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Mr. Speaker, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Nunatsiavut Government were informed that Bell Canada was withdrawing from the Labrador North Wireless Broadband Project. This was a shock and a disappointment. Bell Canada indicated that an exponential cost increase in the project, as well as a decrease in subscribers for Bell services were the main reasons for its withdrawal.

The Nunatsiavut Government met with Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada, who funded the initial project through the Universal Broadband Fund. ISED is providing expertise to assist the Nunatsiavut Government in looking for options to bring high speed and cellular services to the region.

Mr. Speaker, since May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Director of Information Technology has been gathering information on the current status of the Project, what Bell Canada has left to complete and potential next steps. As well, other providers reached out to the Nunatsiavut

Government. There have been meetings with these providers, but only at an information gathering level.

The Finance division has been exceptionally busy since the New Year. It is the time of year where budgets for the upcoming year are finalized, year end financial reports are completed, and preparations for the audit are on-going. I want to thank the Finance staff for their dedication and efforts.

Mr. Speaker, in March 2025, the Nunatsiavut Government, the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador agreed to amend the termination date in the Fiscal Financing Agreement. The termination date was changed to March 31, 2026, from March 31, 2024. Canada recommended this amendment, due to the political change as it typically takes a few months to brief a new minister and receive instructions, mandates and approvals.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government received a one-time adjustment of \$2.4 million for personal income taxes. This is a result of Canada Revenue Agency having completed the residency audits of personal income taxes filed for the 2023 year. In simplistic terms, there were more taxes collected that remitted to the NG in the 2023 calendar year.

The Nunatsiavut Government has approved a new policy on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence for Employees of the Nunatsiavut Government. Artificial Intelligence, or commonly known as AI, refers to a type of technology that is publicly available and can create works of text, images and audio or video data. AI can also analyze and sort data as well as create original content. AI tools have the potential to enhance efficiency in operations in several ways including, but not limited to, document summarization, meeting scheduling and email drafting.

The improper or unauthorized use of AI can result in significant risks to employees, Beneficiaries and the Nunatsiavut Government. These risks include improperly automated decision making, reliance on inaccurate or misleading information or a breach of confidential and sensitive data. This policy outlines the acceptable and prohibited use of AI by NG employees in the workplace, establishes security measures to protect sensitive data and provides a framework for oversight.

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