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**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**March 12 & 13, 2013**

**Speaker: Patricia Ford**

**In Attendance:**

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

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Sarah Leo**

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

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

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

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

**Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville,  
Honorable Gary Mitchell**

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

**Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard**

**Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour**

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

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

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Anthony Andersen**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey**

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

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

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

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

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

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

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

**Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy**

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

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**MADAM SPEAKER:** Good morning, everyone. I'd like to call to order, the continuation of the eighth session of the second Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Spring Session. I will ask Marjorie Flowers to say the opening prayer.

**MS FLOWERS:** Creator God, we thank you for this day and all that we have. We thank you for the safe journey of the participants of this meeting

and we ask that you'll be with their families and loved ones near and far. As we start our Spring Session continuation, we ask that you will continue to guide us, that your spirit brings clear minds. Let us speak words of wisdom. Be with our families and with our communities as we deal with the issues at hand. Amen.

**ASSEMBLY:** Amen.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Amen. Thank you, Marjorie. For the information of the Assembly, Ed Tuttauq, Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation has been excused from this Assembly sitting. The pages are Tabea Onalik and Emma Onalik. The interpreter/translators are Rita Andersen and Wilson Jararuse, with Augusta Erving helping them out with this sitting. And Robert Ford is the IT staff helping out for this Assembly. I would also like to recognize the OkâlaKatiget staff, Sarah Abel and Johansi Tuglavina. We'll go down to now item number three on the Orders of the Day, "Minister Statements." Do we have any Minister Statements? I'd like to recognize Gary Mitchell, Minister of Education.

**GARY MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My Member Statement is more or less a report. I have a couple reports this morning, and I'll do the Education reports this morning and the Economic Development reports tomorrow because this is a bit lengthier. My first report is on the PSSSP update, and the status of that is the economic year 2012-13 began with a total of 204 students registered, 168 full-time

and 36 part-time. Approximately 125 of those students were studying in this province. As the year winds down, we now have 175 full and part-time students remaining. The decreasing numbers at this time of year is normal attrition with students graduating, others discontinuing for personal, medical and economic reasons, and others will take a break or have a change of plans. The promotional blitz for teacher education training continues to raise awareness within Nunatsiavut. Education counsellors visit each community promoting this campaign to gather information that will help build a program to meet the needs of Nunatsiavut. The Bachelor of Social Work program is in the final semester. Currently, 17 students are working with agencies within Nunatsiavut and other agents in Labrador. We are at the midway point in the term and Education showed that all students are doing well in their placements. Plans are underway to have the graduation for this program in Goose Bay. Details have been worked on with staff and non-officials. The date for this event has been confirmed for June 14th at the Lawrence O'Brien Centre in Goose Bay. We are working with the Aboriginal Affairs Office at Memorial University to have residents' accommodations guaranteed for single students for the duration of their studies. We will have further discussions on family accommodations in the near future. And from what I understand, the Memorial University campus in Corner Brook also wants to talk to us about residents for our Nunatsiavut beneficiary students. The Natural Strategy on Inuit

Education was released in May, 2011, with three recommendations highlighted by the committee as priorities. Mobilizing parents, early childhood development and increasing Inuit research and education. Jodie Lane, the Nunatsiavut's representative on this committee continues to actively participate enacting these recommendations. Jodie is also assisting with organizing in the Youth Symposium and Career Fair scheduled for April 25th to the 28th in Makkovik. Jodie continues to complete two community visits per year holding meetings and doing presentations on education and training. She recently helped organize and attend a grade nine career for our partnership with the school board, and that was at Goose Bay. Meetings are planned later this month with Memorial University, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and College of the North Atlantic to discuss a new teacher education program for Labrador as well as a Bachelor Arts in Aboriginal leadership. And I'll do the Inuit Pathways as well this morning. Plans are continuing to be funded in various trades field, the Aboriginal program and academic upgrading. Work is continuing to administer work experience in programming employers to unemployed individuals. These employers provide plans with skills while also providing opportunities for increased partnering efforts between the employer and businesses and Inuit Pathways. Meetings are continuing to take place with employers and companies outside of the work experience providers in an effort to increase asset partners. Staffs have made an effort to streamline paperwork

during the application process in an effort to make the process easier for applicants. The deadline for applications for long-term training for the upcoming fiscal year was March 1st. Staff is now in the process of assessing these applications. The next steps will be for the plans to prepare for the required labour market information as part of the career counselling piece as outlined with the application process. The Inuit Pathway staffs have contracted marines to deliver a Marine Basic First Aid course during the latter part of March. This course is a requirement for those working in the fishing industry and is required to be renewed every three years. As the majority of the participants requiring renewal this year were from the community of Makkovik, it was chosen as the delivery site with a few people coming in from Hopedale and Postville. The annual operating plan for 2013-2014 has been submitted and reviewed with Service Canada. This review process is necessary with Regional Service Canada staff to ensure the annual plans were in place and what was set out in the five-year strategic business plan. This review is completed before the annual plan is submitted to Ottawa for final approval. It was completed as part of a third quarter monitor visit by the Service Canada Program Officer as Senior Development Officer. This monitoring business ensures that all activities are in line with the current annual operating plan and the files are financially accountable as well as accountable to meeting the plan's needs. Inuit Pathways Program Director is currently meeting with Inuit

Human Resources Development in Ottawa this week. This is an annual meeting with all Inuit asset holders in the country. In addition to this meeting, staff was also participating in monthly conference calls with this committee. This is an opportunity for information sharing with other Inuit Regions in an effort to determine the best practises to meet the needs of clients. This is also an opportunity for staff to have a direct meeting with HRD and Service Canada Ottawa staff which provides valuable information from National Headquarters. Inuit Pathways, in conjunction with the DHSD, will be offering a first aid course in Hopedale. This was requested by the Ordinary Member from Hopedale, and I think this first aid course is taking place later this month. Through Inuit Pathways and conjunction with Department of Lands and Natural Resources, arrangements are being made to deliver the Trapper Education Program in both Makkovik and Postville sometime in late March, early April. And that's my reports for this morning. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more Minister Statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Health.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. This morning I will do an update on DHSD Department and tomorrow will be on the Status of Women. The Trauma and Addictions Team, along with Dr. Joe Solanto has completed two week-Inter-generational Trauma and



