. There was 634 applicants and 20 applicants from the coast. We're not quite sure why the number of applicants from the coast was so low in that first round of hiring. As you heard also in the report there

were a number of difficulties, number of issues with some of the companies with regards to the hiring practises with regards to beneficiaries. I believe not just Inuit, but Innu as well. We are working very hard to fix those issues and, as I said in the report, we have made it very clear that they had to address those issues with regards to hiring and the hiring practise of our beneficiaries. But, like I said, this was the first round of hiring, and we anticipate that the number of applicants from Nunatsiavut will increase and the number of people, if they are qualified, will increase as well. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? I recognize AngajukKâk Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Minister Shiwak, I understand that the IBA in its contents states what it states, you know, that the closest to the resource will be considered first, but I also understand that your office there was not occupied for a lot of the time due to medical things going on with the co-ordinator. Is there a plan in place that allows for that position or the fact that, you know, this important phase of the project is ongoing that the fall is not, I guess, I'm not sure what the word you used there, but it's made sure that the focus is on the IBA and not being left behind. So my question to you is that will that position be ensured that, you know, that the people who are looking for training dollars or looking for work or looking for help that somebody will be at the office to answer their questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. In response, I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. Again, first off, Mr. Speaker, I'd have to say that we're very happy that our IBA Co-ordinator, Theresa, is feeling much better back in her role in covering off her duties that was very much outlined by Mr. Dicker. This is a very important file, and at times like this when we do have new phases of projects going ahead or the training required for those projects to go ahead or hiring that needs to happen, that job, as you stated, is very important to insuring the beneficiaries are hired and hired in a timely manner and according with the IBA. That is very important for us as a government to ensure that that happens. And when we do have an employee such as Theresa off sick, we ensure that someone takes her place to make sure that the file moves, and that's what we did in this case, Mr. Speaker. Within the department we ensure that those files kept moving to ensure that beneficiaries were taken care of and that the hiring is done. Unfortunately in this case some of the hiring practises that were done, or that were being conducted by some of the companies, needed to be adjusted and we had to tell them that they needed to adjust those hiring practises because they were not meeting the requirements of the IBA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I recognize the AngajukKâk for final a supplementary. Thank you, AngajukKâk. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers, a question I raised in the past sittings at this Assembly regarding a seniors facility within Nunatsiavut. Minister Flowers, you confirmed or you committed to conducting a feasibility study to determine the needs for a seniors facility back in September of 2015. You informed this Assembly in June that the study will be conducted starting last fall in Nain. Has the process been started to assess the needs for a seniors facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Jacque. In response, the Honourable Minister of Department of Health and Social Development, Mr. Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque for your question. I guess the short answer to your question is the survey is still not started, but it's still in review and people putting, I guess, their ducks in order for lack of a better word, but a lot of the stuff has been done. But I can say to you, Herb, that the seniors survey will be done and it will be carried out very shortly, but I'd just also like to say that we are moving forward on a seniors complex for Nunatsiavut. We are putting in a proposal by the end of this month for a seniors complex in one of our Inuit communities in Nain. We are putting an application in to Newfoundland and Labrador Housing, and we're working very closely with Lands, First Minister, on getting this identified so that we can proceed with a seniors complex for Nunatsiavut this upcoming season. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? I recognize Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, again, Mr. Flowers. Can you give us an outline of what will be in the study to determine the need of a facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. In response, the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** I didn't quite get your question. Did you ask me what will be in the survey? A number of things will be in the survey regarding, I guess, asking some questions, asking what type of a complex seniors would like to see, how much seniors have an input into this survey, what kind of a facility they would like to see in their community and how, you know, financing is another issue. Like, you know, are they willing to, you know, are they willing to put in their own funds, or not funds, I suppose, pay, I suppose, a portion of their Old Age Security to help run the facility. Those kinds of questions, Mr. Speaker, that will be in that survey. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Thank you, again, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The NunaKâtiget Corporation tries to run programs that are in line with our culture. Like we have the Community Freezer Program. We're doing craft instructional training, what we can afford to do within our budget. My

question and this is one that's been brought up by the Board to put to you during this Assembly, is does your Department have any funding to instruct for drum dancing for adults 'cause we'd like to run a drum dancing course for adults in Happy Valley Goose Bay, Mud Lake area. I'm just wondering if your Department has any funds for this kind of program or training so we can maintain that kind of cultural activity in our area.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Mitchell. In response, I recognize of Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question, Mr. Gary Mitchell, from NunaKâtiget Corporation. I can begin by saying that the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism has budgeted prior years' funding for these types of activities. Your specific question. There are processes involved in order to do access those funds, be it through a proposal process or what have you. There may be other avenues as well through NunaKâtiget budgetary process during the year to either access those funds as well. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. With regard to the process for applying for funds for this, are you talking about applying other than putting it into our budget, annual budget, or applying on a separate kind of proposal for this? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Mitchell. In response, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker and thank you for the supplementary question. Those again would be for the specific way to access funding from the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, we would have to have something in paper in writing in maybe the form of a proposal, but as for your budgetary question that would, I think, be better directed to the Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology.

*Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Would the Minister of Finance like to step in to answer that question as well?

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I understand what you're asking through the budgetary process, how to access funds for, I think it was adult drum dancing. That would have to be done through the process that we follow every year where you submit your budget to the Department of Finance, and the Department of Finance then brings it to the Executive Council and eventually comes to this table as a regular-budgeted process. I think that's what you were asking. I'm not sure. If you can clarify that.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Mr. Gary Mitchell, perhaps to add some clarity and a final supplementary, if necessary.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'm getting a little confused. My supplementary question was supposed to be answered to Honourable Sean Lyall, but it's passed over to Honourable Shiwak. So I'll go back with it saying, yes, I'm looking to ask if we put in a proposal, can that proposal

go direct to the Department of Culture, or does it have to go in the form of adding to our budget which goes to the NEC. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Mitchell. To answer that, Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Thank you for your final and supplementary question and clarification, and the answer is yes, it can come to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for review. *Nakummek*.

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

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister for Health and Social Development. Minister Flowers I pointed out in my statement earlier that there's like a two-tier system in place to delivered non-insured health benefits to our beneficiaries. Both NG and the Province through AES deliver similar health programs or benefits which can be complicated at times for beneficiaries to understand with some differences creating inconsistencies. Has the Department of Social Development considered taking on full responsibility to administer non-insured health benefits for all beneficiaries within Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. In response, the Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Health.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain for your question. The short answer to your question is no, we have not engaged in anything with AES on taking over from them, but just to add a

little bit. But what we do do with AES is that if accommodations are up to the standard of the health department, we do increase to the same level as ours. Like for the meal rates and for accommodations if AES is, and we've been doing this because their rates are not the same as ours, they're lower than ours. So what we do is that we top it up to the same as ours, but to answer your question no, we have not engaged, but I certainly, you know, if that's something that we can engage in and talk about, I know that it is confusing to a lot of our beneficiaries, and I recall about a year ago that when the new government, there was some lay-offs in Hopedale and Nain through that program, and it put more, you know, put more onuses on our Department to try and help with people traveling, and so I certainly can engage or discuss this and see where it goes, but I can't right now tell you that we have not entertained that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. I recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

My question is directed to Minister Shiwak. Sir, can you explain the hiring process to ensure that beneficiaries are being hired when it comes to the underground mining in Voisey? Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Blake. In response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's something that I will have to get back to you on, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, and certainly we'll try to have that for tomorrow's returns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek.* We'll list that item under "Returns to Oral Questions." Do we have any further oral questions this morning? I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle, Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:** *Nakummek Uhalatik.* My question is for President Lampe. A couple of weeks ago we received a schedule for Executive Council meetings for this coming year, 2017. Needless to say, I think, both myself and my colleague, the Ordinary Member for Canada, Patricia Ford, were disappointed to see that there are no planned meetings for the Constituency of Canada. Can you explain why, Mr. President?  
*Nakummek.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek,* Mr. Pottle. In response, I recognize the Honourable Johannes Lampe, President of Nunatsiavut.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek UKâtik.* Thank you for the question for the Member of Canada, and we did look at the scheduling of the NEC meetings for the various communities serving Labrador Inuit. And we did have to look at the communities that we were not able to visit due to weather conditions and the Assembly sitting not happening back in November. So I will come back to you tomorrow and give you details of what it is that we had looked at in terms of the NEC community visits. *Nakummek UKâtik.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Once again, just to confirm, the question will be taken under notice and returned to the Member. The question has been taken under notice and the President will have a return for the Member for the Canadian Constituency. Do we have any further oral questions? I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I again like to direct my question to Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister for Health and Social Development. Minister Flowers, Family Connections in the community of Nain is a pilot project for two years. Certainly a great position to help families that had to deal with child, seniors and social development and to guide them through working with them in a number of issues being child protection and so forth. This is a pilot project. We've hired two great young ladies. Done amazing job so far, reported at the Assembly. I believe you also made mention at the last Assembly too as well. Unfortunately we're losing those two positions, those two individuals. They're both moving on to other positions and we're losing them to the Provincial Government and their other departments. This is a pilot project, and the reason why that they're kind of leaving is as a pilot project there is no benefits in those positions. I'm asking you, Minister Flowers, to see if these two positions can now become full-time positions knowing that these positions are valued in the community, have helped out great families even though they were only one year of the pilot project. Looking to you to keep these people within Nunatsiavut to see if that pilot project and the

benefits turn to full-time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. In response, the Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Health.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain, for your question. I'd just first of all, I can say that it is helping out families in our communities, and I think that is something that, you know, that we can take into consideration to be continued on, but for you, you know, to give you the best answer I can, I would have to go back and look at it and be able to give you a clearer answer tomorrow on this so that I can get the best answer I can for you. So I'm asking to put this over for tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Again the question will be taken under notice. Are there any further oral questions, this morning? I believe Mr. Gary Mitchell, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question's for the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and other portfolios. I believe in your statement this morning you mentioned there's a meeting coming up with the Innu on Section 12E. Are the Innu aware that you're going to be meeting with them on Section 12E to discuss the wildlife regulations there? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Mitchell. In response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I think that you're referring to the statement by the First Minister regarding the Implementation Committee and the

migratory birds for 12E and she had that in her statement. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Would the Member like to defer that question to the First Minister?

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Do I ask the same question to the First Minister?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** I can simply put that forward to the First Minister.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Okay. I'll ask the question anyway. You mentioned there was a meeting, I'm sorry I made the mistake of — I'm getting confused here, but who made it in the statement. I'll rephrase my question, yeah, then there's somebody else to ask. When is that meeting coming up with the Innu on Section 12E regarding migratory birds?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. In response, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson, for your question. In response I will say that I will get that information and I'll get back to you because all I have in this update, and this update is a work in progress. Whatever it just states a meeting will be scheduled. So if there's been any conversation with the Innu nation or whatever, I'd have to get that confirmed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*. Again, that question will be taken under notice. Do we have any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to President of Nunatsiavut, Mr. Johannes Lampe. Sir, it is good to see that the NEC is hosting open house meetings within communities in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. My question is will there be in the future meetings held in Cartwright and Labrador City? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Blake. In response, the Honourable President Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek UKâtik*. Thank you for the question, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. We have, as NEC, discussed the idea, but at this point in time we have not made any arrangements to hold a meeting at Cartwright or to Labrador City. *Nakummek*.

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** I recognize Mr. Roy Blake for a supplementary.

**MR. BLAKE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. President, can you please give a reasoning why there is no future plans for having NEC meetings in Cartwright or Labrador City? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Blake. To answer the supplementary, Mr. Johannes Lampe, President of Nunatsiavut.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek UKâtik*. To answer that question asked by Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, the scheduling that the NEC does to hold face-to-face meetings at communities right now is quite challenging, especially with the workloads that different departments have to do in between Assembly and NEC community meetings, but we certainly will look at that question that you're asking. *Nakummek UKâtik*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question again is for the President of Nunatsiavut. Just a quick preface to my question. Just about every time this Assembly sits there are questions relative to communication or lack of communication, information sharing with Members of Nunatsiavut Assembly sittings. Mr. President, late September of 2016, the non-executive members of this house wrote to you to request and ask for two specific things with the intent of enhancing communications across our constituencies and with respect to keeping beneficiaries informed of what we're doing as a government. I think I'm speaking on behalf of all the non-executive members of this Assembly who were sorely disappointed that we didn't even get a recognition or acknowledgement to our request. Therefore, can you explain why after nearly six months we haven't had an answer to the letter that was written to you in September. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. I recognize the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek UKâtik*. Thank you for the question Ordinary Member for Canada-wide. The NEC is working at enhancing the communication that you are asking, and right now we have been looking at how we can better communicate, whether it's internal or externally, and so I believe that we are moving forward pretty well, but those details are still in the works

with the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, but we will certainly need the help of the Assembly to work out those details that we need to enhance the communication that you are asking about. *Nakummek UKâtik.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable President. Does the Member have a supplementary? *Nakummek*, Mr. Dan Pottle. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is I think directed to the First Minister and, excuse me, if I'm not directing the question to the right department, but I mentioned in my report this morning our facilities that we're using now are bigger facilities, our Nanuk Centres, and in other communities, how they are expensive to maintain. My question, is there any way that we can get together to discuss ways in trying to find operating costs for our expensive buildings? Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Marjorie Flowers, I think we'll defer that to the Minister of Finance and recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, and *Nakummek* for the question. It's a common theme that we're beginning to hear as is the communities are beginning to build bigger and grander buildings. One of the issues that they're running into is the operations, and certainly, yes, we need to sit down with the communities, whether that's through the JMC or as an add-on to our JMC meetings, or at the Assembly. We do need meetings to ensure that we understand community finances, to understand that

what is available. Is there other avenues available to the communities to help them with the operations? And we will certainly make ourselves available as the Department of Finance to sit down and first and foremost begin the discussion on those issues. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. We have gone beyond the 12:00 p.m. time. I'm wondering at this point if we have any other scheduled oral questions, then we can pick that business up afternoon. If not then we can pick up at 1:30 on our next item, "Written Questions." So we will break for lunch and reconvene at 1:30 as the Assembly. Thank you.