Additions Healing Programs in Rigolet and Hopedale. The programs were well attended and the feedback from participants has been very positive. DHSD has participated in a working group with the Inuit Regions and ITK to develop an Inuit-specific TB strategy, and it is now ready to be released. This is a very positive step forward nationally and is a valuable tool for our region. The first meeting of the Child Youth and Family Services, Memorandum of Understanding group was held on March 19th. Items for discussion included developing a terms of reference for the group, adoption of Inuit children, foster care recruitment in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville, the Nunatsiavut Government proposal for therapeutic group care for adolescents in Hopedale. Recruitment of the Inuit Bachelor of Social Work students for positions within Nunatsiavut, just to name a few. There is much work to be done, but this is a very positive first step. DHSD is in the process of developing a five-year regional health plan. This has taken a considerable amount of consultation, collecting of baseline data to support the goals and objectives, program reviews, etcetera. To support the development of the regional staff and team leaders, they also had a workshop entitled, "Program Planning and Evaluation with Gerald Murphy". The plan will be finalized to coincide with the new fiscal year and the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. The work will then proceed with the development of community health plans, which will be rolled out in September. The resolution health support worker and two of our Inuit Bachelor

of Social Work students have been in all the communities consulting with the residential school survivors regarding two projects, except in Rigolet. They didn't consult with one project because Rigolet had already had one done. One project is with Pauktuutit's virtual quilt project. Another is Project of Heart with Alberta Native Counselling Association. With the Native Counselling Association, it is a banner project and there will be two banners developed for each community with residential school survivors highlighted. And also part of the project is little tiles that school children draw pictures on and the tiles will be part of the banner. And they also did a presentation to the youth about residential schools. The virtual quilt is whatever the community decides will be best to remember residential school survivors ranging from quilts to seal skin murals, is what was selected. The resolution health support worker also received funds from the Tasiujatsoak Trust to hold healing gatherings in each community and receive feedback on what survivors would want and possible dates. I would also like to congratulate two of our DHSD staff who won medals at the Labrador Winter Games. Paula Flowers won gold, a gold medalist part of the dart team for Rigolet. And Vyanne Andersen from Postville won a bronze in the snowshoe biathlon. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'd like to just present and update or report from the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology from the period of December 1st, 2012 to February 28th, 2013. Madame Speaker, in an effort to provide financial information for the period ending February 28th, 2013 we have received the following revenues as noted in *Budget Act 2012* for the year. Our sources of revenue, Madame Speaker, from personal income tax as budgeted in *Budget Act 2012-13* was \$3,200,000. To date, we have actually received \$2,496,323. Interest revenue, Madame Speaker, was budgeted at \$845, 027. The actual received to date is \$766,932. Goods and Services Tax was budgeted at \$2,205,534, and to date we've received \$2,548,722. Mining tax royalties, Madame Speaker, was budgeted at \$5,522,899 and we've actually received to date \$6,281,300. Rental revenue was budgeted at \$20,290, and we've received to date \$39,045. The *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, Madame Speaker, was budgeted at \$39,910,104, and the actual received to date is \$32,594,862. The Financial Division, Madame Speaker, has been extremely busy preparing and finalizing the budgets for the 2013-14 fiscal years. As we near the end of this fiscal year, the finance staff is beginning the process of preparing the annual audits for our financial statements. Within the division of Human Resources, Madame Speaker, we're very pleased to inform the Assembly that 88.5 per cent of the Nunatsiavut Civil Service is beneficiaries to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*.

Madame Speaker, it is a testament on how investing in the education of our beneficiaries leads directly to benefits for the Nunatsiavut Government. We have been extremely busy with 29 job competitions during this time period, and we are pleased that a new lawyer, Adrienne Edmunds, will be joining the Nunatsiavut Government effectively next week. As well, a Manager of Lands Administration, Jessie Flowers, will be starting effective next week and this position is based in Rigolet. The Division, Madame Speaker, has also completed a review of travel benefits with the new rate coming into effect, April 1st, 2013. Within the Division of Information Technology, Madame Speaker, with respect to our Help Desk Support, the Information Technology support staff has logged just under 70 help desk tickets since the New Year. Most have been standard equipment failures or configuration issues, but there appears to be a trend of increasing number of staff requesting access to streaming media or other currently blocked websites for work purposes. Madame Speaker, the Microsoft Office 2010 Home Use Program was rolled out and this program enables all members of the Nunatsiavut Civil Service and the Assembly to purchase licensed copy of Microsoft Office to install and use on a home computer at a very low fee. When employees use the same software at home and work they naturally gain more skills which help improve productivity. There has been a positive response, Madame Speaker, to the program and a number of staff has already taken advantage of it. Equipment failures, Madame

Speaker, there have been a number of significant failures in telephone and internet services in Nunatsiavut in the recent months. Most notably, the Administration Office in Nain was without service for over two weeks. This was due to an equipment failure on the phone system and Alliant had no replacement parts readily available. The IT division staff has been discussing the failures with Alliant to ensure their contractual obligations are being met and that we are reimbursed for this failed service. That's my report for this Assembly, Madame Speaker. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any more Minister Statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister, Johannes Lampe, Minister of Culture, Recreation, Tourism.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek, Ukâttik. On the Torngasok Cultural Centre, the Torngasok Cultural Centre held its first ever Community *Inuttitut* Challenge in 2013. The contest ran from January 8th to March 5, 2013. Elsie Wolfrey, Project Manager with the Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program developed a plan and implemented this project with the sponsorship of Torngasok and Nunatsiavut Government. There were a total of 119 Nunatsiavut beneficiaries registered in the challenge. Joan Dicker of Nain, Labrador, Nunatsiavut, is the first person to hold the honour of being named Nunatsiavut's *Inuttitut* Supremacy Winner. In addition to winning the title she will receive an iPhone 5, a certificate and a Torngasok T-shirt. A random draw was held for all individuals who achieved 100 points

or more. The winner of that draw was Ellen Adams of Rigolet, and she will receive an iPad mini, certificate and T-shirt. All other participants will receive a participation certificate and a T-shirt as well for entering the Community *Inuttitut* Challenge. The challenge involved completing a number of written tasks, an essay on why *Inuttitut* is important to Nunatsiavut, poster and video tasks and then interview and elder task. Aside from producing some wonderful *Inuttitut* material Wolfrey states that the overall goal of the project to raise awareness and promote the use of *Inuttitut* in Nunatsiavut homes was accomplished in the Community *Inuttitut* challenge. Madame Speaker, she hopes that this will continue to be an annual event, every year in January to build on the knowledge and speaking of *Inuttitut* in Nunatsiavut. Nakummek Ukâttik, and I will present other statements on day four.

Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd like to recognize the Honourable President, Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Nakummek. Mine is pretty brief and not as official as the department ones. First, I want to congratulate all the athletes of the Labrador Winter Games. It was a very exciting time. It was a very busy week and we had a lot of our beneficiaries participating from all of our communities and outside of Nunatsiavut. I also want to recognize the Chair of NunaKâtiget Community Corporation for the volunteer work that he did during the Winter Games and I think

he was a great ambassador for Nunatsiavut and Labrador, and he had some fun times with Rick Mercer, from what I understand. Well done, Max. I also had the absolute honour of presenting the medals for the Northern Games on Friday night, and I got to see some of the Northern Games and some of our beneficiaries participating. I tell you it was totally amazing. They did really well. I also got to present three Queen's Jubilee medals, again very well deserving in Nain. These were on behalf of ITK and I believe there was still more coming. But I got to present it to Mr. Herman Webb, who's a business owner in Nain, but very much somebody who helps the people out in Nain and I think along the coast as well. As well, Julius Ikkusek. I think everybody's quite familiar with Julius and the work that he's done, not only with the church, but with so many different committees that we call upon him for his knowledge and his experience to be part of. The other person I got to present to was our own, Rita Andersen. You are all aware we had a celebration for her for 35 years of her involvement with LIA Torngasok and now Nunatsiavut, but she was also presented the Queen's Jubilee Medal for her work that she's done as well. Congratulations to all three. I also got to take, I don't want to take anything away from the Minister of Health, but I got to take in some of the Inuit Women's Conference that was held in Nain earlier late last month. That was certainly inspiring and empowering to be in a room full of so many powerful, knowledgeable women from Nunatsiavut, and on the final day I got to listen to some of the

concerns they had discussed during their two-day conference, and I'm hoping they'll be a report coming out on some of their recommendations. Fortunately, I was able to speak to some of their recommendations and let them know what we, as a government, are doing to address some of their concerns, but there are others that they've identified as well. We also got to get to go into Makkovik and have our Executive Council in there, and we also had, as part of my commitment, an open house to talk to the beneficiaries in Makkovik and listen to some of their concerns. That was very nice, very interesting. And just as an update to the Caribou Conference that was held in Kuujuaq, the, I guess, Part II, you would call it, is scheduled for early April in Sept-Iles where we'll get back together with the other Aboriginal leaders and see where we need to go with regards to the George River Herd and the management and preservation of that. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable President. We'll now move down to the next item on our orders of the day, "Member Statements," are there any Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**MS WOLFREY:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Briefly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Rigolet team and the co-ordinator for their excellent representation of our community at the Labrador Winter Games. In addition to a ninth place overall showing, Rigolet



won the award for the best dressed team. And for your information, some of that money used to make the uniforms came from the Tasiujatsoak Trust fund. And, Madame Speaker, I would just like to especially congratulate the Rigolet Dart Team for bringing home the gold. Nakummek. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk. I'd now like to recognize Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, would like to congratulate my community, Makkovik, especially the volleyball for bringing home the gold and also Trent Pottle and Holly Andersen for bringing home the gold in badminton singles and doubles. I'd like to also acknowledge a couple of individuals in Makkovik who'll be receiving the Queen's Jubilee Award this weekend, who are Barry Andersen and Kim Andersen. Congratulations to those. And also, too, I'd like to congratulate the AngajukKâk for Rigolet for receiving the Queen's Jubilee Award as well. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk. Are there any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear.

**MS GEAR:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, want to congratulate the athletes from all along coastal Nunatsiavut, especially Nain for being most improved team. In my own community, they went from 10th place to 7th place, which we thought was a great accomplishment in three or four years or whatever it was. They

didn't bring home any gold, but they did bring home silver and bronze. So we're very proud of them, we're very proud of all our athletes. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Thank you AngajukKâk from Postville as well for giving out my news. Certainly, like the AngajukKâk from Postville, I certainly do congratulate all the athletes from Nunatsiavut as well. And especially, Madame Speaker, in Nain where I'm most proud, Nain finished fourth overall, the Labrador Winter Games, and received the most improved award. I think it goes to show throughout Nunatsiavut that with the limited infrastructure resources, coaching staff and that that we are finding a way to improve with our youth to take our place. We certainly do look forward to the next Winter Games and we don't have that much more improvement to get to the top and certainly we have a lot of friendly competition between ourselves, Madame Speaker, and on Friday afternoon I kept receiving phone calls from the AngajukKâk from Makkovik all day long. But, at the end of our day that's a lot of fun as well, and even though many of us in our communities don't get to see first-hand the Winter Games, we are more and more and more and more involved. It shows that the Winter Games are becoming a community effort. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess the Labrador Winter Games are fresh on all of our minds this morning. I also would like to congratulate all the communities that did a wonderful job last week representing our region as well as their own communities. I just feel that as a government we should continue to improve our recreation departments for our beneficiaries so they can continue to represent our region well in the future events. Madame Speaker, we have a very talented, strong individual population of athletes and everybody is very happy to have them representing our region. Madame Speaker, I'd also like to take a couple of minutes to congratulate our very own Andrea Flowers on her well-deserved Woman of the Year award. Her knowledge and experience with craft projects, the church, and seal skin projects are exceptional and congratulations, Andrea. And, lastly, Madame Speaker, I would like just to say thank you to the Health and Education Departments, their assistance in funds for the First Aid, CPR training course coming into our community in the very near future is very much appreciated, and I know that my badgering was a tad bit annoying, but thank you. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ordinary Member for Hopedale. I'd like to recognize now, the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess there's been a nice few words said about the complementing our athletes who have participated in Labrador Winter Games and I would, there's no exception with me. I'd like to throw out my few words of encouragement and, you know, congratulations to them for doing such a good job. Madame Speaker, this morning there's two areas in my statement that I'd like to highlight, I'd like to just say a few words on it and, you know, many times we miss some parts of our Assembly, how we operate and where do we go, where we came from and whatever. But this morning as I look around in the table and in the back there I see staff members, I see the Deputy Speaker, Ministers. You know, many of us at one time sat in the seat of a Minister, Madame Speaker and, you know, more so lately when I see a notice on computer come out of a Minister or the President taking some time off, you know, from 19 months of experience as being a Minister, when I see that notice I say to myself, well, the time has come for them to take this break, they need this break. Sometimes it's easy for us as Members to sit back and say, you know, I'd love to be a Minister, I'd love to do this travelling, but there's a certain amount of stress that go with this job, and you have to experience that amount of stress in order to really realize what they're going through, where they came from and where they want to go. So this morning, Madame Speaker, I'd just like to say a few words to encourage them to move along, to progress as they wish and as government should and that would

go for their staff members as well because I've experienced working with a deputy who has been extremely and still is today very, very busy. The second part to my statement, Madame Speaker, is a little bit more touching, and in order to, I guess, try to share with this Assembly and people in this building today, it was only as of yesterday, Madame Speaker, after arriving in Hopedale I paid just a few visits to people in Hopedale along with going to the store and whatever, and one of those visits, Madame Speaker, was with what I would call in Hopedale a well-respected elder in the community. And we sat down around the table and we had a cup of tea and a cup of coffee and she shared her stories with me, Madame Speaker, about, you know, where she came from, how she grew her family up, and the difference in them days and today. She ended off with her few words to me looking me directly in the eye telling me or trying to explain to me how some of our programs, this was in her own words, some of our programs within government work, and how some of those programs don't work. Her final words, Madame Speaker, were, you know, when we have problems we have a place to go to, and she took her hand and she pointed down in the direction of the church. I have a lot of respect for this lady. She said that's the place for our youth to get help and their final words was and it's free of charge. So, Madame Speaker, this morning, in saying that I'd like to again, and as everybody around this table know me that, you know, internally within me, I have a really, really soft spot for elders in our communities within

Nunatsiavut. And let's not forget them, and let's do our best to do what we can do to improve the livelihoods of our people within Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. Are there any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Last week I had the privilege of seeing portions of the Labrador Winter Games, and I was very impressed with Max Winters for organizing being the co-ordinator for the Labrathon and they called it Maxville. He did a wonderful job and it was such a proud moment for certain events like the volleyball. All three of the teams who won and were on the podium were from Nunatsiavut, Nain, Makkovik and Hopedale, and also badminton, they were all Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, and whenever a Nunatsiavut beneficiary won, it was such a proud medal; it was such a proud moment. So I just wanted to say it was very uplifting last week. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Kemuksigak. I'd now like to recognize the Chair of NunaKâtiget, Max Winters.