(Recess)

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Prior to lunch break we left off at the tail end of oral questions. I asked if there were any remaining oral questions. There were none at the time, and we'll close item seven and move to item eight, "Written Questions." Under this item there's a written question from the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, which is a follow-up to a previous question submitted at the March 16th sitting related to the Hebron and Nutak commemorative plaques and whether or not these plaques will be updated and reviewed, particularly as they related to the Kolmeister family. During that March, 2016 sitting a response was given from the Honourable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism stating that the Department was to consult with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and also to reach out to the Relocation Committee to see if

there were any omissions. The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism committed to take action during 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. The written question today is as follows: Has the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism consulted with the Relocation Committee to determine if there were any omissions of names of relocatees that were placed on the plaques in both Hebron and Nutak? If so, when will the Nunatsiavut Government be replacing the plaques to accurately reflect the relocatees of both Hebron and Nutak? I'll remind the Assembly of Standing Order 34.4 "Returns to Written Questions," which states that the President or Minister shall provide a written to a written question within 10 calendar days with the clerk. Should the response be filed after our sitting comes to our end, response will be distributed to the Members when it is made available. Are there any further "Written Questions" this morning? We'll move to item nine, "Returns to Written Questions." Are there any returns to written questions? We will have the written question and then we'll ensure that that's drafted up and supplied to the rest of the Members, but you can read the written question under this item, if you like.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I can read the written question.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

You may read your written question provided it does comply with our standing orders that this knowledge, I'm speaking of Standing Order 33.1 here, that the answer is complex and is not reasonably to be assumed

within the knowledge of the President currently. With that in mind, you can read your written question.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

My written question is for President Lampe. With regard to the Energy Security Plan that was distributed or in our binders, I just wanted to ask the question has the Nunatsiavut Government looked to consulting with Provincial Government on power lines for Nunatsiavut from either Muskrat Falls or Churchill Falls? *Nakummek.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

The question isn't particularly substantive, but I'm unsure if it's within current awareness of the President. What we will do is have the written question transcribed, circulated and we'll have a response from the President within 10 calendar days once more. We will proceed if there are no further written questions this morning. Onto item nine, "Returns to Written Questions," do we have any returns to written questions this morning? Onto item 10, "Petitions," we have no petitions scheduled for today. Item 11, "Responses to Petitions," there are no responses or returns to petitions. Item 12, there are no scheduled reports from standing or special committees. We'll move to item 13, "Tabling of Documents," and I would like to recognize the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek UKâtit.* I would like to table the Nunatsiavut Energy Security Plan. *Nakummek UKâtit.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable President. This document will be numbered as tabled document 01-3(13). I'd now like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the presentation of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* and reports of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The report of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 02-3(13). The report of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 03-3(13). Report of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 04-3(13). The report of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 05-3(13). That concludes our tabled documents for today, and we'll move to item 14, "Notices of Motion". I'd like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, January 25th, 2017, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly convene as a Committee of the Whole to receive presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion under item number 16, "Motions." *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. That concludes notices of motions for today. I will move to item 15, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills," there are no notices for first reading of bills today. Onto item 16, "Motions," Minister Shiwak, I understand you wish to proceed with the motion that you gave notice to earlier.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion to receive the presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* into the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Minister. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? We do not have unanimous consent to the motion today. I do not believe that we have any other motions to consider today, and we'll move to item 17, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. Onto item 18, "Second Reading of Bills." We have no second reading of bills today. Item 19, "Assent to Bills." There is no assents to bills today. Onto item 20, "Adjournment." The Assembly is adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. We will be trying to co-ordinate some *Inuttitut* lessons this afternoon and hopefully we'll have that within the next half an hour,

**MR. EDMUNDS:** I'd like to call to order day two of our January sitting and we'll start with item one, "Prayer." I'd like to ask President Johannes Lampe to say our opening prayer.

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. We'll move to item two on your *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." I'd like to welcome those who are with us here today in the building and those who may be listening to our audio. The pages that we have with us this morning are Joshua Kaunak, who is just walking upstairs there and John Piercy. Is there any Member who wishes to recognize visitors in the gallery today? Yesterday, on January 24th, the Chair of NunaKâtiget Corporation asked the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, the written question if there had been consultation with the Provincial Government in the development of the Nunatsiavut Energy Security Program and if it was read into the record. After consideration, I cannot accept this as a written question as it is not a question that is so difficult as to require a complex answer which would not be reasonably assumed to be within the present knowledge of the Minister as stated in Standing Order 33.1. Therefore the written question will not be accepted as such, and I suggest that the Chair consider this question under Oral Questions at the appropriate time in the *Orders of the Day*. I would also like to take this opportunity from the Speaker's Chair to make a few comments. I would like to just quickly give an explanation about what transpired yesterday about the Committee of the Whole and the *Trust* presentations. Of course, we did not have unanimous consent yesterday to proceed with the presentations from the *Tasiujatsaok*, the *Implementation and Settlement Trusts*. According to Standing Order

37.1, 24 hours' notice shall be given for the first reading of a bill and of a motion. However, with the unanimous consent of the Assembly under Standing Order 16.1 this time period can be waived and the motion can be considered within the same day. Though notice was given to present the motion today, the Member is not obligated to enter this business onto the business for day two even if it was filed under item 16, "Motions" today. Any Member has the right to drop a motion that has been ruled in order if debate on the motion has not happened and there is consent from the seconder to do so. This is found under Standing Order 37.1. The trustees were unable to present today, and as a result the motion is simply unable to proceed, and again the Member has opted not to include this piece of business under our *Orders of the Day*. Entering into the Committee of the Whole for these *Trusts* has been a great practise, has been used as a way to not only ensure that the information is in the hands of our Members, but there's the opportunity for questions with the trustees and to gain a deeper understanding of what these figures mean and how it translates to the overall health of these *Trusts*. While we have benefitted greatly from the presentation from all the *Trusts*, the trustees are only obligated under the *Trust Deeds* to table the annual audited financial statements. What we receive at the Assembly level are these statements along with the presentation to enhance our understanding of the *Trusts*. As stated in the motion itself yesterday the Assembly is required to receive the reports from the *Trusts*, which is fulfilled through the tabling of documents. But the motion goes

on to state that the Assembly should consider the tabled documents into the Committee of the Whole. The process of entering Committee of the Whole is not required into the *Trust Deeds*. The trustees are unable to present today due to other demands and the motion to consider their presentation and the Committee of the Whole is no longer relevant. I hope that clears up any misconceptions.

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** You may state your point of order.

**MR. POTTLE:** *Nakummek Uhalatik*. Just clarification, I guess, on your description and process regarding motions. I would argue that there was no motion put forward in yesterday's proceeding of the Assembly regarding the Assembly to convene as a Committee of the Whole to receive presentations of the *Trust*. I believe what was presented yesterday was a notice of motion. So therefore I'm asking for clarification of whether or not the Member who put forward that notice of motion will withdraw that notice of motion, and I believe that that Member does not have to put forth a motion today as per Standing Order. So if you can have that clarification, please. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Yes, *Nakummek*, Member. Yes, you know, as it is not on the *Orders of the Day* for your consideration, the motion will not be considered. As you stated it was simply a notice of motion, an intent to deal with the motion today, but we do not have it on our *Orders of the Day* so it will not be considered. Honourable Members of this House...

**MR. PAMAK:** Point of order.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Please say your point of order.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess again more for clarification. I hope that what transpired yesterday doesn't impede on future presentations or going into Committee of the Whole from the *Trust* in the future. Just a comment, and certainly I share the views of Ordinary Member Pottle. Certainly I don't want to get into a debate, and certainly we can find other avenues to ensure that something like this doesn't happen again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Member.

**MR. BLAKE:?** Point of order. Could I have clarification under Standing Orders, what was the point of order from Ordinary Member Pamak?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Yes. This is something I was looking for as well. Mr. Pamak. Thank you, Mr. Pamak. Honourable Members of this House, the Speaker is a position which is defined by neutrality. While the Speaker can facilitate work by bridging our Assembly with other departments and other governments and agencies, the position by no means is meant to interfere with these departments or agencies. The Speaker cannot favour any group, particularly in applying or not applying the Rules of the House. The Standing Orders and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly serve all Members in fairness, and the speaker cannot leverage these rules and procedures to serve the interests of any member or any group. Honourable Members, yesterday I was met with an instance

where I believed there was a breach of privilege and there was contempt of the Assembly under Sections 55(b) and 55(e) of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. Section 55 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* states that the Members or a Member could be in a breach of privilege or contempt of the Assembly, if they are to violate any of the subsection including 55(b) and 55(e), and 55(b) a Member will be held in contempt if they are attempting to force or intimidate a Member in any matter relating to the Member's office. And in Section 55(e) a Member is prohibited from interference with the Speaker, Deputy Speaker or other Member appointed by the Assembly to an office of the Assembly in the execution of the person's duties. In this case the Member requested that I pressure the First Minister to provide the presentation to the Assembly on the Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy, or they, as a representative of other non-Executive Members, would not consent to waive the notice of motion 01-3(13), presentations by the *Tasiujatsaok Trust, Implementation and Settlement Trust*. The fact that unanimous consent was not given in this case is irrelevant to the point of contempt or interference. What is clear is that there was an attempt at forcing the Speaker into a difficult position in an attempt at interfering with the Speaker's office. An ultimatum was offered to the Speaker to act in the interest of a Member or a group of Members which I believe is a contravention of Sections 55(b) and 55(e) of the *Assembly Act*. As an additional point, the Speaker has no authority over the actions of Ministers and their respective departments. Again the Speaker can only act as a conduit of information

and shall not interfere directly in the affairs of departments. Section 54 of the *Assembly Act* also states that the Assembly may inquire into and adjudicate and punish breaches of the privileges of the Assembly in instances of contempt of the Assembly. At this time I have no intent in pursuing Section 54 of the *Assembly Act*, but rather I'm asking that the Member for Nain, Mr. Pamak, recognize that this action was inappropriate and apologize to this Honourable House and to the Office of the Speaker.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly totally unexpected this morning. In fairness I would have to apologize for my action. I won't give the explanation here and want to get into any great detail. I take full responsibility for the actions of yesterday, although it was in consultations with other Members of this Assembly. I take full responsibility. I'm sure you recognize that too as well. So with that, I humbly apologize to the Assembly and to you, Mr. Speaker, of my actions yesterday. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*. We'll move to item three on your *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements." Do we have any ministers statements this morning?

**MR. POTTLE:**

Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

You may state your point of order, Mr. Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhalatik*. Before we proceed I just want to bring to your attention the process for admitting strangers to this honourable

chamber. As per Standing Order 14(1) Strangers may be admitted to that part of the Assembly set aside for that purpose. 14(2). No stranger admitted to the chamber shall at any time enter into that position of the chamber reserved for the use of Members, officers, and staff. B) Send written notices to Members or Assembly staff except through a page on duty. C) Use any type of photographic, television or sound equipment in the chambers unless previously authorized by the Speaker. My point of order, Mr. Speaker, relates to in particular 15(1). When any Member takes notice that strangers are present on the floor of the chamber, the Speaker or Chair shall put the question. Strangers shall be ordered to withdraw. The question shall not be subject to debate or amendment. 15(2) Notwithstanding Order 15(1) The Speaker or the Chair may at any time order the withdrawal of strangers or clearing of the gallery. I see in this chamber this morning a stranger that's been not admitted to this chamber as per our processes. The stranger in this House of Assembly this morning is neither a Member of this Assembly, an officer of this Assembly or a staff of this Assembly. Relative to what had transpired here yesterday, Mr. Speaker, relative to the request to waive unanimous consent to proceed with a motion after there was a nay to that and this house adjourned I was very taken aback and very, very, very disturbed by a stranger in this chamber approaching a Member of the Assembly and questioning the Member's right to say no to the waiver of Standing Order. The person in particular what I witnessed had questioned this Ordinary Member with respect to what they had hoped to achieve and

what benefit was it to the Ordinary Member. So, therefore, I'm asking the Chair to exercise your authority as per Standing Order 14 and 15 regarding strangers to this chamber. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Member. I'd like to use Standing Order 23 which states that the Speaker may permit debate strictly relevant to the point of order before giving a decision. But before we use that Standing Order I'd just like to quickly call a recess of 10 minutes and then we reconvene to examine that point of order. *Nakummek.*

(Recess)

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Prior to recess I did state that according to Standing Order 23, point of order, we would open that point of order up for debate, but after further consideration, as Speaker and Chair, I believe that the point of order does stand and according to Standing Order 15(2) at this point in time though the legal service contract does contain lines to service the Assembly, based on the information on Standing Order 14, I'm going to ask that the Member withdraw from the chamber. We were on item three, "Ministers Statements," and we'll proceed with this item. I believe that the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and first to give another update from the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. The Finance Division has been working closely with the Department of Finance of the Government of Canada in regards to reporting

requirements for residency as it relates to personal income taxes. As you are aware the Nunatsiavut Government receives 95% of the personal income tax received from residents living in Nunatsiavut. However, there are still a significant number of beneficiaries who inaccurately state their residency. We have received data assisting us in determining the constituencies to focus our efforts on. Mr. Speaker, the Ordinary Members in these constituencies have provided great assistance in coming up with solutions on communicating this message and also in delivering the message. Thank you for your assistance. The current *Owned Source Revenue Capacity Agreement* expires on March 31st, 2017. The Nunatsiavut Government negotiation team for its renewal is composed of Isabella Pain and Rexanne Crawford. A proposal for the renewal has been submitted to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Canada. Negotiations are also progressing on the renewals for the *Implementation Plan and the Fiscal Financing Agreement*. Mr. Speaker, May, 2016 the Nunatsiavut Government, along with other self-governing Indigenous groups, began a collaborative fiscal policy development process with INAC to co-develop a new Federal Fiscal Policy on self-government arrangements. Mr. Speaker, there has been a series of meetings held and progress made on a new policy. It has highlighted the potential to address difficult issues, identify potential solutions and achieve some manner of consensus and fiscal issues collaboratively. The process is still ongoing. *Nakummek*. Mr. Speaker, Lands and Natural Resources. From the Non-renewable

Resource Division there has been some recent news from some of our active mining companies with projects in Nunatsiavut that I'd like to share with you. First, Vale has decided to postpone the development of their underground mine until the first half of 2018. The reason for doing so is to improve the sequencing between detailed engineering and procurement. The company's still committed to the project and we have been notified that the current work being done to build a temporary camp and prepare the portal locations will continue until completed. The plan remains to have ore from underground by 2020. Second, Quest Rare Earth Minerals has decided to significantly change the Strange Lake Project. Although the proposed mine is located on the Quebec side of the Labrador/Quebec border, the plan had been to build a road from the mine site to Anaktalak Bay. The road would have crossed Labrador Inuit lands and required the NG to conduct an environmental assessment to determine whether or not to support the construction of the road. However, in early November the company notified the Nunatsiavut Government of its decision to change its project and has decided to cancel the plans to build the road. Instead they plan to use airships as its alternative to transporting materials, concentrate on staff. Because of this change NG will no longer be required to conduct its environmental assessment. Although it will remain actively engaged following the project and plan to participate in the environmental assessments when necessary. We will continue to follow the progress of the projects and update the Assembly accordingly. Mr. Speaker, the Non-renewable

Resource Division took the lead in organizing a regional workshop on climate change. The event included 30 participants from each of our communities as well as Upper Lake Melville. The participants came from a variety of age groups and backgrounds, and each presented their concerns and ideas on climate change very well. Even though the event was organized as a way of ensuring that Nunatsiavut's concerns on climate change could be incorporated into the Government of Canada's development of a National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, we will certainly make an effort to keep this group engaged and connected in the future as NG moves forward on the climate change files. Environment Division. The Environment Division continues to interact with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, NunaKâtiget and Innu Nation to ensure the details of the Agreement between the Indigenous groups and the Province on October 26th are implemented. These arrangements include the finalization and the implementation of monitoring plans, the establishment of an Independent Expert Advisory Committee and Associated Independent Experts Committee and continued interaction with experts on how to reduce impacts on Indigenous health and well-being from the Muskrat Falls Project. This process continues to be challenging and we continue to work with our Indigenous partners to ensure the commitments are met and our concerns are addressed. The Division continues to interact with ITK, ICC Canada and the other three Inuit Regions to work on the Federal Government's Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Change. Recently the ITK Board agreed to directly

participate in four working groups of the federal framework. So at their direction we have been provided specific feedback in relation to climate change concerns in Nunatsiavut including issues such as carbon pricing and Indigenous participation into implementation of a federal strategy.