**MR. WINTERS:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would like to thank the President and Minister of Health for those kind words. I, too, would like to congratulate all the athletes of our beneficiaries. They truly showed great behaviour and friendship and athletic abilities in what they were doing, and I think that it won't take very long. As we said

before, as you know, Nain came forth, the most improved team, that if we can improve on some of those other sports, as you know, our communities in Nunatsiavut won't take long to be pretty well at the top or at the top. Also, I will make myself available if anybody in the communities would like any advice or anything that I can pass on, I will gladly do it at any time. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Winters. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Very briefly, I, too, would like to pass on congratulations to all the wonderful athletes from Nunatsiavut who performed so well in the Labrador Winter Games. As, Madame Speaker, I'm sure you can attest for those of us living outside of Nunatsiavut and other parts of Canada, this was a very uplifting experience for many of us, including beneficiaries who live across the country to see such positive media coverage and attention given to the Labrador Winter Games. Oftentimes, Madame Speaker, living in other parts of Canada and on the island portion of Newfoundland all we hear many times is negative things that are happening in our communities. So I think this is a true testament to the rest of the country that we are doing very well in our communities and we are very healthy despite some of the negative images that may come out of Nunatsiavut from time to time. Madame Speaker, I'd just like to inform the constituents of

Canada that we will begin our constituency visits for the 2013 year. Beginning in Ottawa on April 30th, we will be in Ottawa until May the 2nd. We will be holding a public meeting in Ottawa on the 30th of April and we're happy that President Leo will be in attendance at that meeting as well, and we certainly will spend a day or two extra in Ottawa for individual beneficiaries to meet with us for those who can't make the public meeting. We look forward, Madame Speaker, to other constituency visits throughout 2013. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Pottle. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, would like to congratulate their athletes from Hopedale, especially for taking an extra couple of days out because of weather from doing other things, like gathering wood, going fishing. As everybody knows, after everybody got out there, the weather cleared and they had a great time in Goose Bay, but they also missed a great time here on the land in Hopedale, as most of us went fishing and did what we needed to do to carry on with our lives. So I, too, would like to congratulate all the other beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries of the 30th Labrador Winter Games, especially to Max and all 400 and something volunteers that made this Winter Games very successful. Thank you.



**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Piercy. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I, too, as a Member of the Assembly, would like to express my congratulations to all the athletes. It was a clear showing of ability and friendship, and one thing that I'd like to comment on is the beautiful uniforms that were put together that they wore. It showed that the culture that they have, they presented themselves as true Natives of the Region, and I think it was great that they designed these uniforms and came in with them to add to what they brought to the games, and as Minister of Economic Development, I'm glad that uniforms could be made in Nunatsiavut which created some Economic Development and it's great to see. So it is a spin-off on the Winter Games for different reasons. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. I would now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Johannes Lampe.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek, Ukâttik. I also would like to congratulate the participants of the Labrador Winter Games, but before I do that, I would like to extend condolences to the family of the late Amos Maggo who passed just before the Labrador Winter Games began, and the son of Mr. Maggo, Reggie Maggo was the co-ordinator and the coach of the athletes in Nain, and Reggie did a lot of work to prepare the athletes to go to the Labrador Winter Games, and he did a lot of fundraising and other things. But before the Winter

Games actually got underway his father got severely ill and Reggie could not attend the Labrador Winter Games, but he put his heart and soul into what the Winter Games was all about and certainly I salute Reggie Maggo for all his efforts and certainly putting his team together, and I know that he was there in spirit with his team from Nain. And I also would like to say that I believe that it is time that Nunatsiavut put together a team, Nunatsiavut, for our athletes for future events and so that way we can work together and make sure that our athletes work together and put stronger teams out to events like the Labrador Winter Games. Nakummek, Ukâttik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Lampe. Are there any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane.

**MS LANE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I think pretty much everything was mentioned this morning, but I'd like to mention the Innu Walkers and our very own Sybil Andersen from Makkovik has joined them, and also when they got to Postville, Glen's daughter, Holly Sheppard, joined them as well. So we're very proud of them and I think they're supposed to be reaching to Goose Bay, their destination, sometime this weekend. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Lane. Are there any more Member Statements? Then we'll move on down on the Orders of the Day. "Returns to Oral Questions," are there any returns to oral questions today?

Then we'll move down the list. "Written Questions," are there any written questions today? We're on item number six on Orders of the Day, "Oral Questions," or does somebody have a return to an oral question? No? Darryl, you have a return to an oral question?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, I do.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay, go ahead, please.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I have a question put to me by the Member from Hopedale, Susan Nochasak, on the Transition Committee. As noted in the Strategic Plans report, the transition plan is proposed to be completed by March 31st, 2013, our staff has been working on various aspects of this plan and the Nunatsiavut Executive Council is expecting a first draft by the end of March. That's on the Transition Committee for the Nunatsiavut Government. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more returns to oral questions? Minister of Education, proceed, please.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'm not sure if there's a written question or an oral question that was asked by - it's an oral question.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Yes, an oral question.

**MR. MITCHELL:** That was asked by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale in the last Assembly and I didn't have an answer. It was regard to the stone plant, the rock plant here in Hopedale, and the Ordinary Member

asked if there were any plans to activate the plant this summer for work for cutting stone. I did contact NGC a couple months ago and they said that it was depending on the Cultural Centre. If that passed, if the Bill passed, they would cut stone. Since then, since we passed the Bill for the Cultural Centre, I did contact NGC again and spoke with Chris Webb last week, and he did tell me that as the Bill had been passed for the Cultural Centre to proceed, to his knowledge the rock plant would open this summer for cutting stone for the Cultural Centre. As to the extent of how much would be done, he didn't know that because he didn't know how much volume or on how much material he was going to be needing for the stone plant, and he wasn't sure if the rock was going to be polished or not. So that's the answer I had from him. I guess there will be more information coming out on that as we proceed with the construction of the Cultural Centre. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Our next item on the Orders of the Day is, "Oral Questions." Do we have any oral questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed towards the President. There in our sitting we had there in the past fall, when we agreed to a moratorium for two years on our caribou hunt, there was discussion about getting caribou for each of our communities, either going towards the seniors or to the community freezers. At this point in time, as most of you all know, the hunting hasn't been

too good. The partridges don't seem to be around, the ice is getting kind of funny, nobody's getting very many seals, and like we're not doing too good all-around with harvest and our wild foods. So my question is with the talks that we had where we all agreed to putting a halt for two years on our caribou hunt, now it's gone up to five years. So is there any progress made on for us to agree to put the halt on our caribou, on the George River Caribou Herd? Is there any works, or is there anything on the table with the other corporations up north as to acquiring caribou for our communities or community freezers or our seniors? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable President.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk from Hopedale. We did follow up on that. We had been in discussions with Makivik. They're very preliminary. Unfortunately, I guess the licensing in Quebec works a lot different than how it does here in Newfoundland. Within Nunavik, they can easily do transfer to transfer of caribou within their communities. Because we are outside of the province it's a little more complicated. So we're working with Makivik and they're working with their government to see what we can do to get some caribou from the Leaf Herd. So we are working on it.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Finance. I'd like some clarification. Just recently we became aware of an L class discount with Provincial Airlines. We

were told that it was for beneficiaries and immediate family. We have a councillor and a staff member who are spouses of beneficiaries. We want to know if they will be accounted to for as well. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. That's a good question. It hasn't come my way before, Mr. Jacque, but I certainly will take that under advisement and bring that back to Provincial Airlines because we're still having some consultations with them regarding the possibility of extending that discount rate to the employees of the Inuit Community Governments as well. So we'll certainly take that back to Provincial Airlines and hopefully have an answer for you within a couple of weeks when we hear back from Provincial Airlines. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. And welcome to our sitting to the First Minister, which my question is going to this morning. Madame Speaker, my memory is good, but it's short, and if I recollect this morning that I asked a question, I think this is at the third sitting, the second one, for sure, and the question is, Madame Speaker, related to research and understanding and realizing that yes, budgets have all been taken care of for this upcoming fiscal

year. My question was and still is today is there any discussion in your department, Minister responsible for Lands and Natural Resources, on research work on salmon, char, and trout due to the possible potential of development on uranium near the community of Postville/Makkovik? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. We've only begun preliminary discussions on that. We haven't looked at actually putting a plan in place to do that research in that area right now. That is at the very, very, very early stages and I say, again, it's just a discussion. We haven't made any plans to go there yet. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable First Minister. Are there any more oral questions? The Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek, UKâlatik I'll just go back to the question raised by the Ordinary Member for Postville and my question goes to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Any resource development, that kind of research that's being asked by the Ordinary Member, shouldn't that be the responsibility and accountability of any proponent to do that and fund that kind of work? That's my question.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and the Ordinary Member for Nain is absolutely correct that it is the responsibility of the proponent to do that type of work, but I think where the Ordinary Member for Postville is coming from is asking if we were going to do any sort of baseline data at the current time to look at the levels in the area right now that isn't being looked at at this time. Correct me if I'm wrong, the Ordinary Member from Postville.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would just like to piggy back on the question the AngajukKâk for Hopedale had mentioned to President Leo, but I'd like to direct it to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I would also like to speak on the controversial caribou issue that our region is having right now. It seems that our neighbours are allowing their people to hunt. I'm not suggesting that we do that as Nunatsiavut Inuit. Only that as a government we should be pushing other governments to enforce this ban more effectively. Our beneficiaries, from what I'm hearing or seeing this as a smack in their face just knowing that so close to us they're allowed to hunt and they're doing their hunt, and we are abiding by this ban. Madame Speaker, I'd also like to say that as well the issue of the supplementary supply that we had discussed in regards of wild meat, more specifically, the Leaf River, as you mentioned, I understand that there are discussions going to happen. And if that is impossible, is there any other



supplementary meat that our communities can avail of if the Leaf River Herd isn't available to our beneficiaries? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. With regards to enforcement of the ban, that is a provincial responsibility. We fully expect that if the provincial government is going to enforce the ban that they treat everybody equal. When we discussed this as an Assembly, sort of informally, and we had agreed that we would ask our beneficiaries not to hunt the George River Caribou, and that's all we could do, that's all we can do as a government. We agreed to do that. We also put requests into the provincial government and this is the only request that we made at the provincial government was to restrict all non-Aboriginal hunting, to leave the Aboriginal hunting alone so that we can deal with ourselves, and that we can work in a way to protect the George River Caribou Herd. Unfortunately, the province did not go for that and they enforced the ban for five years and we fully expect them to enforce that ban equally among all of our beneficiaries. With regards to supplemental food, we did make a request other than through this present discussion with Makivik and the Leaf River Herd. We did make a request to the province for some moose that we can bring to the communities. We have yet to get a response on that request from the provincial

government. I'm not quite sure if I answered your first question or - think I did? Okay. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is to the Honourable Minister responsible for Tourism, Culture and Recreation, and the question is, Madame Speaker, to date, Mr. Minister, do you have any information or what is the status of the tendering process for the Torngasok Cultural Centre? If you have any to share with us here today, would you please share it with us? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Culture.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek. Thank you, AngajukKâk for Postville. We have put out a tender, but we have been given a request if we could give more time to give that tender and I wonder if the First Minister could give a better answer than I could. Ukâttik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** No, I don't think I'd give a better answer. What William said was correct. We did get a request on that tendering process to extend that for three weeks so that companies can have more time to look at the package and put a bid in on it. So we're currently looking at extending that for another three weeks to give companies time to put a bid in on that contract. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Are there any more questions? The Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would like to direct my question again to the First Minister. I would like to know if there were any discussions on the email that I had sent to the whole Assembly regarding our court dockets. I also sent an email to our MHA Randy Edmunds. He responded, but I did not hear anything from our government. I believe that our court system in Nunatsiavut is failing our people and it needs to be looked into. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Who is the question directed to? Okay, the Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Thank you for the question and I totally agree with the Member for Hopedale. The situation with the courts is unacceptable. We are currently looking at that situation and that specific email that you're talking about, and we will be bringing a position forward from the government with regards to what we feel is the unacceptable situation with the courts, with the court circuit. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Once again my questions directed to Minister of Finance, I guess, through this one, technology. Many of our community members or beneficiaries come to the office looking for ID's or photos for photo ID's. In the past at one point

there was going to be something coming from NG to come to our communities to take photo ID's. What's the status on that? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I remember some time ago that the Registrar's Office, itself, was looking at photo ID's through ITK. The federal government did not want to go down that road so the issue came back to Nunatsiavut Government. I believe we had that discussion at the Executive Council level a couple of weeks ago and there are some plans to follow up on that. From our understanding there is equipment available in each of the communities at the airstrips whereby photos can be taken and that the Executive Council was looking at working with the responsible Minister for the community liaison officers to develop a plan for community liaison officers to assist with that process. I believe that's where we're too at the moment and I certainly can follow up again on your question and hopefully get back to you, Mr. Jacque, before the end of this sitting before we leave Hopedale today on that matter, this week, sorry, Madame Speaker, on that matter. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I was going to ask the same question that the AngajukKâk for Makkovik asked, but I'd like to

ask the Minister of Finance, it's a little bit about, I think it's to you. It's about the new beneficiary cards that we have. People are saying that they're fading away really fast. I've noticed a couple of people told me that. I don't know if it's the quality or whatever. I don't have one. I got my old one, but they're fading out so I figured if we've got to get new ones made, we might as well put pictures on them, I think, and if that's in the plans or...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** I certainly again, AngajukKâk for Rigolet, we'll take that under consideration and have that discussion. But from our understanding, if we produce our own photo ID that's not recognized as an official ID for travel by way of example. There is a process in place with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Services Division to have a general piece of photo identification that's accepted throughout the country and that's some of the details that we want to continue that discussion on with before we engage or ask our community liaison officers to assist with that process. It's something that's new to me regarding the quality of the cards. I haven't heard that before and we certainly will follow up on that matter as well. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS WOLFREY:** It's kind of a supplementary. I thought that acceptable to Transport Canada for travelling was two government-issued pieces of ID and