Lands Division. Our GAS specialist resigned his position effective December 16th, 2016 to pursue other interests. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours. The competitions were placed, this position is now in progress, and we are hopeful the position will be filled in the near future. In 2016, 27 land use applications were submitted which is the lowest annual number since our land registry was created. A GIA specialist attended in an Indigenous mapping workshop in Vancouver hosted by the Musqueam First Nation Farlight Group E3 and Google Earth Outreach. The workshop hosted participants from Canada, USA, New Zealand and offered a venue for Indigenous groups to share how GAS mapping software is assisting their groups, organizations and data management analysis and design making, technical training workshops.

The lease for the Makkovik Harbour floating docks and breakwater has been finalized and sent off to DFO for signing. DFO will not sign the lease until they acquire a small parcel of land near the proposed project area from Makkovik Inuit Community Government. Mr. Speaker, finally, the Director of Lands also participated in a visit to Postville with our Non-renewable Resource staff to inspect the Postmill Lumber sawmill site. The inspection was summarized in my report in the Non-renewable Resource Division. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a few announcements today. As most of you may already know today, January 25th is Bell Let's Talk Day. I invite you to once again join the conversation and help break down the stigma associated with mental health and grow Bell funding for mental health. In 2016 Bell added over 6 million to its commitment to Canada Mental Health Program through Bell Let's Talk Day, and we hope to break the record in 2017. Today Bell will donate 5 cents to mental health initiatives for every text message sent by Bell customers, mobile and long distance calls made by Bell customers, Tweets and Instagram, posts using #Bell, Let's Talk. Views of the Bell "Let's Talk" video on Facebook and check out #Create a Good Day. Please consider joining this important conversation around mental health and promote our local support and services. Also, Mr. Speaker, Don Dicker Jr., retired on January 20th, 2017 after having been employed by LIGH and DHSD for over 23 years. He's from Nain, so I'd just like to thank Don for his hard work and dedication to the departments that he worked for, and I'd say I hope you have a good retirement and take care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. LYALL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to give a report on the Archaeology Division in the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Progress towards the development of Nunatsiavut's repository has also been

made, and the first draft of a project charter identify roles and responsibilities of those who will be involved in the process has been developed. We hope to meet with the church council next week to discuss the old boarding school in Nain which we hope to develop a proposal to restore and use to meet Nunatsiavut's needs. The report on Nunatsiavut's 7th Annual Heritage Forum has just been completed and now available, and plans will begin for this year's heritage forum. Staff were heavily involved in the Inuit Studies Conference and participated through the presentation of multiple papers on topics like the Labrador Inuit Kayak and the development of a policy on Repatriation of Human Remains and Burial Objects. As well, through organizing and chairing various conference sessions such as the sessions on Co-operative Archaeological Sampling Strategies and the Labrador Archaeological Sessions. Analysis and cataloguing of archaeological materials collected over the past years has advanced greatly, and over the past few months due to efforts of our new heritage program co-ordinator the analysis of final materials collected by Nunatsiavut Government staff from a number of sites in Nain and Rigolet areas has now been completed and has produced valuable information. Archaeological and geotechnical assessments were recently completed in the community of Hopedale related to the adaptive reuse of the Moravian Mission Complex. This was done in partnership with Parks Canada, and the Federal Government has committed to continuing support work at the site in 2017. Nunatsiavut is now being represented by departmental staff members in significant

organizations and on committees which reach beyond the region.

Michelle Davis is a member of the Project Management Committee for the Traditions and Transition Project and is now a member of the Northern Scientific Training Program Adjudication Committee. Jamie Brake has just become President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Archaeological Society and is Co-Chair of the Canadian Archaeological Data Manager's Committee, a Member of the Canadian Association of Provincial and Territorial Archaeologists and the Canadian Archaeology Associations Federal Heritage Legislation Committee. Site records relating to Nunatsiavut Government field work during the 2016 field season are nearly completed, and work on report on a 2016 field activities are almost complete. And, finally, Mr. Speaker, the Department will be having a strategic planning session to develop an overall focus, departmental strategic plan in March. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Do we have any further Ministers Statements? I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all today I'd like to do an update on the Membership Committees. In my Minister Statement I mentioned that there were a number of vacancies, and it was the update on that is that on the 13th of January the appointments had been made and approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council to the Rigolet, Upper Lake Melville Membership Committee, Doug Blake, from North West River, Arch Flowers from Rigolet and Jane Shiwak from Rigolet. For the Nain and

North of Nain Committee, Jim Lyall, and for the Hopedale Committee, Rachel Saunders and, Mr. Speaker, in regard to the housing strategy, at the last Assembly Sitting, I committed to update the Assembly on the Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy. I have reported yesterday to the Assembly that the housing strategy is not yet complete and that one missing component is the housing delivery model. The Nunatsiavut Government needs to determine whether we should use an existing agency to be responsible for housing initiatives or whether the Nunatsiavut Government should establish its own housing corporation. We contracted the firm, International Institute for Sustainable Development, to prepare a report on the probable housing delivery model based on other Aboriginal housing delivery models across Canada. We have received a final report from the International Institute for Sustainable Development with options for a housing delivery model included. Since the last Assembly I have convened two face-to-face meetings and one teleconference call with the Nunatsiavut Government Housing Working Group to discuss the options recommended by the Institute for Sustainable Development. I have also asked Varian Hassam to attend these sessions to provide legal, technical advice and drafting as necessary. The Housing Working Group has discussed the options and have focused on one option that seems to be in the best interest of the Nunatsiavut Government and Inuit. We still require a visioning discussion session of the Housing Working Group to finalize the best option that can be recommended to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. After we have

completed that visioning session, an option for the Housing Delivery Model will be drafted and tabled with the Nunatsiavut Executive Council for discussion and changes or approval. When that draft is approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, we will be able to finalize the Housing Strategy and table it with the Assembly and, Mr. Speaker, furthermore, with housing, one of the things that we're hoping to do is the senior housing in Nain and an update on that. We have land that was transferred, 114 Middlepath Road in Nain, from Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation. That transfer is now complete. We have the deed and transfer documents. Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation has the funding program for seniors housing. Nunatsiavut Government has identified the site at 114 Middlepath Road for a seniors housing unit. We have contacted a firm to complete a design for a seniors housing unit that meets the Newfoundland and Labrador housing requirements and fits on that site. DHSD is finalizing the funding proposal to Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, and it was expected to be completed for final review yesterday. The deadline for the proposal for the Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors Housing Program is January 30th. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Do we have any further Ministers Statements this morning? On behalf of the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development I ask that the First Minister read the update report.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inuit Pathways. Inuit Pathways participated in the Travelling Roadshow Community Tour organized by the Economic Development Division. All communities were visited, and there was an opportunity to give community members information on Inuit Pathways Programming while developing relationships with business development funding agencies. As a follow-up to the National and Atlantic Engagement Sessions on the renewal of assets to help shape the future of Indigenous labour market programming, ESDC provided ITK with money to organize an Inuit engagement session. This was to look at Inuit-specific needs for a renewal and/or successor programs and to bring people to the table to look at the idea of having specific arrangements based on *Land Claims Agreements*. This provided an opportunity for us to have direct access to senior levels of ESDC and Service Canada to talk directly about Inuit-specific needs. The seven Inuit asset holders and their land claim organizations also had the opportunity to a sit down meeting with the Minister of Employment, Work Force Development and Labour. This was an opportunity to promote Inuit needs and concerns with the future direction of programming. Inuit Pathways asset staff completed a mid-year dialogue with Service Canada Senior Development Officer last month as mandated for the agreement for update on program delivery. During these few days a Service Canada financial manager also came in to complete the quarterly financial review. There are 36 clients currently being funded in long-term skills development interventions with other short-term interventions ongoing throughout

the period. A few work experience interventions are in progress and 10 have been completed over the last couple of months. These have provided opportunities for individuals to gain valuable experience as well as an opportunity for local business to develop and build a work force. Fifteen seat purchases continue to be administered for ABE in Hopedale and Nain Learning Centres. These are filled on a continuous intake basis, but it continues to represent the struggle for staff with filling the seats. Since the beginning of the September schedule there have already been six people discontinue or to be terminated from the ABE Program for lack of attendance. All these who made the decision to discontinue had already been on warnings regarding attendance and progress. And, Mr. Speaker, Education: Student Stats. As the winter 2017 semester gets underway, we have 120 full-time and 34 part-time students registered. At the end of the fall semester we had 12 full-time and 6 part-time student graduate. One medical drop and 15 discontinued for personal employment and change in plans. Policy Changes. The new policies that have been implemented over the past year have not had a great impact on our budget. The Rental Subsidy Policy has only had one person apply and receive it. Thirteen students have applied and received equipment costs. We have only one request for excess baggage, and so far only two students have applied for the extra travel for the winter 2017 semester. We expect a number of students applying for these benefits will increase in future years when they become more aware of them. IBED Update. All 14 IBED students successfully completed their fall semester. In

December the students were tested on their knowledge and retention of the language training since the beginning of the program. While some of these grades were low we expect that they will improve with more practice and reviews. Adjustments are being made for extra practise in testing for the remainder of the program. The program has seen many challenges since it began, but improvements and revisions are being made on a regular basis. And an update from the Education Manager.

#Inuk book, a Traditions and Transition Project. The first story has been selected by the Inuk Book Committee. The Christmas Drop by Samantha Jacque of Postville is inspired by stories told by Aunt Nelly Winters and captures a little girl's excitement living in Nutak and waiting for the airplane to fly over and drop toys and other treats for all the children. The story will be translated into *Inuttitut* and will also feature memories from Aunt Nelly herself. The call for illustrators will soon be out and inquiries and submissions can be sent to Jody Lane. The goal is to have the book published and ready for sale or distribution in time for Christmas this year.

Inuit Education Forum. A gathering to harness knowledge of Inuit education leaders. Through funds obtained from the SSHRC grant in conjunction with the existing research project, "Foundations for Student Persistence and Success in Inuit Nunangat," an education forum will be held in Nain from February 14th to the 16th. Inuit educators, teachers and principals from across the four Inuit Regions will come together to discuss educational goals for our young people, the challenges faced in the education system, as well as possible

solutions to these challenges and to map out a way forward in Inuit education. The forum will kick off with a community feast co-sponsored by the Nunatsiavut Government, Department of Education and Economic Development and ITK. President Natan Obed will be in attendance at the feast as well as giving the key note address on the 14th. And, Mr. Speaker, the Parent/Teacher Tool Kit. The Parental Engagement Project. Through funding from the Amaujaq National Centre for Inuit Education and the Arctic Inspiration prize, the Nunatsiavut Region has created a parent/teacher tool kit to help foster more parental involvement in our schools. The tool kit will be a pilot project first in Nain with the intention to bring in the remaining schools in Nunatsiavut over the next number of years. The tool kit consists of plans and information to deliver a different culturally relevant activity each month and is designed to be co-ordinated by a Parent/Teacher committee. The activities can be done in individual classes, groups of students or the whole school together. The possibilities are endless, and there is always room to add more should people have new ideas. The tool kit will hopefully be ready to be launched during the community feast on February the 13th. And, Mr. Speaker, an update then from the Inuit Pathways assets. Staff toured the Voisey's Bay site in early December and met with Vale training staff. This was an introductory session to find out about each other and ways of moving forward together. Inuit Pathways financial and partnership manager is attending the Northern Exposure session in St. John's in an

effort to build on partnering initiatives and a reminder the deadline for long-term training applications is March the 1st. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I believe that concludes our Ministers Statements for this morning, and we'll move to item four on your *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Do we have any member statements this morning? I recognize Mr. Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek Uhatti*. Just a short update on what's been taking place for Nain Inuit Community Government since September. The Nain Inuit Community Government acknowledges and thanks the Provincial Government for delivery of the Canada Employment Enhancement Program called SEEP which provided so far 70 individuals with qualifying hours for EI, and there should be three more by the end of this month. And the most sincere thank you to First Minister Kate Mitchell and NGC for the delivery of wood for Nain. I would also like to acknowledge the volunteers who came out and helped distribute and deliver the wood. Without them it would not have been possible. I had many phone calls of thank yous from the community, and I passed on that it was NG and NGC that donated the wood to them. They should call them and thank them also, and we look forward to the same kind of donation next season. And, lastly, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to acknowledge that today, January 25th, 2017 is Young People's Day for the Moravian Church in Nain. There are a total of 10 young persons celebrating today with 6 new young ones celebrating for the first time. We send them greetings and good luck as

today is a memorable occasion for the first timers, and that's all I have today, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Joe Dicker. I recognize the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like just to inform the Assembly of the Makkovik Inuit Community Government that I received a groomer subsidy for 2017 from the Provincial Government Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs to groom the snow trails from Makkovik to Burnt Lake. One important aspect of the grooming subsidy is ensuring that adequate trail marking is complete on the trails to ensure safety among residents and visitors coming to our communities. A couple of upcoming events. We also will be welcoming the Canadian Armed Forces again this year to the north coast of Labrador. They will be having an exercise near Makkovik during this time and we look forward to meeting them and welcoming them to our community and look forward to having some fun with them at our arena and showing our Labrador hospitality. In the past I've mentioned the official opening of the arena. Because of a few glitches that hasn't happened yet, but it will be I spoke to our Recreation Department, John Anderson, this morning the official opening will be now on the 17th of February, and I'd also like to inform you that on the 17th and 18th of February will be hosting our 25th Billy Quak Ball Hockey Tournament and would like to welcome each and every one of you to participate if you wish. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. BLAKE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge former Chairperson of Sivunivut, Trudy Mesher-Barkman, for her hard work and dedication to the community of North West River. Due to her failing health she had to resign her position. Trudy, I wish you nothing but the best in your health and what the future may hold for you. Mr. Speaker, I voice my concern on homelessness and the importance of a homeless shelter in my community. Minister Flowers announced yesterday that the emergency homeless shelter is now open with 10 beds in 4 rooms. This certainly is a blessing to the homeless in the Upper Lake Melville area. Hats off to all those who made this very important issue a reality. Mr. Speaker, Minister Kemuksigak and I have compiled a list of commissioners for oath and notary for the residential school survivors filing for compensation. This list is in my Ordinary Member site on social media, and for those who do not have access to the internet, you can call our office and it will be provided to you. Also, Mr. Speaker, Steven Cooper will be at our office, 1A Hillcrest on Tuesday, February 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 8:00 for those needing help filling out settlement and claim forms. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Deputy Minister Michelle Kinney for addressing concerns that are brought to her attention that were dealt with immediately. She was on leave at the time and I want to commend her for her dedication to our government. Mr. Speaker, I would like to send sincere condolences to families and

extended family members of beneficiaries who have sadly passed away since our last sitting. Donald Michelin, John Crane, Rose Spurvey, Hannah Blanche Gear, Chesley "Boy-do" Saunders, David Louie Michelin, Horace Goudie, Warren Butch Goudie, Jeremy Goudie, Helen Goudie Anderson. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Blake. I recognize the Member for Rigolet, Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I recognize today Inez Shiwak for receiving the Inuit Recognition Award. Inez received the award at the Arctic Net Conference before Christmas in recognition of her contribution towards Arctic research in Canada. So congratulations, Inez. The Rigolet Inuit Community Government, I'd like to recognize them for their hard work and for their receiving of the President's Award awarded by Memorial University of Newfoundland for public engagement, partnerships on Double Mere Point Archaeology Project. So good work and congratulations. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Mr. Shiwak, for that. Mr. Speaker, the last six months has been really a trying time. And I think it all stems from the Muskrat Falls Project. I've been supporting the government of our leaders in their quest to have, I think, it's four asked, you asked for a solution. I reported that, but in the meantime I think I've

had just about all my nerve buttons pushed. You know, you have to do this. You have to do that. You have to break away and go another way, but I stood my ground and I went. I think the Minister of Lands and Resources may have got tired of me calling him saying has your position changed because I was being pulled to go out on a limb and start my own. But I made this commitment to the leaders of our government in the negotiations and I stuck with that. The other side of it is that on social media and just hearing people talk, it bothered me that they somehow did not recognize or honestly believe that our leaders were doing the best they could for us. And this is something I truly believe in that if our government is going to work, we have to work together. We have to support our leaders. There has to be consultation. There has to be collaboration, and there has to be transparency. In order for us, as Ordinary Members and the general public, to really stand behind what we are trying to accomplish, we need everybody's support and we need to work together. You know, we can accomplish this. I may not be around, but hopefully let's set the foundation to start this working together and letting our people know what's going on and getting their support through understanding and transparency. Mr. Speaker, if we are to become a strong government, the leaders of our people, the decision makers of our people, we need their support as much as they need us as their representatives. So we have to work together, and by working together I think it's the only way we move forward in building a stronger and a better Nunatsiavut. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** [APPLAUSE].

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. Do we have any further member statements? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to recognize this morning the girls volleyball team from Amos Community Memorial School. They once again did their best and went to the Provincials and got the gold, so I want to recognize them today. They're a wonderful group of girls and also to acknowledge their coach, Nicole McLean, and the assistant coach, Boas Mitsuk. I also am pleased to announce our Community Enhancement Employment Program through the Provincial Government and to date we have helped 10 people to get their hours for unemployment, and we still have more people coming on stream so I'm happy with that. And also our Winter Trails Program, we have hired two people who started yesterday who'll be taking care of the trail from here to Lillian Island. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. *Ullâkut Ilonnasi*. I'd like to speak today on something that I've been speaking about for a while, and I feel that this topic needs to be taken more seriously by this Assembly. I'm talking about the communication; communication among ourselves as Assembly Members, communication with the Executive Council and communication with our beneficiaries. For some of us it seems the only

time we talk to each other is at the Assembly every few months, and then most of that dialogue is very formal and structured. It seems we don't have the time or opportunity to sit down together as a whole enough. We should be sitting down more together and discussing things outside of the Assembly proceedings. I think this is very important. We had a lot of free time yesterday. We could have sat down and had discussion about some topic that we might all need to have some input on or consideration for discussion. Most of our email communication is when someone is taking a day off or something like that. But no notification is given to us as Assembly Members when people are travelling and what for. I think this is important for us to keep each other in the loop on travel, purposes of travel. Sometime ago in one of our sessions here where Varian Hassam came in and addressed the Assembly related to the *Code of Conduct* for Assembly Members, I remember correctly one item that was mentioned was the importance of having emails responded to in a timely manner. This doesn't always, and I think this should be acted on, not just for Assembly Members but the whole civil service of the Nunatsiavut Government. Emails aren't always answered in a timely manner and sometimes lack information for what answers that may be requested. More often than not we are seeking information on issues on behalf of our beneficiaries that we serve. We need to be more efficient in responding to and following up on a quest for information. We hear about the Executive Council Members and NG staff travelling, but we are not always informed of where they are going or what the purpose of

their trips are, and we only notice because we see the pictures on social media which is all right. It's good to have a photo op, you know. People see this and ask us where so is and so going now, and what are they travelling for, and what will come out of this for our benefit or for the benefit of the Nunatsiavut Government? People these days are becoming more and more educated about things on how our money is spent and we are becoming more scrutinized. People are expecting that the Nunatsiavut Government to be more accountable in the decisions we make and be more transparent. Remember that we are working for the people, so the people would like to know what we are doing. We need more than a newsletter every three months or a news release to inform people of the various activities and projects that are ongoing. When I worked with a former employer one thing we did every Friday was send in a written report from each location, from each office. It was compiled into a regional report and sent to all employees the following Monday. They kept us in the loop on ongoing projects or what people attending what meetings. I'm not saying we should follow suit, but I believe we can kick it up a notch to improve communications and information flow. One thing that the NunaKâtiget Corporation has been discussing recently is a desire and need to have our own radio station for Upper Lake Melville area. A station run by local people for local people. This idea has been kicking around for a while from concerned people who find they are not receiving the information they are looking for various reasons. Our board is hoping to lay the ground work and contact various agencies to see

what can be done and what support we can get for it. People want to tell and share their own stories, make their own announcements, conduct their own interviews, tell the facts as they are and not always listen to opinions of other journalists or broadcasters. We feel it would be our way of a better system of information flow as well as a means of preserving our culture and heritage to our programming just like local radio stations do in other northern communities including Nunatsiavut. Maybe it's something that the Traditions and Transition Project can help with. We certainly hope and trust that the Nunatsiavut Government can support us in our bid for a community radio station in Upper Lake Melville and someone can offer some assistance in doing some prep work on getting it established. One last item. With regard to their Traditions and Transitions Partnership Project. I had hoped that we in Upper Lake Melville would be included and be given the opportunity for more involvement, but it doesn't seem to be happening. When this project, the Traditions and Transitions Project, was getting off the ground, we were including consultations with people asked to come to our meeting in Upper Lake Melville with Munn and Nunatsiavut Government representatives. You remember Dr. Tom Gordon and Mark Turner and a few other people came and asked us to come to a meeting, give our input for the Traditions and Transitions Project. Since then it seems that we have been left out. We don't even have a representation from our area on the committee while every other community in Nunatsiavut is represented on the Project Management Committee. And I've checked

out the site. There's no representatives from Upper Lake Melville on the Traditions and Transitions Committee, but they're from everywhere else. This does not seem like fair representation considering we have the largest population of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville area, the communities of Happy Valley Goose Bay, North West River and Mud Lake. We want to be a part of this partnership and evolution as well to create meaningful relationships in order to better understand the Labrador Inuit identity as stated in the Traditions and Transitions mandate. If we, as an Inuit government, want to promote and foster our Inuit identity then we need to include all Inuit who are under the Nunatsiavut banner wherever we are located. Only good communication and an honest desire to maintain unity among us can make that happen.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhalatik*. Very briefly, on behalf of my colleague, Patricia Ford, and myself, we would like to say thank you to beneficiaries in Canada, namely, St. John's and Ottawa who helped celebrate Nunatsiavut Day on December 1st in both respective communities. We believe Nunatsiavut Day to be a great opportunity to gather with our beneficiaries to celebrate our achievements, our culture and our successes as Nunatsiavut Government. Mr. Speaker, through the interest of our beneficiaries across the country we're hoping that other areas of Canada will work with myself and my colleague, Patricia Ford, in helping

to organize future Nunatsiavut Days across Canada. Mr. Speaker, my colleague and I cannot be in one place across the country or in many places at the same time, so we see this as an opportunity for us annually to celebrate who we are as a government, and we will certainly encourage and work with other beneficiaries or constituents in the constituency of Canada if they so choose to help celebrate Nunatsiavut Day 2017. I hope that other communities and constituencies will also put more effort and energy in celebrating who we are on the anniversary of the formation of Nunatsiavut Government on December 1st. Again *Nakummek* to our constituents in Canada, and we thank you for your interest and continued support for us as Ordinary Members and us as a government. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly it's been on my mind for quite some time, and considering my actions over the last day or so and certainly providing my apology today, it's a little bit uneasy for me to continue with my Member Statement, but I feel that I have to. I really have to. And this was prepared to be said at the last Assembly prior to this one here so. Mr. Speaker, in May, 2014 Ordinary Members for the Assembly was elected into office by their respective constituencies. I being one of two to represent the constituency of Nain in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Shortly after taking oath of office as Minister, a Member of this Assembly, I was nominated by the First Minister and appointed by the President

with the blessing of this Assembly as the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, a position I honoured in holding. As an Ordinary Member and a newly-elected official of the Nunatsiavut Assembly I first had to get to know and understand the roles and responsibilities of an Ordinary Member, a Minister, the roles and responsibility as a Member of the NEC and understand the government structure, both the Nunatsiavut Government and the Nunatsiavut Assembly and how they operate. Roles and responsibility took some time to learn. I'm still understanding being I was the only Minister at the time without any previous experience as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Understanding the roles, responsibilities and process did not come without its challenges, Mr. Speaker. In April of 2015 I was relieved of my duties as a Minister for CRT by the President at the time citing the following: Ministers are in position of public trust, are expected to be truthful, trustworthy and to act without self-interest in relation to such as travel and expense claims. As Minister of CRT my travel was extensive within the first year. Meeting with key people within the Department of CRT, other NG departments and with third party helped me gain knowledge of the department and the direction the department was heading. Travel was required within the department as is required in all NG departments. At our last sitting of the Assembly we heard from the Honourable Sean Lyall that extensive travel continues and still is required to fulfill the duties as a Minister of that department. Mr. Speaker, Deloitte conducts annual consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Canadian Generally Accepted

Auditing Standards for the Nunatsiavut Government. As part of their annual audit, audit risks are conducted. In 2014 to 2015 and in 2015 to 2016 audits, samples of expense reports for proper authorization of expenditures reviewed the supporting document to ensure that expenditures were conducted for business purposes. Mr. Speaker, both years Deloitte was satisfied that personal expense claims reviewed only include expenses of a business nature. Mr. Speaker, being truthful, being trustworthy and acting without self-interest, among others are listed in integrity in the *Nunatsiavut Code of Conduct* for elected officials for the *Elected Officials Act*, an Act that is supported by the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* in which all elected officials of the Nunatsiavut Assembly must adhere to. An application is in place to determine if an elected official is deemed in breach of *Code of Conduct*. In my case, to my knowledge, no such application was filed to determine if breached *Code of Conduct*. Therefore the process to determine my renewal as a Minister position was, in my opinion, unconstitutional. Mr. Speaker, on April 16th, 2016 I stated this is as part of my statement just shortly after being relieved of my ministerial duties. In my capacity as Minister, I did not breach any *Code of Conduct* as an elected official, nor did I gain financially from any travel while conducting Nunatsiavut Government business. As Minister, all my travel was in the best interests of Nunatsiavut and to the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. Furthermore, I stated my roles and responsibilities as a Minister for Culture, Recreation and Tourism was never questioned or raised by the President, First Minister,

or any other Executive Member of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council.

Mr. Speaker, I truly believe that being relieved as a Minister was personal in nature. As a Member of the NEC, I did ask questions. I shared my opinions. I did not always agree with the direction of NEC was heading on certain issues. Consensus was not always reached or achieved. Mr. Speaker, my personal life is exactly that, my personal life. My personal life did not affect the performance of fulfilling my duties and functions as a Minister. Mr. Speaker, I do not seek to be reinstated as a Minister, nor do I seek compensation. I do not intend to take any further action, nor do I seek an apology. Today I stand here for two reasons. First to ask that proper procedures which gives fair opportunity be followed in determining whether elected official is in breach of *Code of Conduct* as outlined in the *Act*. And, second, most importantly, it's to try to clear my name of any misconducts with you, Mr. Speaker, and to the Members of the Assembly and, most importantly, to the constituency I represent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek.* Do we have any further member statements this morning? If we have no further member statements we will move to item five, "Returns to Oral Questions." On January 24th, 2017, the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, asked the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, where the Nunatsiavut Government is with the training dollars flowing to get our beneficiaries trained in the underground operations of Voisey's Bay and why there is a low number of beneficiaries given that the *Impacts and Benefits Agreement* protocol

is supposedly being followed. Does the Minister have a response ready for today?

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

No, Mr. Speaker, I do not have a response today and I will provide a response in a detailed and accurate response to the Member.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Again the Minister will have the 10 calendar days to file that response. Also yesterday the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, asked the Minister of Lands to explain the hiring process for underground mining at Voisey's Bay. Again I question whether or not the Minister has this response ready for today.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Again, Mr. Speaker, no, I do not have the response ready for the day and I will provide a detailed and accurate response to the Member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Dan Pottle, yesterday had asked the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, to explain why the schedule of locations for the Executive Council consultations for the upcoming year did not include the locations in the Canadian Constituency. Does the Honourable President have a response ready for today? I recognize the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek UKâtik*. Yes, I do have a response to the question asked from the Ordinary Member Pottle on why there are no NEC meetings and open houses scheduled for the Canadian Constituency. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council is required to meet in person monthly. There are five

scheduled Assembly sittings a year. This leaves seven face-to-face NEC sessions that are held in locations other than those held in the community of Hopedale. Of those seven meetings there is one scheduled to take place in each of the other Inuit communities. There are three sessions that can be held in other locations. Last year we did not get to hold face-to-face meetings which were originally scheduled for some of the locations due to weather. This meant we did not get to all of the Inuit communities, so we are planning to get to those communities this year. You will note that we have two visits to Rigolet this year. This is because we were scheduled to go to Rigolet in December, but due to a death in the family of one of the NEC members this did not occur. The community of Rigolet expressed concern that the open house was cancelled. The President committed to go to Rigolet as soon as possible in the New Year to hold an open house so that is happening in February. The other open houses are for all of the Inuit communities and Goose Bay. We did hold an NEC open house in St. John's in October, 2016. We are committed to trying to get to the other locations in the Canadian Constituency to hold open houses. I will ensure that we get to the Canadian Constituency early in 2018 in response to Ordinary Member Blake on why the NEC has not held sessions in Cartwright or Labrador City. There have only been three sessions in the Canadian Constituency to date. I am certainly interested in meeting in other communities in the Canadian Constituency, and I commit to looking at locations in the Canadian Constituency. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable President. Also yesterday the Member for Nain....