if they won't accept a government ID from Nunatsiavut Government, what's that saying? We're not a recognized government because in the laws in Canada we've been accepted as a recognized government, then I think we should argue that point with somebody. I mean, we're supposed to be allowed to travel with two pieces of government-issued ID if we don't have one with a picture on. So we should be a recognized government in the books in Canada anyway, so we should move forward with that issue to someone to get that corrected, if it's incorrect now. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Rigolet, and I don't have a definitive answer for you on that. From my understanding, like yours, I mean in order to travel and to be admitted on airlines by way of example, there have to be an acceptable identification card that's issued by either the province or the territory or the Government of Canada such as a passport. I'm not sure what the Government's position is on our own beneficiaries, our cards that's being produced and given to our beneficiaries as part of the registration process, but your concerns are, I think, are only valid and that that's something that we could look at working towards with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador through service in Newfoundland and Labrador. We certainly will enter into these discussions as well, but I mean I can't answer your question, and I think that's a

question that the province or the federal government should answer, and I think we can follow up on that matter as well and ask those questions directly on your behalf. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more questions?

If there are no more questions this morning, we're going to take a 20-minute break.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to call the Assembly back to order, please. We are down

to item number seven on our Orders of the Day, "Written Questions," are there any written questions today? Number eight, "Returns to Written Questions," are there any returns today? "Petitions," are there any petitions? "Response to Petitions," there will be no responses today. Number 11, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees," are there any reports of Standing and Special Committees? No. "Tabling of Documents," item number 12. I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. As required by the Labrador Inuit Constitution, I am pleased to table the Nunatsiavut Government's financial plan for 2013-14. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. The document will be tabled as number 128. Any more tabling of documents? Then we'll move

down to, "Notices of Motions". I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 13th, 2013, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that table document 128, the financial plan 2013 be moved into the Committee of the Whole for discussion in conjunction with Budget Bill 2013-02, the *Budget Act 2013*. Madame Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 15, Motions. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I understand you have another notice of motion.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 13th, I will move first reading of Bill 2013-02, the *Budget Act 2013*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Notice of Motion refers to reading of bills. I recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I believe I might have been out of order as I moved down to Notice of Motion of First Reading on Bills when I gave notice for the Budget Bill to move to first reading on March 13th. So can you clarify whether I was out of order on that or not before I proceed and I may have to back up to Notices of Motion. Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Nakummek, Madame



Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 13th, 2013 I will move first reading of Bill 2013-03, *Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act 2013*. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. I understand you wish to proceed with one of the motions you gave notice earlier.

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, Madame Speaker, Nakummek. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion on moving the government's financial plan for 2013-14 into the Committee of the Whole for consideration. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Minister, you may proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker and fellow members of the Assembly. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Executive Council is required to prepare a consolidated financial plan for each fiscal year and present it to the Assembly, and whereas the financial plan for 2013-14 has been tabled in the Assembly, and whereas the financial plan should be considered by the Assembly, now therefore I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that tabled document 1-28, the financial plan, 2013-14 be moved into the Committee of the Whole for discussion in conjunction with Budget Bill 20-13-02, the *Budget Act 2013*. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. The motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** No, not at this time, Madame Speaker, Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** I have no final comments, Madame Speaker, and I wish to close debate. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any opposed? The motion is carried. The financial plan will be considered in Committee of the Whole at the appropriate time. We'll go down to item number 16 on our Orders of the Day, "First Reading of Bills". I recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to waive standing order 49-1 and give first reading to Bill 2013-02, the *Budget Act 2013* today. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Members, the Minister is seeking unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 2013-02 now. Are there any nays? There is none. Mr. Minister, you may proceed with the first reading.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker and fellow members of the Assembly. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that Budget 2013-02, the *Budget Act 2013* be now introduced and read for the first time. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. Does anyone wish to speak to the motion? Mr. Minister, would you like to introduce the Bill?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I am extremely proud to rise today in this honourable House to be a part of a government that has been touted as one in which all Aboriginal groups and organizations across the country should emulate. The national media, Madame Speaker, has identified the Nunatsiavut Government as an example of a regime that stands amongst the top when it comes to being accountable and transparent. Madame Speaker, we have published the financial statements as part of the Nunatsiavut Government annual report beginning with the year ended March 31st, 2011. Our Budget Acts are public documents available to all beneficiaries upon request to the Clerk of the Assembly. Madame Speaker, having accountability and transparency builds trust. Trust with the beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* and trust with our federal and provincial counterparts. The Nunatsiavut Government is in a financial asset position meaning we have the resources to fund future operations. We have accumulated surpluses, Madame

Speaker, and indeed we have had surpluses for the last number of years. I think everybody in this room should be proud. We should be proud of what we have accomplished, proud of the work we are doing. That is why, Madame Speaker, it is important that we stay the course. As Minister of Finance Human Resources and Information Technology I am pleased to present the Nunatsiavut Government's 2013-14 Financial Plan. This balanced budget, Madame Speaker, will allow us to continue to implement our Strategic Plan while setting the course for future social and economic growth and prosperity for Nunatsiavut and indeed all beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement*. Madame Speaker, we have to make choices that are fiscally responsible guided in our decisions by the Strategic Plan. We have been prudent in our financial plan ensuring that the Nunatsiavut Government remains in a healthy financial position. For the 2013-14 fiscal year, Madame Speaker, we have budgeted a total of \$61,418,686. Of that amount a total of \$20,157,546 will be used for government administration. This expenditure will be offset from our own resources, own sources of revenue of the same amount, which I am proud to note includes a surplus of \$4.8 million from the previous fiscal year. A total of \$41,261,140 is set aside to deliver programs and services under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, which, as you know, Madame Speaker, was successfully renegotiated between the Nunatsiavut Government and the governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador

in 2012. The renewed *Fiscal Financing Agreement* ensures funding is provided to the Nunatsiavut Government for the provision of programs and services to Inuit and other persons living in Inuit communities, levels reasonably compared to those generally prevailing in other communities of similar size and circumstance in Labrador and reflects our success in obtaining increased funds for the non-insured health benefits program. This is a good budget, Madame Speaker, one as I indicated earlier that will help us carry through with our Strategic Plan. Our departments have done a very good job managing our financial resources, and I am confident we will see the same again this year. As noted in the financial plan, Madame Speaker, we have received increased personal income tax dollars and Goods and Services Tax funds from the Government of Canada. As employment increases in our communities this benefits everyone. The Nunatsiavut Government receives 95 per cent of the personal income tax received from people living in Labrador Inuit lands. We are seeing increases in interest and investment income as we continue to invest excess cash in the bond market, and with the improvement of global markets, interest rates are increasing or rising. Madame Speaker, new mineral and mining rights taxes are not expected to be received from the province in 2013-14. As such, we have appropriated funds from our reserves to allow us to continue to offer programs and services at their current level. The Department of the Nunatsiavut Government have built their plans for the next