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

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

**MR. POTTLE:** *Nakummek Uhalatik*. Just wondering if I have an opportunity to ask supplemental questions relative to AngajukKâk Lampe's response to my oral question yesterday because I did not have that opportunity yesterday when I posed the initial question. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** We can have those on the record and that could be supplied at a later date as well. Given that this entire question was taken under notice, I have no issue with the supplemental being listed and then another response being filed. So you may state the supplemental.

**MR. POTTLE:** *Nakummek Uhalatik* and thank you, President Lampe, for your response. I appreciate the timeliness of your response to my question. You had stated in your response that the Nunatsiavut Assembly has five scheduled sessions, I believe, throughout the year and the Executive Council for lack of a better word piggy backs on the time that we're here in Hopedale. It is my belief when the Assembly sits that we sit in Hopedale for Assembly business and not the Executive Council business. If there are plans to meet in the communities on a monthly basis then I believe that more effort should be put into meeting in constituencies outside of Hopedale during Assembly business. Therefore I'm asking you, President Lampe, would you consider holding an Executive Council meeting and open

house in a community in Canada and cancel one of your Executive Council meetings here when we meet at the Assembly? *Nakummek Uhatti.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek.* The supplemental question will be forwarded to the President and his office, and as soon as a response is made available within that seven calendar days we'll have that available to the Members. Also yesterday the Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, asked the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, if the Department of Health and Social Development would consider making two positions with the pilot project to work with CSSD permanent. I explained that the two employees left for more secure and permanent positions and as these were more valuable work positions the DHSD should consider making these positions permanent full-time with benefits. Does the Minister have a response prepared for today?

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I do. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Ordinary Member for Nain asked me that specific question, and I said that I would try to get the best answer that I could for him. So, Mr. Speaker, my response is in order for a position to be made permanent there has to be confirmed funding for at least three years. This is the human resource policy. This is a pilot project for two years so we were not able to advertise permanent positions. This is an ongoing issue, and often those projects get extended, but as we don't have funds confirmed for more than two years we cannot hire permanently. We valued those two staff members and would really like to be able to provide future benefits, but

this is a policy of NG at present. And, Mr. Speaker, just a side note. As to my knowledge today these two employees have not left for future jobs or better careers but, you know, they might be considering it, but as of to date, I am not aware that they have left the positions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Further, yesterday, the Chairperson of NunaKâtiget asked the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, when the meeting with the Innu on Section 12E of the Migratory Birds Convention was scheduled for, if the Innu had yet been extended an invitation. Does the First Minister have a response available today?

**MS. MITCHELL:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*. I recognize the Honourable First Minister.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson of NunaKâtiget for your question. There have been no talks with the Innu Nation. We are waiting to get confirmation in writing from INAC on what is required from the Innu in order to amend the agreement before any talks take place, and when we get that confirmation in writing and we know what we need from the Innu then talks will be scheduled. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I believe that that will conclude our Returns to Oral Questions this morning, and if that's the case then we will have a break of 10 minutes and try to reconvene before quarter after 11:00. Thanks.

(Recess)

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Before the recess we finished on "Returns to Oral Questions." We will now be moving onto item six on your *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Do we have any oral questions this morning? I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhalatik.* My question is for the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers. Mr. Flowers, it has come to the attention of the Canadian Constituency Office that there will be a women's conference held here in the community of Hopedale in mid-February. A few days ago, prior to coming to the Assembly we received an email from the acting Status of Women's Co-ordinator, Charlotte Wolfrey, whom, unbeknownst to us, had been appointed to the position. Ms. Wolfrey asked for our advice on how to get the word out to constituents in Canada that there were two seats available for the Canadian Constituency for participation in the women's conference. Since I came to Hopedale it has come to my attention that the two seats available for the Canadian Constituency are restricted solely to beneficiaries in the St. John's area. I'm wondering if you can explain to me why that decision was made, Mr. Minister. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek,* Ordinary Member. In response I recognize the Honourable Gregory Flowers, Minister of Health.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada for your question. I guess the Status of Women had to work within a budget. Their budget, as far as I can understand, only so much they could give everybody into Nunatsiavut. But if the Canadian Ordinary Member feels

that a representative from somewhere other than St. John's would like to come here to Hopedale, I would certainly take that into consideration and, you know, find some available money to make this happen so that, you know, we get the best representation for this conference that's going on here in Hopedale. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary? I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle, for a supplementary.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhalatik* and thank you, Minister, for your response. That was going to be my supplemental question on whether or not you would look for additional funds to provide dollars to bring delegates to the conference from elsewhere in St. John's. Again since that decision was made this morning I received a copy of two emails that were provided to me by our constituency officer outlining the concerns regarding the decision to have those Members only, those delegates to come from the St. John's area. A beneficiary in Moncton expressed her concern, as did a constituent in Halifax also expressed their concerns. So, Mr. Minister, is it okay if I forward those emails for you to follow up and respond to the concerns raised by those two constituents? *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. In response, the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, certainly, Ordinary Member for Canada, you can certainly do that and I will follow up. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a final supplementary question?

**MR. POTTLE:** Oka. *Nakummek Uhalatik.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek.* Are there any further oral questions? I believe the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek,* Mr. Speaker. My question is for President Lampe who I directed the written question to yesterday, but I had to go back this morning and use that question as an oral question. In light of the Energy Security Plan that was presented yesterday, I have a question regard to power distribution to Nunatsiavut. Has Nunatsiavut Government realistically seriously sat down with Nalcor or Vale to talk about a power distribution line from Muskrat Falls or Churchill Falls to Nunatsiavut?  
*Nakummek.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek,* Chairperson. In response, I recognize the Honourable Johannes Lampe, President of Nunatsiavut.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek UKâtik.* Thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. The Nunatsiavut Government have met with Nalcor and Hydro and other, you know, agencies regarding the Nunatsiavut Energy Security Plan, but we have not seriously talked about a distribution line to Nunatsiavut, but we have discussed different areas of how we can best serve Nunatsiavut with different ideas of how this Energy Security Plan can best work for Nunatsiavut communities, and the plan is still in the works, and so we are looking at ways of how we can best proceed to

make this plan work, but we have not seriously talked to Nalcor or Hydro about that distribution line. *Nakummek Uhalatik.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable President. I recognize the Chairperson for a supplementary question.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Aside from that have you had any discussion with Nalcor on options for a security plan? I haven't had time to read through this, to go through that. I just leafed through it, but has Nalcor or any other power distribution company offered any help in regard to options for obtaining power for Nunatsiavut? You know what I mean?

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

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek UKâtik.* Again, thank you, Member from Upper Lake Melville, and that is the sole purpose of tabling this document to Assembly so that Assembly Members can look at the plan and to see what it is that, you know, that we are planning to do, and certainly there are options that Nunatsiavut Executive Council is looking at. For example, turning our existing diesel generating plants into hybrids, whether or not solar energy or wind energy can be connected to make a, you know, the energy plan work for Nunatsiavut. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable President. Does the Chairperson have a final supplementary? *Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. Do we have any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Honourable Minister of Health, Honourable Greg Flowers. Back in September I directed a question to you regarding private accommodations for medical travel. At the time there was an increase from 45 to \$50. You said it would be revisited in January of 2017. Has there been any discussion? If so, what's the status? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. In response, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, Minister of Health.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque. We did revisit, as you suggested, and as of January the 1st of this year, 2017, we increased from \$45 per night for accommodations to \$50 per night. And we also are looking at increasing that amount if funds allow us to do that in the future, but I cannot give you a time or date for that, but that is one of the things that if funds become available that I can or we can do another increase. I certainly would look at doing another increase just because I know that the cost of living today or travelling is — \$50 is for food to, you know, to somebody who's putting, you know, accommodating somebody in their house or what have you is not a lot of money. But I would certainly like to say that if funds become available, I'll certainly look at it again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the 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 and Technology. Minister Shiwak, I guess you're aware that the Human Resource Department is conducting seminars or meetings on the Civil Service Employees Policy Manual. The Nunatsiavut Government employees 250 plus within the civil service, and there is some talk outside of these meetings of joining a union. All of the Inuit Community Governments are unionized. NG employees are expressing an interest in joining, however, are somewhat afraid to start that process. I've asked by several, I'll say that, by several civil employees to bring forward a question to this Assembly asking are you willing to gauge the civil service of their interest in starting a union and, if so, would you initiate discussion and to start a process with the union? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. In response I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and yes, I am aware of the consultation. I am unaware of the issue that you speak of, employees wanting to start a union. This is the first I've heard of it, but I will bring the question back to the Department for discussion. As I say, I'm unaware of it so this is the first time hearing it, so I will bring it back. Whether I'm willing to do the other things in the request, I have to bring that back first. It's quite a

serious question, and something I will certainly take back to the Department. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions this morning? I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle, Member of the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek Uhalatik*. My question is for the Honourable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Darryl Shiwak. Given that we are in budgetary mode, I think it may be too late this year, but I'm wondering are there any plans for next year with respect to consulting with our beneficiaries and other Members of the Assembly outside of the Executive Council for us to have an opportunity to provide input into the budget for 2018-2019. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and you're quite right. We do. The schedule for this year is getting quite tight, and I believe the deadline to have our budget is somewhere around the middle of February so that's a good point. With regards to the other point, and I'm aware in the past, and you're probably aware as well that there was extensive consultations done through the budget process in the past. The request is certainly something again. It's similar to the last question. I would have to bring it back to the Department for discussion. It's certainly a valid point with

the NG growing bigger and bigger every year, programming getting bigger and bigger every year. I'm not saying the budget gets bigger every year, but it's something we are expanding areas, and certainly I will bring that request back and respond to you and to the Assembly on the request. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The question then will be taken under notice. 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 Greg Flowers, Minister for Health and Social Development. First, I just want to say I'm pleased to hear in your report yesterday that you are fully aware of the issues brought forward regarding accommodations and accommodations rates and so forth. In my statement yesterday I made reference to patients having to cancel their appointments in Goose Bay due to difficulties in finding appropriate accommodations. Patient travelling to Goose Bay for an appointment must first try to find private accommodations, and not all patients, you know, have friends or family within the Goose Bay area to stay with. The next option for them is to stay at the Friendship Centre. Certainly there is new policies within the Labrador Friendship Centre that you can't make appointments now until you land within Goose Bay. So it's a challenge for a patient to make accommodations at the Friendship Centre understanding that there is a list provided by non-insured of people that take in billets. But a lot of people don't know those people. They don't know them, and they don't want to stay with them. And certainly, outside of that, the only other

option is for them to rent or to make reservations at a hotel paying the expenses up front themselves. Certainly this differs, policy from Goose Bay for a patient to travel into St. John's. Right now currently St. John's, you travel to St. John's, all patients are automatically provided accommodations at a hotel. So two different communities, two different policies. Knowing that in your statement yesterday, Minister Flowers, certainly you recognize the differences. You're looking to in the future of maybe hopefully having a one complex, but it's soon again. It's budgetary season, and timings might be short, but will you be willing to reviewing your accommodations policy and making revisions to ensure that there is consistency for accommodations for patients travelling to either Goose Bay or to St. John's? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. In response I recognize the Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Health.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain for your question. I guess, kind of on the outside looking in that's what you see, but actually it is not our policy. We just have one policy, but it is the hotels' policy that you must have a credit card or you must pay up front. In St. John's they don't ask. In St. John's, for example, the hotel do not ask us for a credit card. It is their policy not to do that so they, once our beneficiaries travelling outside of Nunatsiavut for non-insured health benefits, it's billed back to us and we pay the hotel, but the hotels in Goose Bay, Mr. Speaker, ask for a credit card before they will accept beneficiaries. There's only one hotel in Goose Bay that doesn't ask for a

payment up front, and that is the Royal Inn, but the Royal Inn doesn't have the service for meals. So with that kind of a it's not two differences, but it seems kind of that way because of policies from hotels. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary? I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak for a supplementary.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think you might have misunderstood my question. My question, one, related to whether a hotel will accept your credit card for payment and so forth. My question was related to the policies of non-insured health benefits for a patient travelling to either St. John's or Goose Bay. There is a difference in how a non-insured covers for accommodations when a patient travels to St. John's. They're fully covered and put into a hotel. However, when they travel to Goose Bay, they are first required to look for a place to stay, a private accommodation, then the Friendship Centre and the other alternative is hotels. However, if a patient wished to stay at a hotel, they must pay for the hotel costs up front and then get reimbursed from the non-insured health benefit or a cost of \$45. Its two inconsistencies between places of stay while you travel when you go out for medical appointments. My question was to see if you can create consistency that should there be no available private accommodations, or at the Friendship Centre that the non-insured health benefits would cover the cost of covering the patient to stay at a hotel in Goose Bay as they would in St. John's. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Honourable Minister, Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our first priority for anyone traveling on medical, to St. John's or wherever, is if they can stay in private accommodations, that's what we would prefer. And a hotel is kind of the last resort. In Happy Valley Goose Bay more people from the coast know people, like you alluded to, because they have friends or family staying up there. But in St. John's it's a little bit different, but there is also the hostels and the accommodations at the hospital that's provided. We prefer them to stay at these locations first and then if there is no room at private or at the hospital, then we have to use a hotel. But, like I said earlier, the two hotels that we use in St. John's does not ask us to pay up front, and I think that's where the little bit of difference is. And, in Goose Bay, if we need to use the hotel as a last alternative in Goose Bay, the hotel policy is that we pay up front. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I guess as a follow up question to that, certainly recognize that there is some inconsistencies with accommodation and place to stay between St. John's and Goose Bay. Are you willing to look at reviewing the current accommodation policy and, if so, making revisions to make it more consistent while the patient travels for medical appointment? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. In response, the Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Health.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I think I am certainly trying to do the best that we can for our beneficiaries that's traveling, and that's why in my statements yesterday I did say that I'm looking for alternatives in Goose Bay because of that, because that we need the best accommodations possible that we can get for people that's traveling outside of Nunatsiavut, whether it's Goose Bay, or whether it's Halifax, whether it's St. John's, wherever. So, Mr. Speaker, we are in the process of looking for people to come forward, or suggestions, or even go to probably business people in the Upper Lake Melville who might want to take advantage of this lack of, I guess for a better word, accommodations that we don't have in Upper Lake Melville. So we are in the process of doing that and I think that this will certainly help at the end of the day, and hopefully sooner than later, so that we can have accommodations for all our beneficiaries no matter where they travel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I believe we have a question from Mr. Gary Mitchell, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Honourable Minister of Finance, HR and IT, Darryl Shiwak. In my statement you'll remember this morning that I talked on communications, the need for better communications in Upper Lake Melville area, and one thing I didn't talk about was a local radio station for — have our own kind of radio

station. I want to ask you is your Department prepared to help us to lay some ground work in establishing a local radio station in Upper Lake Melville? I'm not asking for funding for the radio station, but to help us lay the ground work in regard to how we get the licenses and how we go about making contacts with the necessary agencies to do that.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson. In response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A bit of clarification, if I can. Is this request coming from NunaKâtiget to the Department of Finance to have those discussions? Can I get that clarification first?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. For clarification, Chairperson.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'm asking is your Department prepared to help us to know where to go for the, what do you call, the licence we need or avenues for funding, those kind of things, just do assistance from your Department. Where can we go, like, to make the contact to get established, lay the ground work? And, if you got funding, yes, we'll take that, but it's coming from NunaKâtiget Corporation. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson. I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We certainly will have that discussion with you to see if there's anything that the Department of Finance or HR, IT can do anything or any other Department within this government, have a

discussion with NunaKâtiget, yourself, as Chair, and just to begin discussions, see if there's anywhere that we can go with this issue.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If we have no further oral questions, then we'll proceed to item eight, "Returns to Written Questions." And I believe that we do have a scheduled return to a written question. This question came from the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, directed to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Honourable Sean Lyall. Of course the question stated has the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism consulted with the Relocation Committee to determine if they're running omissions of names of relocatees that were placed on the plaques at both Hebron and Nutak. If so, when will the Nunatsiavut Government be replacing the plaques to accurately reflect the relocatees of both Hebron and Nutak. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. As the Assembly is aware the letter has been passed out to the Assembly Members and, furtherance to that, there is a meeting scheduled between the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, and also the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture, Recreation, Newfoundland and Labrador Government in St. John's the week of February 17th, and I have asked staff to add that item to the agenda. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I do not believe we have any further scheduled returns to written questions today. I'll move to item nine, "Petitions." We have no petitions today. Item 10, "Responses to Petitions." There are no responses to petitions. Item 11, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees," we do not have any scheduled reports from Standing or Special Committees. Item for "Tabling of Documents," and I would like to recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table the 2016 Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum Report. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The document will be numbered as tabled document 06-3(13). We'll move to item 13, "Notices of Motion," and I'd like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, January 26th, 2017, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation from the appropriate representatives of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. I will also be seeking unanimous consent to deal with my motion under "Motions," item 15 today.  
*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That concludes our notices of motion for today. We'll move to item 14, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of

Bills." I do not believe that we have any notices of motion for the first reading of bills. Before we proceed onto our next item we are approaching noon. So I'd like to break for lunch, and hopefully we can reconvene for 1:00 p.m., but we'll have an update in a very short period. So, thank you.

(Recess)

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Let's get started now. Before our lunch we were about to move onto item 15, "Motions." We will now start on item 15, "Motions," and, Minister Shiwak, I understand you wish to proceed with the motion you gave notice to earlier.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion to receive the presentation from the appropriate representatives of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* into the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. According to Standing Order 37(1) 24 hours' notice shall be given for the first reading of a bill or of a motion. However, the Minister is seeking to use Standing Order 16(1) to waive Standing Order 37(1). Under Standing Order 16(1) The Assembly may waive any Standing Order procedure, practice, custom or precedent through unanimous consent. Therefore the Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Honourable Minister, you may proceed.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports from the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, and whereas the Assembly should consider the tabled document in Committee of the Whole with witnesses. And now, therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation from the appropriate representatives of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*.

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

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I would like to close debate.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** That will conclude debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. The documents of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* will be considered into the Committee of the Whole with Mr. Clint Davis, Mr. Chris Webb, and Ms. Isabella Pain. We will now enter into the Committee of the Whole and they will conduct their presentation as they see appropriate. I'd like to welcome the trustees to the table and into the Committee of the Whole. We're happy to have you with us today, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davis and Ms.

Pain and, again, you may conduct the presentation as you see fit. Thank you.

**MR. DAVIS:**

Great. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. And thank you very much for the opportunity to provide what is the annual report for the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* to the Legislative Assembly. I am joined by my fellow trustee and board member, Isabella Pain. The other board member is Jim Igloliorte, Natan Obed and Kristy Sheppard. They're not here today, and cause I think you'll recall that originally we were scheduled on November 23rd. Because of weather conditions and so on it had to be postponed until today. So under the circumstances we felt that it would be probably more efficient just to have myself, Isabella, and our CEO, Chris Webb, here today. And I do want to take a moment to recognize the contribution of the board members and as well as Chris Webb and his senior executive team for a remarkable job, what they do day in, day out in support business activity and business development under Nunatsiavut Group of Companies on behalf of the beneficiaries of Nunatsiavut. So I believe this is probably my seventh time that I've come in here and did this presentation, and it's incredible because I've seen some remarkable change over that period of time. It's obviously a little odd cause right now we're in 2017 and we're presenting on 2015. So some of the things I'll be talking about I'm sure you're well aware of, but at the same time when it's an opportunity to go into questions, I'm sure there will be timely questions that are on your mind that are happening either today or just recently in 2016. So if it seems a little bit odd and

confusing, I guess it is and there's not a lot I can do about it. So sorry about that. It is very important, though, for us to come in and to do this presentation. It's an opportunity for all the Members of the Assembly certainly to hear from representatives of the board and ask questions on behalf of your constituents because, frankly, all beneficiaries have an interest in what we do and so that our companies are operating profitably and successfully. So I believe everyone has their PowerPoint presentations. I want to begin by first of all saying that 2015 was very unique. It was a year of celebration, a year of recovery, and a year of change. It marked 10 years for the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* and the creation of Nunatsiavut Government with real law-making powers that make the necessary decisions for the benefit of all beneficiaries. It was a year of recovery for NGC. Several one-time costs and write-downs that negatively affected NGC's bottom line in 2014 are behind us, and but we're still not isolated from the down turn in the economy. And it was a time of change in 2015. In the summer our CEO, James Thorbourne, announced that he was moving on. In just four years he did a remarkable job for us, built our organization, changed the brand, built the companies, and for that we're so very thankful for his contribution. But his departure provided the opportunity to pursue NGC's vision to be an Inuit-led business leader in the north. And April, 2016 we appointed Chris Webb as the new President and CEO for Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. Chris' vision, passion and hard work certainly will ensure that NGC matures and becomes even more of a

significant economic player in the region. So if you turn to page two of the presentation you'll see — well, I just want to provide you, and I'm sure many of you have already noticed this and seen this before, but I do want to provide you with the necessary background of LICST and NGC. The *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* is the legal entity. That's the sole shareholder of Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. NGC is the holding company which represents our interests in various companies. As an entity our mission is to create wealth and trust for Nunatsiavut beneficiaries by owning profitable, sustainable companies. And our vision is to be the Inuit-led business leader in the north. You'll see a list of our core values. Those core values essentially govern the way we conduct ourselves from a business perspective. Our commitment to openness and transparency is evident with the release of our first ever annual report, and I believe all of you probably have a copy of that report where you're sitting right now. This is something that we have had in our mind and a part of our plan for a number of years, and it was under the leadership, frankly, of Chris Webb, that we are able to take all that information and data and put it into an annual report and essentially put it out to the world. I work in the area of Indigenous business development across the country, and I can tell you very few Indigenous economic development corporations do this kind of thing. We feel it's important to be open and transparent to our beneficiaries, as well as potential business partners because we have nothing to hide, and if we have a tough year financially, it's going to be reflected. But we want to

be able to demonstrate what our core values are as a company, what our commitments are, what our vision is, and hopefully our potential business partners will see value in that. So we're very, very excited about this particular annual report, and it certainly is seen as a best practice across the country. Slide 3, basically, just quickly outlines our business principles, and they're pretty self-explanatory. We want sustainable for profit businesses and a true separation of business and politics. Clearly we work on behalf of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. We're the economic arm of Nunatsiavut Government, but the operational day-to-day activities is completely separate and distinct from Nunatsiavut Government. That's been a best practice. Been recognized again across the country and even in the United States from the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. We want to build wealth for Nunatsiavut, and we want to ensure that our profits that we generate go to the well-being of our beneficiaries. On slide 4, and I do apologize, this is probably viewed as somewhat of a busy slide. It's really our org chart. You'll see, obviously, the dotted line between Nunatsiavut Government and the *Labrador Capital Strategy Trust*. So it seems like the darker blocks show companies that we own 100 percent. The lighter blocks to the right show companies that we own a portion of, so either from 51 percent. In the case of PALE, it was 19 percent, and Universal Helicopters is relatively unique 'cause we own it 40 percent in partnership with the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* and 40 percent in the CAPE Fund, the Capital for Aboriginal Prosperity Entrepreneurship, which is a private equity fund started by the

former Prime Minister, Paul Martin. On the next slide it's just very quickly just the individuals who are the trustees. I had mentioned them today, just a brief background of all of us. I think everybody in the room probably knows who we are. Every single one of us are beneficiaries. We're all Inuit from Labrador, and it's something which instils a remarkable amount of pride for us. On the next slide you'll see the NGC Management Team. I talked certainly a little bit about Chris and the fact that we do have a beneficiary who is leading the organization, running the operations, making the key decisions and, frankly, leading his senior leadership team. We just brought on a new individual who's the Chief Financial Officer, Keith Harbin, out of Goose Bay, and he's certainly getting involved with the operational day-to-day activities and then other individuals who you're well aware of, Captain Peter Adams, Phillip Earle, Shane Cyr, of Universal and Adam Brown. So here's where we get into a little bit of the meat, I suppose, looking at financial comparison. When we came in last year and we gave an update on the financial performance of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* it was a very difficult presentation. Mr. Speaker, should I just hold off, or I could just take a pause.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

You can take a pause. You could wait until the information is brought back.

**MR. DAVIS:**

Yes.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Sure.

**MR. DAVIS:**

Then why won't we do that. That's fine. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker. So I think everybody has a copy of that one slide which is clearly not in colour and maybe a little more confusing than anything. But I want to tell you it does tell a very good story. As I said before, when we were here in 2015 talking about 2014, the financial performance was certainly more grim. In this particular case, we're happy to report that we did grow our revenue, and we actually had some significant revenue growth, over 18 percent, year over year, and this is looking at LICST in its aggregate. So this is not just 1 particular business entity of which there are 14. This is looking at LICST and its aggregate, and what's great is that our expenses only grew by about 5.7 percent. So you see a net profit of about \$700,000 for 2015. Certainly the margin on that is relatively low, so you would think with \$35.6 million in revenue that your net revenue could be a bit higher, and I would probably agree with you. And I'm sure Chris would agree that there is probably an opportunity for us to contain our expenses even more to ensure that we're growing profitability by growing revenue and managing expenses appropriately. So what I'm going to do now over the next eight slides is just give you some very high level reporting on each individual business. Talk to you a little bit about the current situation that we're in, the current economic climate, and then highlight what I think was quite exciting for us is how we embarked upon a five-year strategic plan. So just very quickly Nunatsiavut Marine Inc. on this first slide here, it manages the ferry service along the north coast. Had a very good year in 2015 in terms of its on-time performance

at a hundred percent. It is still one of our biggest employers when it comes to hiring beneficiaries. Passenger travel was up by 33 percent, but cargo, on the other hand, did drop. We did see, and this is something that Peter wanted to do, was to improve kind of the service offering on the ship, and he's received some positive feedback with that. So that's Nunatsiavut Marine. On the next slide Nunatsiavut Marine Incorp, which manages in partnership with McKeil, which is McKeil Marine, is a company that's headquartered in Hamilton with operations in Quebec, New Brunswick and Newfoundland, manages three assets, Kallituk, Sappatak, and Kaligak. So we were able to generate some level of increased revenue and profitability with increased business activity. So we're happy with our relationship with McKeil in order to achieve that. On slide 10 in 2015 Air Labrador had a stable year but still had some significant challenges as a result of the loss of the Medivac contract with Labrador-Grenfell. It created a huge hole in the revenue for the organization. You couple that with the slowdown of the Quebec economy and intense competitive environment, Air Labrador is certainly, and continues to be, in a very difficult situation. And so as a result we are always exploring innovative ways to improve the service for beneficiaries and to create value for NGC. On slide 11 Universal Helicopters, we continue to strengthen our current customer relationships of which the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is a major customer and we're also investing...

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Excuse me. I think the Member for Nain has a question if that's fine

**MR. DAVIS:** Sure.

**MR. PAMAK:** I was more or less going to ask the question to you, the Speaker, and certainly, you know, I do have questions as we go through this, but would it be more appropriate to do the whole presentation or to stop at each individual company and ask questions then?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Whichever process the trustees want to do the presentation.

**MR. DAVIS:** As we go is fine, actually, if you do have some questions. So we are completely open to that for sure.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Okay. Minister Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Yes, thank you. Certainly there's, you know, I've questioned, you know, where Phil was and certainly was looking forward for Phil to be here. He's always here, and certainly the man is doing an amazing job with Air Labrador, but recently I'm hearing some rumours, I don't know what they are. Rumours are rumours, but knowing that you said that, you know, they are facing some challenges now, I guess, financially. Is there any truth to the rumours that, you know, the 49 percent share owned by Phil is maybe he may be selling out to another agency or to another airline. Is there confirmation to that at this point?

**MR. DAVIS:** So I can't confirm anything of that nature. All I can tell you is that we're well aware of the situation Air Labrador is in and its challenges, and we continually try to seek out innovative ways to try and improve the situation.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** I believe that Mr. Pottle has a comment as well.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just a quick question. We heard this morning that Air Labrador is discontinuing its service to St. John's. Is there any truth to that?

**MS. PAIN:** Yes, that's the case. There will be no more flights to the island. It didn't prove to be a profitable route for us. We picked up some customers, but we didn't pick up enough in order to make it a profitable venture for the airline.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Ms. Pain. I believe that Mr. Joe Dicker has a question or comment.

**MR. DICKER:** Okay, thank you. My question is with regard to the Nunatsiavut Marine presentation there. There's nothing there on the Astron. I understand that the Astron is going to be taken off carrying cargo this coming season. Is there something — a concern that we should have with regards to that 'cause the Astron was the only delivery of heavy equipment and that for the north coast and we rely on that.

**MR. WEBB:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Joe, for the question. Peter isn't here today, but I'll try to answer this on his behalf. With regards to the Astron, that is an asset that's owned by Labrador Marine which is owned by Woodward's, so we have no operation of that particular asset. I will bring back the question with regards to them taking the Astron off, to confirm that at a later date, and I can table that for the group.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Any further questions or comments before we proceed with the presentation?