fiscal year using the priorities under the Strategic Plan as a guide. We have seen an overall increase in salaries due to the approval of increases in the Labrador allowance and travel benefits offered to employees and elected officials. The overall budget for the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Madame Speaker, which includes the President's Office, has been increased by approximately 19 per cent or \$314,000 from the previous year. The Secretariat is responsible for policy development and planning for the Nunatsiavut Government. We have identified a need for a full-time policy analyst to ensure that policies are developed, approved and implemented government-wide ensuring Inuit culture is integrated into all policies and programs developed from these policies. A part of good governance, Madame Speaker, is ensuring that there is good record keeping, storage and protection of our documents. Data and information management is critical to ensuring smooth operations of the government and maintaining corporate history. As such, funds have also been set aside to hire an information data management specialist. The operational budget for Nunatsiavut Affairs, Madame Speaker, has increased by 11 per cent to offset the significant increases in the maintenance of public properties and fuel prices. Housing, Madame Speaker, is a major issue throughout Nunatsiavut, particularly in Nain and here in Hopedale. It was identified as one of the priorities of the Government under our Strategic Plan. As you know, Madame Speaker, a Housing Needs Assessment cost shared between the

Nunatsiavut Federal and Provincial Governments is near completion. Surveys were conducted this past month and the final results are expected within the month. The results of this assessment will guide the Nunatsiavut Government as we build a comprehensive housing strategy. To that end, Madame Speaker, I'm pleased to announce that a total of \$2.7 million has been set aside to deal with recommendations coming from the Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment and a Sustainable Community Initiative. This money, Madame Speaker, in addition to the \$2.3 million appropriated to the Torngat Regional Housing Association to continue with the delivery of its program. There is a 12 per cent increase, Madame Speaker, in the overall budget for the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. The increase is driven by a realignment of cost for the assistant controller position previously appropriated from the Department of Health and Social Development budget. Madame Speaker, the budget for the Department of Land and Natural Resources has increased by 16 per cent from the previous year. Highlights from the departmental plan include the continuation of a fund for the purchase of fishing opportunities such as quotas and licences. The acquisition of capital assets including the construction of two Quonset huts to store equipment and the replacement of aging equipment, appropriation of funds for research of a second counting fence in the Lake Melville, Rigolet area. Continuation of the Lake Melville baseline environmental

study and funds earmarked for the Nunatsiavut Government Sustainable Communities Initiative. Madame Speaker, the Department of Education and Economic Development will continue to implement its commitments under the Strategic Plan in relation to education, capacity building and a development of economic opportunities and strategies. The overall budget for the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Madame Speaker, has increased by 20 per cent. Culture and language has been identified as one of the key priorities in the Strategic Plan. A number of programs and projects will be developed and implemented while others will be implemented, including the Labrador *Inuttitut* Program. Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government will continue to contribute \$60,000 to the Torngat Recreation Commission and new marketing programs and products will be developed. Madame Speaker, there is an increase in the Nunatsiavut Assembly budget from the prior year due to the fact that we'll be heading into a general election in May, 2014. Preparations for this election will begin in the upcoming fiscal year. Under capital infrastructure projects, Madame Speaker, construction of the Makkovik office complex is set to begin this spring. As I indicated from the start, Madame Speaker, this budget is a responsible one. It's a financial plan that will position us to fulfil some of the commitments laid out in our Strategic Plan to address the needs of our people and our communities. In concluding, Madame Speaker, I want to



personally thank all members of the Assembly and the Nunatsiavut Government Public Service for the tremendous support you have given us over the year and I'm seeking your support to approve the Budget and financial plan for the fiscal year 2013-14. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Would anyone else like to speak to the principle of the Bill? If no other members wish to speak, does the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Madame Speaker, I wish to conclude debate. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Minister. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2013-02 on first reading?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any opposed? The motion is carried and accordingly Bill 2013-02 has had first reading. I would now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54-3 I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54-1 to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2013-02. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill

2013-02, the *Budget Act 2013*. Are there any nays? There is none. Minister, you have unanimous consent so the Bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. First Reading of Bills. I recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 2013-03, the *Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act* today. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Members, the Minister is seeking unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 2013-03 now. Are there any nays? There is none. Mr. Minister, you may proceed with first reading.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker and fellow members of the Assembly. I move, seconded by the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, the Minister of Health and Social Development, that Bill 2013-03, the *Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantee Act 2013* be now introduced and read for the first time. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. Would you like to have opening remarks on that motion, Mr. Minister?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Bill 2013-03, a Bill for an Inuit law to Authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees to support commercial borrowing by the Torngat Fishers Producers Co-operative Society for the period from April

1st, 2013 to December 31st, 2013. This Bill, Madame Speaker, would authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue Loan Guarantees not exceeding \$750,000 in order to support the operations of the Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative during the 2013-14 fiscal year. Madame Speaker, since 2007 the Nunatsiavut Government has been providing Loan Guarantees to Torngat Fisheries Producers Co-operative for their operating line at the Bank of Montreal. We have not had to act on this guarantee since we have provided this guarantee. The details of the guarantee for the last six years are as follows. In 2007-08 the Assembly approved a \$600,000 Loan Guarantee for a period of six months. In 2008-09, the Assembly approved a 750,000 loan guarantee for a period of 12 months, and subsequently the Assembly, Madame Speaker, approved the same amount for the fiscal years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13. Madame Speaker, our government is recommending that we continue to provide the Loan Guarantee of \$750,000, again to the Torngat Fisheries Producers Co-operative for the period April 1st, 2013, to December 31st, 2013. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Would anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? Would the Minister of Finance wish to conclude debate?

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** That concludes debate on the first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2013-03 on first reading?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is carried and accordingly Bill 2013-03 has had first reading. I would now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Nunatsiavut Treasurer.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54-3 I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54-1 and have the Assembly proceed directly to second reading of Bill 2013-03. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive standing order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2013-03, the *Torngat Co-op Guarantees Loan Act, 2013*. Are there any nays? There are none. Minister, you have unanimous consent, so the Bill can proceed to a second reading at the appropriate time. We're looking at the time here now where lunch is going to be at 12:00 and our next item on the Orders of the Day is going into a Committee of a Whole. Would members prefer to wait for after lunch break now and after lunch and come back and start into the Committee of the Whole at that time? Or shall we proceed? Yes.