**MR. DAVIS:**

So looking at Universal Helicopters Limited, certainly we're, as I said, we seem to be moving along in business with Universal. We are maintaining a variety of different contracts. It's a very tough environment clearly because of, certainly the slowdown around mineral exploration and resource development. But we have been able to retain some of our major contracts including Continental Polar Shelf, as well work with Voisey's Bay. And we have invested in some assets to ensure that we're strategically positioned to continue on with revenue growth. So that's Universal. For Nunatsiavut Construction Incorporated and N in 2015 we actually had six construction projects in Nain. Rigolet, we had our subdivision work, Hopedale, water emergency and Air Lab, hangar improvements and Makkovik with ditch construction. Nunatsiavut Construction continues to be our biggest employer of beneficiaries and, frankly, the work that we do I believe provides remarkable value to our communities. We're very happy and excited about the service that we do provide the communities, but we're also here to listen and receive feedback as to whether or not there's opportunities for improvement. Our JV with Bird Construction continues on, and we do have a variety of work around that, and that seems to be adding value for our companies. No questions? Okay.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

I believe Mr. Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I have a question on the Nunatsiavut Construction. Do you do any contracts at Vale, or have you applied for

any contracts at Vale where your Inuit beneficiary company. Do you have access to some of those contracts, like first-hand?

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Gary, for the question. Absolutely. Nunatsiavut Construction is just a small entity right now. We're working on gaining more capability within that. We were part of the IKC Borealis when the initial construction of Voisey's Bay where we had our partnership with H. J. O'Connell. There were some concerns on using H. J. O'Connell and previously, however, I think those differences are aside now and they're looking at them favourable again. And we are looking at other opportunities at Value for the underground mine development, such as the underground mine developer, the equipment, the ventilation, as well as the mechanical/electrical. So there will be a whole host of other opportunities of beneficiaries of the *Land Claim* to gain gainful employment. We have these companies already registered with the Inuit Business Directory, and the opportunities, once Vale starts moving forward a little bit faster then we will see some of those in some of the ads and media.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Any further comments/questions before we go on with the presentation again? I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Chair, and just in response to Nunatsiavut Construction Corporated and your joint venture in Nillik with the Illusuak project in Nain, I'd just like to say that the work force very high content in local workforce providing a lot of local employment, and not only employment, but training as well, and skills acquired to help them. So it

shows. The pride is there and I look forward to seeing that commitment and expanding on that as well. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Lyall. If there are no further questions/comments, we'll proceed with the presentation.

**MR. DAVIS:**

*Nakummek*, Minister. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. NGC Solutions basically covers two entities. One is the management of base camp in the Torngats, as well as BMO agency in Nain. Two of these entities have struggled financially on a regular basis. The base camp itself, certainly there has been potential in terms of tapping into tourism, but challenges around the capital intensive nature of the business, the unpredictability of weather, the sheer expense of trying to get people in and to spend time there has resulted in a huge challenge in terms of trying to attract paying customers. When this project is in operation and the planning of it, which, as you can imagine, happens months and months in advance, it takes up a significant amount of mind space and, I guess, human resource hours within NGC in order to get this operation. And on a regular basis I think the losses have amounted anywhere from 300 to \$450,000 a year as is stated here. We've had seven consistent years of losses. The BMO banking agency has been around for a number of years. It certainly is a partnership and a relationship with the Bank of Montreal. We provide the space and the employees and receive some compensation from the Bank of Montreal, but it isn't enough to cover our expenses, and so we consistently lose the last three years about \$29,000. So this is a year in 2016 where we've taken the time to make some serious decisions as to

how do we move forward on this two particular entities. As I've identified before, our commitment is to establish and maintain profitable sustainable businesses, and these two entities have been challenged.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Davis. I believe that Mr. Joe Dicker has a question.

**MR. DICKER:**

Yes, Mr. Webb is quite familiar with my concerns, I guess, over the banking situation and the employee situation, I guess, more than anything else. It's hard for the people in our community to understand that even though the NG Solutions is operating the bank that they're operating at a loss. And it's hard for people to understand that only one position is paid, and I understand that you had two people trained in the past, but one left. The Bank of Montreal could not come forth with any financial aid to replace that person. And that has caused the current banker in Nain to be doing a lot of work on their own, and it's come to a point where I believe that there is, unfortunately, a possibility that, you know, she may walk out, and if she does, Nain is going to be left without a person at the bank and the bank's hours are going to be drastically reduced, or the Bank of Montreal or NGC Solutions is going to have to come up with someone who can handle that. I guess my question is, or my concern is, is there any way that, you know, a second person, I know that even though you operate at a loss at this particular enterprise, this is the only bank in that we have in Nain and it's used a lot. It's used by the NG Government. They have a lot invested into that bank. A lot of their money goes in there. If that shuts down, you know you shut down services to a lot of businesses also in the community who rely on that

bank. I guess what my question is, is there any way or solution that you can comfort us, I guess, especially the people in Nain as to securing that, you know, the bank will be there when we need it to be there. You know, it's quite unsettling when you're not sure if your bank is going to be operating the next day or the next week. And know whether or not you should be thinking about switching banks even, you know? Thank you. I'd like to hear your comment on this.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Dicker. I believe that Mr. Webb will answer that.

**MR. WEBB:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to Joe. I've heard your concerns when we visited Nain back in December, as well as all the other communities to hear concerns, opportunities for improvements and so forth. Back, well, I guess, almost four years ago now we signed a commercial banking arrangement with the Bank of Montreal to put a satellite branch in Nain, and at that time we quickly realized that the branch, they wanted one person there all the time. So for the last three years we did have two individuals working there knowing that we were going to have losses, but we had signed a three-year commitment with them. So we just grinned and took those losses. You know, right now I'm happy to say that, you know, I did have telephone discussions just as late as yesterday with the Bank of Montreal to see if there's a way that we can try to get a little bit more funds from them to keep the Nain Branch intact. You know, I can't say that it'll be there a hundred percent, but we're into a year right now. We've continued to operate without a commercial arrangement with the Bank of Montreal right now. So we're

looking at seeing if there's anything that we can do to hopefully keep those services in Nain. If they are able to give us more funds and I understand, you know, our employees' concerns greatly, you know, with her being there and, you know, the potential safety concerns or, you know, with handling money and things like that. I'm not saying that Nain is a violent community or anything but, you know, but that all comes with the nature of having bank operations. But we will see what we can do moving forward definitely, and you'll be the first that we contact to advise. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I need a little clarification on the operation of the base camp. It's a federal park, Torngat Park, and it's run every summer by NGC Solutions, who lose money. Are you running the park for Parks Canada? Is that why you hired or contracted to do? If so, why can't Parks Canada run their own operation without losing our money? Put it that way.

**MR. DAVIS:**

So the base camp is actually located outside the park, right, but Parks Canada actually has a presence there. We've tried time and time again to ensure that what Parks Canada does in terms of using the facilities and the assets and so on, that they pay their way to do it, and at times we've also noticed that they'll engage in different meetings and activities during some of the best time of the season which, as all of you know in this room, it's a very, very short season. And we've taken the position that

they aren't paying, necessarily, their fair share, and we've gone to them on a regular basis, but we've been challenged in terms of trying to get any extra funds out of them. And, as I said before, when we rely solely on sort of academics, scientists, researchers, but then also looking at the tourism market, it makes this business model very challenging to generate the necessary return in order to keep it viable. Oh, sorry, if I can make one — sorry, Mr. Mitchell, I think I didn't hear part of your question. You asked if we were running it on behalf of the Parks. We're running on behalf of Nunatsiavut Government, not Parks Canada. I'm sorry.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Davis. Before we come back, I believe that Dan had a point. So I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. Just a quick question, I guess, and commentary regarding banking. I think I might have proposed this before, but I'm going to put it on the table again. Has LICST looked at getting into the banking business yourself? I mean, you know, looking at the substantial amount of dollars that Nunatsiavut Government has, the money that's, you know, transferred to our communities and a number of employees that we have, not only from the Nunatsiavut Government but, I mean, the number of people employed in our communities that rely on outside banking services, there must be a wealth of dollars going into fees for service to other banks. So I'm wondering, I mean, you know, have you considered doing something like that through a Credit Union or such other entity for banking. Thank you.

**MR. DAVIS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle, for the question. So actually I've worked eight years in the banking sector, primarily on the business bank, a number of years with the Bank of Montreal and then just recently with TD Bank. As you're well aware, the major banks in Canada have been considered some of the safest institutions, financial institutions, around the world. And one of the reasons why they are that A) Because of size and scale. So you're talking the case of TD Bank, 80,000 employees, something like eleven hundred branches all across the country, strong presence, and eighteen hundred branches all throughout the United States. So a huge, huge organization, right? And so and they're also heavily regulated. They're regulated under the *Bank Act*, and they have certain requirements to ensure they maintain enough capital so that when they're lending money out they maintain the capital so that you won't necessarily have a run on the banks, and you see a collapse of the financial system. Because of the regulatory nature of it and the intense competition through the sheer scale of the banks, I think would make it, not impossible, but very challenging for, you know, an organization like Nunatsiavut Group of Companies to do a start-up for a bank. You'd have to look at, as Mr. Dicker is talking about, setting up something on the retail side so you're meeting the personal needs of individuals anywhere from savings, investments, mortgages to as, Mr. Pottle, what you're describing, which is absolutely accurate, managing the huge amount of financial compensation that is required to run Nunatsiavut Government. So I would be of the position that because of the sheer size of

Nunatsiavut Government because of the complicated processes and procedures and so on that you have, I think you're way bigger than a credit union. I think you actually need a major financial institution to be able to run your activities. The challenge with some of the banking agencies that we've seen is in fact the reality is more and more banks, they're still opening up branches, but they're not opening them up as fast as at what they did in the past. More and more people are doing their banking on phones, right? So it's phones, its telephones, it's apps, it's computer banking. Very few people are going into the branches anymore, and some of these branches are starting to change so that it's not even what you would traditionally see as a teller but, rather, it's just people in there giving advice on investments or mortgages and things of that nature. So the world of banking in Canada is changing dramatically, and I think that's where it makes the agency in Nain a challenge for a bank like the Bank of Montreal. It makes it a challenge for ourselves, but we certainly want to see what we can do to make it work. But looking at entertaining getting into banking itself like as a Schedule 1 Bank under the *Bank Act*, would be a huge challenge for sure. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

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

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have another question regard to the base camp. Has the provider been, or the contractor for the base camp been selected for this year? I'm not sure if this is a question for you or for the Nunatsiavut Government. Has the provider for the base camp been

selected for this year 'cause I understand there's another company from outside that is applying to run the base camp as well.

**MR. DAVIS:**

Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. You're referring to the expression of interest that went out to manage the base camp. Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, we were one of, I believe it's two or three, that three parties that submitted a response and we haven't heard anything to date in terms of any response from Nunatsiavut Government. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Davis. I believe that Mr. Joe Dicker had a question as well.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Webb, just further to what you said that you know you would communicate with myself, I would like you to communicate with the employee first and with that communication CC that communication to myself and the two Ordinary Members for the community of Nain. That's all I ask. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Dicker. Are there any further questions or comments before we go back to the presentation?

**MR. DAVIS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'm on the slide identifying the fishing enterprise. Our fishing assets continue to provide a very favourable return on our licenses. It's cash flow that we view as absolutely vital for the day-to-day activities at Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. As well, a number of different organizations have talked about the increase of attention and activity around fish, fishing and, I guess, food from the sea, particularly in the Arctic and how over the next number of years we

expect, through the population growth of the world that this industry is one that's going to grow. So we're very excited to be a part of the fishing industry itself. We're one of, I guess, a component of three components in terms of one fishing entity with the Nunatsiavut Government and with Torngat Fisheries. Torngat Services, TSI, is a joint venture between ourselves and ATCO, which provides site services at Voisey's Bay as well as having a contract with Vallard over the last number of years. That contract has done very well for ourselves, hiring beneficiaries and certainly generating a decent return for us. So we're very happy with that. On slide 15, the next slide, we have a real estate division, Nunak, which I'm sure many of you are well aware of. Has 11 properties in Upper Lake Melville, Nain, Hopedale and Makkovik, and its performance is, I'd like to call Steady Eddie. It is very steady, predictable and certainly is something that we're very happy with. Goose Bay Capital Corporation, which is the creation of the Town Centre in Goose Bay. Twenty-six acres of commercial use, Phase 2 being 100 acres of high density residential, and then Phase 3 of 200 acres of standard residential use. We've had one sale as it currently stands. So that's not necessarily the report under 2015. It's something that's just recently happened. We still have I know I'm throwing that in. I probably shouldn't have done that — but we're having conversations with a number of different organizations around it. It has been a challenge. It would be remiss for me to try and paint it in any other way. The timing of that investment probably wasn't the most optimal for us, but we still believe that it is a strategic investment for us

and we're certainly hoping and working as hard as we can to try and create and market the property for the Town of Goose Bay.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

I believe we have a question from Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my question is, is something that kind of flows off of what we were discussing over the last couple of days here at the Assembly. Certainly recognizing that, you know, accommodations for patients travelling to Goose Bay and elsewhere is challenging at most and quite difficult, I guess, lately. And certainly we recognize Minister Flowers indicate that he's looking at probably open to an expression of interest for individuals or corporations to maybe consult with them and with other Aboriginal groups. Maybe to open up maybe a facility that could accommodate some of the issues and concerns that we've been raising at this level and which Minister Flowers is well aware of. Knowing that you have 326 acres of land, you have some commercial properties. Certainly a business adventure. Should an expression of interest come out from the Department of Health and Social Development? Would you think that the LIST and your business entities be entertaining maybe a facility for beneficiaries in the future?

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, thank you, Richard, for the question. Absolutely NGC would be happy to look at that. We'd like for you to talk to us first and foremost if an opportunity like that was to arise. Just to give a little bit of a brief background, we did start to look at this back in 2016 where we gathered some information from the Nunatsiavut Government with the sheer numbers of people travelling to St. John's and to Goose Bay,

and we actually reached out to Larga Baffin from Nunavut. They have a successful model that works for them. They have in the western Arctic, they have the Larga Baffin facility in Edmonton, and on the eastern side, they have it in Ottawa, and they have a model that works. And if it's already there and working we don't need to re-invent the wheel. So this is something that we can definitely look at. Nunak is a proper property real estate division and we have the land. So depending on the costs associated with it and how we can structure it. And just talking Larga Baffin to see what they charge for rents and things like that, that's definitely something that we can table to look into for sure, something that interests us.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. I believe that Mr. Gary Mitchell had a question.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

I just want to make comment and I just want to say that if it ever happened that this would come to anything in that area, it'd be the perfect place 'cause you're right across from the hospital.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

I don't have a question, just a comment, and just to say kudos for you to reaching out to Larga Baffin. We're certainly in Canada familiar with Larga Baffin and its operations, both in Ottawa and Edmonton. Myself and my colleague, Pat Ford, the last time we held a constituency meeting in Ottawa, we had the benefit of joining Ms. Trudy Metcalfe who was then the director at the time and running Larga Baffin. I believe she's now moved on, but certainly I mean, you know, that that entity is

certainly workable. I think, as a wonderful model, and it's great that you're thinking about looking at that type of model with Larga. So good for you.

**MR. DAVIS:**

If I can make one comment, and this is another piece as to why I think having discussions with Larga Baffin and seeing if there's other opportunities. This past September Nunatsiavut Group of Companies — actually we participated in the Inuit Economic Development Summit, and it was actually started by the Inuit Tapariit Kanatami. And the purpose of that was to get Inuit Development Corporations together in a room to essentially go into a presentation of what we do as a business in each respective region. And the whole purpose of that was to see if there were overlaps and to identify opportunities where we could collaborate and do business. On the back of a napkin out of seven development corporations across Canada's north and Inuit Nunangat there's something like a hundred and fifty businesses and predominantly joint ventures, and a number of those joint ventures are with companies in the south. And perfect example is virtually every single development corporation has a helicopter company. Well, we're one of the few that owns it 80 percent, and we think that there's tremendous opportunities for ourselves to collaborate, to leverage the expertise and experience of other Inuit Development Corporations and to hopefully come together with business to build some scale for the benefit of all Inuit across the Arctic. So that's one thing we're actually looking at, and the fact that Chris has had discussions with Larga Baffin is it's really, Mr. Pottle, fits into what we're

trying to do 'cause we'd rather work with an Inuit company that has experience in doing this and would understand sort of the unique challenges that we face as Inuit as well. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Davis. I believe that Mr. Pamak had a question or comment.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Yes, I guess a question that was kind of asked of Mr. Thorbourne the last time he was here, and certainly the cost of the development of that commercial area. I think back then it was 8 million plus and you had plans of expanding then, and certainly there's concerns raised at this level, I guess, of, you know, expanding when there's no real sales of those commercial properties or even residential properties. Can you give us an idea what the overall cost so far is associated with that development, and how does the sales of the property compare to other commercial real estate within the Goose Bay area?

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Richard. When James was here, I guess it was two years ago, you know, the costs haven't gone up significantly on the Goose Bay Town Centre site. It's still around that price tag 'cause there hasn't been activity. There hasn't been a need to expand the other acreages there once we get to a point that it's used up. Initially, you know, when we had our partners involved doing the management of GVCC I think, you know, the price per square foot was a little bit high. We've since adjusted that to come in to market value within the Goose Bay area, and that's where we've seen this past year, you know, sorry, to bring it up again, but this happened in 2016 with a

land sale with a young beneficiary that's starting up a gym. So we hope with some other discussions that we have on the go that this will kick start and start the Town Centre site. We're having some discussions with the town of Happy Valley Goose Bay. They want to put the wellness centre. They want to move it now from the back quadrant up to the front. So if there is some construction activity happening in 2017, it will be a good thing for the Town Centre site and we understand, you know, and I hope you understand sometimes land development, you hope it's a sure thing, but sometimes it takes a little bit longer, and it is a long-term investment for us and we hope that it starts to gain some traction very soon. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Any further questions/comments? Again, Mr. Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you. I guess I'm just going to ask a question on a number of commercial properties that you have up for sale knowing that you have one, you know, sold now. And how many other properties is there within the commercial zone? How many properties do you have for sale?

**MR. WEBB:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are in land sales. That's the only land sale that we have right now in that particular in the Town Centre site.

**MR. PAMAK:**

How many for sale?

**MR. WEBB:**

Oh, how many are there are for sale? It all depends on the size of the building that you someone would want to put up. So it could vary. One quadrant can accommodate up to four lots, but someone might need the

entire lot. So I believe there are an opportunity for about 16 right now in that first phase.

**MR. DAVIS:** Going for a good price.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. *Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. I believe that Mr. Sean Lyall had a question or comment. No?

**MR. LYALL:** Oka, Mr. Chair, but thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*. Any further questions/comments?

**MR. DAVIS:** So that sort of concludes the presentation in terms of what the performance of our respective different lines of business. The next number of slides we can go through them relatively quickly. The first is talking a bit about our commitment to our beneficiaries in our communities. You'll see the corporate social responsibility principles. We have a very comprehensive corporate social responsibility policy. It's a policy which focuses on a variety of different areas, anywhere from health and safety to environment to culture, employment, etcetera. This is something that certainly is near and dear to our CEO's heart considering that he actually drafted them and was managing them. So and we're one of the few Indigenous economic development corporations in the country that actually has that. On the next slide we want to highlight sort of our commitment to community and to people. And this is sort of just a smattering of some of the activities that we've done in 2015 demonstrating what we're doing in terms of giving back. Certainly over a hundred thousand dollars in air travel. The Wood Project

and the feedback we receive is hugely valuable to the communities of Nain and Hopedale, as well as universal with \$26,000 in donations in kind support. Well, if you had the slide there's two pie charts, but basically what it highlights is two things. First of all as a development corporation we don't naturally assume that our beneficiaries will just want to come and work with us. We know we need to create an environment where there's opportunity for stimulating employment and an opportunity for growth into management and executive leadership. We want to be the employer of choice for our beneficiaries in the communities and in Upper Lake Melville and across the country. Of all of our employees during the high season for our activity we hire up to 45 percent. It's been as high as 45 percent of beneficiaries, and some of the biggest employers are Nunatsiavut Marine, as well as Nunatsiavut Construction and so on. So I think there's still more work for us to do, but certainly we're very proud of the success we've had with our employees. Now Provincial Outlook for 2017. So I provided you with our perspective on a financial performance. We've seen revenue growth. We've seen profitability, which is very positive, but certainly 2016 has been a challenge, and 2017 continues to be a challenge as well. Newfoundland, from a variety of different sources, the Newfoundland and Labrador economy is actually expected to probably be the worst performing economy in the entire country in 2017. And certainly that's going to have an impact on our self and on various business entities as well. Capital, in the province, capital investment and consumer government spending is expected to decline

constraining employment and income growth. While the mining industries in Newfoundland are certainly impacted by global market conditions, while real GDP is expected to decline by .2 percent by the end of 2016 and 1.5 percent in 2017. So it is expected to have a very weak economy this year. And since the government, provincial government is a major customer of our companies, it does make for a challenging business environment. Certainly when you look at how we've been impacted, the drop in mining exploration has impacted Air Labrador, Universal and so on, the economic climate certainly impacted the success of GBCC where initially when we invested we thought it was going to be much more successful than we thought. When we lose an opportunity to do work with the Nunatsiavut Government or an Inuit Community Government, when we lose that to the competition that has profound impact on us, particularly in light of the economy. So our business does not only benefit from Nunatsiavut community business, but it also has significant impact on the local economy, salaries, local procurement and so on. So I think in an environment like this that there's even greater imperative that we earn the trust and so on of Nunatsiavut Government to be able to do the job that we say we're going to do and to earn that level of business as well. So with that I'd like to turn...

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

I believe we just have a quick question from...

**MR. DAVIS:**

Oh, sorry.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

...Mr. Mitchell.

**MR. DAVIS:** Of course.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Davis.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And looking at the Provincial Economic Outlook and what you're saying, this is talking about provincial as a whole. So there's no breakdown between the island portion of the province and Labrador because Labrador seems to be a lot of activity in Labrador and a lot more ahead. But looking at this it doesn't give that picture. So are we always looking at the provincial as a whole when it comes to provincial economic outlook?

**MR. DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. That's a great point. The research that I did in advance of this particular meeting, I didn't see a breakdown with Labrador, and you're certainly right with certain sectors. I'm sure there's better performance happening in Labrador than on the island without a doubt. The Government of Newfoundland itself is a major customer of ours, and if they're in a process of cost containment and, I guess, budgetary constraints, that certainly has an impact on some of our businesses. As well, I think it's pretty clear that a slowdown in the mining sector certainly has had a profound impact on some of our companies as well. So, unless things start to turn, we think that this is probably it'll be steady. If not, a drop in some of the revenue that we see for the upcoming year. So *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Davis. Any further questions/comments?

**MR. DAVIS:**

So there's just four slides left, but I'm not going to go through all of them. This is just giving you a sense of our strategic plan. A number of years ago we went through a three-year strategic plan, so this past year we realized that we were at the end of that and so it was an opportunity for the board and senior executives to talk about where we want Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and LICST to go. So the 2020 strategic direction is that we really want to focus on ensuring that our lines of business remain profitable, that when we do a comprehensive review of our business lines, those that are struggling, well, you have to make the tough decisions to decide whether or not we should divest if we can improve operations. So all of that sort of leads to ultimately what we're trying to do which is to be an Inuit-led profitable Group of Companies that is an employer of choice for Inuit and a partner of choice for business and governments. When there's activity happening in our region, or even in the province, and business is looking to partner, or some of our beneficiaries are looking for a job, we want our companies to be top of the line for them. So I think that's going to take some time obviously in order to get to where we want to be, but that's our ultimate goal. And we also have an open, transparent relationship with our owners, Nunatsiavut Government, but at the same time demonstrating our commitment to Inuit culture and values. All of us in this room have gone through a strategic process, and time and time again when we actually had our discussions, it all went back to ensuring that the business activities that we do, it's not necessarily talking about the maximization

of shareholder wealth. It still is profitable, sustainable companies. It still is economic growth. It still is capitalism, but it's responsible capitalism realizing that the owners of our companies are the beneficiaries of Nunatsiavut. The five key strategic initiatives, and I'll just highlight them and I'll end is certainly, number one being Profitability; having a good mix of investments ensuring we have diversity within our portfolio so when you see swings in the economy that it's not having a devastating impact on all of our business across the board. Culture is "small c" culture. It's the business culture having a sense of urgency and really creating that private sector private-owned kind of mentality within all of our employees. Community Investment. Seeing what we can do to take some of our experience and hopefully look at mentorship opportunities with some of the entrepreneurs in some of our communities and looking at opportunities to engage our Inuit students to work with us. Building Human Capital. People in structure ensuring that we have a comprehensive HR plan. And, again, all of you know this, but we have a wealth of talent in terms of our beneficiaries going through post-secondary education program, and we want to ensure that they can consider this and we tap into that talent and, frankly, the investment that Nunatsiavut Government makes so we can harness that talent and so we can create an environment for them to work in. So that's absolutely critical. It's wonderful that we actually have an Inuit board. It's wonderful that we have an Inuit CEO, but we also want to ensure that we're creating opportunities to build the Inuit executive. And some of the I mean, I'm

not telling tales out of school, but the folks who are at the senior executive level for us, realize that, and we were pretty open and candid about it. And not to say that they're necessarily going to lose their job the next day, but they realize that that's certainly a long-term goal for us is to build that capacity and, frankly, create the opportunity for our people to work within Nunatsiavut Government. And, finally, Operations, trying to be efficient, effective, to ensure that our decisions are seamless and our activities, we are trying to identify synergies within our companies so that we can actually capitalize on efficiency. So that's our strategic plan. That's our goal for the next number of years and just want to say it was an absolute honour today to be able to present this to all of you. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek* for the presentation. Do we have any final thoughts, questions, comments before our trustees leave us? I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you to the trustees for another good presentation. Very informative. I just want to take you back to your annual report for 2015 for just a couple of minutes and a couple of questions that I had looking at the audited financial statements and the notes accommodating those financial statements. Just, I guess, one of my concerns here in looking at and I wasn't aware that LICST through NGC had gotten into the loans business just looking on page 25 of the document I note that there is a loan due from a director. And on page 28 another note relative to a loan due to Phil Earle bearing interest at 7

percent per annum maturing in 2020. I'm just wondering is that a loan to Air Labrador or a loan to Mr. Earle himself? And who would be, I'm not asking for a name here, the director be under note 7, would that be a board member of your trustee or a director from within your employee base, I guess.

**MR. DAVIS:** So with reference to Mr. Phillip Earle, sorry, I'm just trying to identify.

**MR. POTTLE:** I would never drop names, but given that it's already written there.

**MR. DAVIS:** Well, it was already no, it's out there. Yeah, no, it's pretty yeah, that was actually a shareholder loan. So that was his own shareholder loan which his own, it was his own particular investment into the company, is my understanding when we purchased it. Yes. And I do apologize, the loan due from the director, we wouldn't have had any directors who resigned. I've got to go back unless my colleague is aware of it I'd have to go back and get the answer. So I apologize. Number 7. Sorry, thank you for the question, Mr. Pottle. We just don't have the answer for it. We'll have to go back, and I do apologize for that.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just one more comment, if I will, or a question, if you can direct me to again you never answered my question with respect to getting in the loans business. Where in the *Trust Deed* itself do it reference your authority to give loans?

**MR. DAVIS:** So a shareholder loan is a little different because it represents the investor or the owner of a company's investment in the company. So it's not necessarily a loan per se. So it's not like we're into the process of

lending on a regular basis or anything like that. We wouldn't have the capacity to do it. I don't believe our trust prohibits us from doing that, but I'd have to clarify on that. So my apologies.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Davis. Any further questions, comments, final thoughts? I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. I'd just like to congratulate Mr. Clint Davis, a recipient of the Indspire Award. *Nakummek*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*. Any further questions, comments?

**MR. WEBB:** Just referring to the director loan for a hundred and thirty-four thousand I think it refers to back in, geez, four years ago LICST purchased a cabin at Otter Creek, and that was to accommodate when they were going through the search for a CEO at the time, that the accommodations was purchased because obviously it was difficult for someone to come to Goose Bay already owning properties outside, coming up with the cash. And with this particular property you couldn't get a mortgage on it because it's leased land. It's not owned land. And this was for the CEO at the time with the intention that he was paying back the mortgage amount, and it was actually reverted to the CEO. So it was like he was paying rent on it by paying back the mortgage. When he resigned he had six months to sell it and pay back LICST that amount due, or it would revert back to property, would revert back to LICST. And the latter part has happened. So that property is an asset of LICST and we currently use that property. It's a three-bedroom house that we use for individuals

that are coming to town rather than putting them up into hotels. I hope that answers that question.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Webb. Again any further questions, comments, final thoughts. If not, it was a pleasure for us to have you in the Committee of the Whole, and to have this information shared with us, and for you to entertain all of our questions. So we thank you, Mr. Davis, Mr. Webb and Ms. Pain. *Nakummek*.

**MR. WEBB:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My phone line is always open if anyone wants to chat.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

We are now back into the Assembly, and that will conclude our motions for today. We'll move onto item 16 on our *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." There's no first reading of bills today. Item 17, "Second Reading of Bills." We have no second reading of bills today. Item 18, "Assent to Bills." We have no assent to bills, which brings us to item 19, "Adjournment." Again I'd like to thank the Ministers and Members for their contributions over this sitting. I'd like to give special mention to our interpreters and translators Boss Kairtok and Gus Semigak, to our pages Joshua Kaunak, John Piercy, Julia Abel and Jacob Edmunds. It was really wonderful that we could co-ordinate the Visiting Pages Program despite the period of exams. So kudos to you guys for being able to balance both these things. We'd also like to recognize the OKâlaKatiget staff, Simone Kohlmeister and Johansi Tuglavina and, of course to our Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. The Assembly is now adjourned, and the next

session is scheduled for the week of March 6th through the 10th, 2017.

*Nakummek.*