**MALE:** Well, what time are you expecting to come back this afternoon, Madame Speaker?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** One o'clock. Go ahead, Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think it would be better because, obviously, we want to do a thorough job of discussing our Budget Bill, and if we start now, you know, we may be looking at the time and saying, well, we're getting hungry. It's almost twelve o'clock. It's dinner time. Let's sort of rush through it. I think if we come back fresh at 1:00. This, people have seen it. They've got time to think about it for the next hour and a bit. When we come back at one o'clock I'll think we'll be ready to go and go through this and give it a proper read-through, I think. That's what I would prefer.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Is there consent for that?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. So we'll now adjourn until one o'clock.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to call the Assembly back to order, please. We're on item number 17, "Second Reading of Bills." You will note that Bill 2012-04, the Regional Land Use Bill will continue to appear on the Orders of the Day until it is dealt with, and it will not be dealt with during this sitting. I'd like to now recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle on Second Reading of Bills.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I would like to make a motion in accordance with standing order 42 to allow for consideration of the Budget Bill in the Committee of the Whole. Therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that Bill 2013-02 be

referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. The motion is in order. To the motion, all those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any nays? The motion is carried. Before we convene as the Committee of the Whole I'd like to explain to the members the procedure we will follow. The Assembly has been following the new Standing Orders and during that transition we are finding that the procedures are not clear concerning the functioning of the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole is an important part of our procedures as it allows for a less formal consideration and discussion of Bills, committee reports and detailed and technical matters. It is also the only part of Assembly procedures where witnesses may appear before the Assembly. The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures intends to meet in the near future to address the matter and may offer some amendments to the Standing Orders to assist the Assembly in running more smoothly when considering items in the Committee of the Whole. We will now move into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Budget Bill. We will also consider the tabled document 128, the Financial Plan, 2013-2014 in conjunction with the Budget Bill. The procedure that we will follow is that it will ask the Minister of Finance to introduce the witnesses and then we will

proceed with the members' detailed review of the Bill. Once all members have had an opportunity to ask questions, all their questions on the Bill and financial plan, we will then conclude Committee of the Whole and go back into formal session and proceed with second reading. So now we are in a Committee of the Whole and I'd like to ask the Minister for the record if you could introduce your witnesses, please.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Chair. I'd like to call as a witness, the controller for Nunatsiavut Government, the Deputy Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Rexanne Crawford.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'll call the annex first on page seven of the Bill and then each page of the Bill, and if you can ask questions or comments as you move through each page. So in the Budget Bill on page seven, we'll start on page seven, do anyone have questions for that page seven? Then we'll move over to page eight. Oh, we have a question, sorry, Charlotte, go ahead.

**MS WOLFREY:** Just under Inuit Community Corporations, is that for two of them or what, a hundred and fifty thousand? Okay, thank you. I thought it was a hundred thousand each for some reason.

**MR. POTTLE:** No, just for clarity's sake, that is for both community corporations and that's been the standard for the last five or six years that we've been as Assembly. There have been no increases and they

receive that annual amount. I believe to break that down is about 96,000. Rexanne, maybe you have the figures.

**MS CRAWFORD:** It's 94,000 NunaKâtiget and 56,000 for Sivunivut.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions for page seven? Then we move over to page eight? Page nine? Page 10? Page 11? Page 12? Page 13? Page 14? Page 15? Page 16? Glen, do you have question there?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Yes, Madame Chair. I guess it kind of caught my attention there earlier when Minister Pottle was reading his financial statement or the plan under housing, would there be a breakdown of, or is there missing something here? 2,711, 780?

**MR. POTTLE:** No, I don't think you're missing anything, Glen. That is the dollars that we're planning to appropriate to set aside to deal with the recommendations coming out of the housing needs survey. There hasn't been a breakdown because we don't know what those needs currently are and until we scrutinize the report and look at the recommendations then we'll look at ways of possibly applying those dollars to meet the housing needs coming out of the survey.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Tony.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Yeah. Those...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Did you finish, Glen?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Those...

**MR. POTTLE:** The President wanted to add to something that I...



**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. Sure, go ahead, Sarah.

**MR. POTTLE:** ...in response to Glen's question. Sorry, Tony.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thanks. Also we're still working on a strategy for housing within Nunatsiavut Government. We don't know what that strategy is. Like I said, we're still working on that. So that's part of that reason that money was put aside. The other thing is we have the Sustainable Community's Initiative that the communities are working on at a community government level through the JMC. We also, you know, some of that may be used for that project as well in what comes out of that Sustainable Community's Project. So it's not necessarily to say we're going to be building houses. Let's look at our strategy, what we're going to come up with and as well working with the community governments in their Sustainable Communities Project because housing, it's not just building a house. There's so much more involved with it, and that's why that money was put aside.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Tony.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I guess the President somewhat answered my question. I'll change it a little bit now, but my understanding then is that this is actual housing money, for social or community housing related projects and not housing for Nunatsiavut staff. Okay. And it is good, Chair, that the President mentioned that there are other things related to building the houses and I'll tell you that in Nain this year we are putting in a new subdivision, 10 lots at a cost of

2.1 million, which makes those housing lots alone over 200,000 per lot to service. So when we're talking in terms of a house, the actual cost of a house is getting now up to be about 350 grand for a house in Nain. So you answered my question good.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** I had some questions this morning on this financial strategic, on the strategy, and something that the Minister of Finance eluded to when he was reading part of that. He said and I don't know if I can ask it here or not, but when he said that there's a hundred thousand dollars or a hundred and fifty thousand dollars put aside, he said for Lake Melville, Rigolet, area for some kind of a fence for, I think it was a salmon fence. In here it says Rigolet area. I want to know what you're talking about because the people in Rigolet are thinking its Tom Luscombe Brook and we couldn't call that Rigolet Lake Melville. We would call that Rigolet area, Grosswater Bay, or whatever it is. It wouldn't be Lake Melville. Lake Melville would be like English River or something. That's one part and then I've got another part.

**MR. SHIWAK:** I can answer that first part.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Daryl.

**MR. SHIWAK:** The decision on that location hasn't been finalized yet. That's why it's sort of a vague statement there on Lake Melville, but I think it's safe to say one of the better rivers that we looked at is Tom Luscombe River.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you. That was my understanding too. But and another thing that I got in the financial, it says about under Culture, Recreation and Tourism, it says we will see programs including the Northern Ranger experiencing and packaging. That could be a disaster waiting to happen if there's anything; the Northern Ranger is anything like she was last summer. So I want to caution there about us going into packaging something and the Ranger could be tomorrow turned around and gone back to Quebec. I don't think it's good to have anything packaged for the Ranger because it's also unsettled and unsure and unreliable. Could be tourists on there and we could be up in the middle of the bay somewhere and the power all go. And, you know, but anyway I just a little bit of caution there about using the Rangers to promote our tourist thing.

**MR. LAMPE:** Charlotte, we are only looking at a pilot project to see if it could work but it Kristy's on leave right now and we were hoping that she would look at that pilot project, but right now we are not really doing anything with it right now because we did do interviews to hire someone to look at that particular project, but right now we're just trying to figure out exactly what it is that we have to do, but there are no definite plans to that project.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Yes, go ahead, Darryl.

**MR. SHIWAK:** One of the keys to that plan as well is the initial meeting with the province and the Transportation Department to see if this is something that they would do as well. And at that meeting we

would get the assurance or non-assurance that the ranger can be used for something like this. So there are some steps to go through, but it'll only come after, like, Johannes said that you have that person replacing Kristy.

**MS WOLFREY:** Yes, the other question about the ranger, she already haven't got enough capacity for us when there's big festivals on the go so, but fill her up with tourists and everybody else will have to try to find the space to sit out on deck or something. Anyway, I just don't like the thoughts of the Ranger stuff. It's not enough capacity for us, let alone promoting it as a tourism kind of thing. That's just my thoughts.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions, we're on page 16? Susan.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Chair, and just going back to page 15, just for clarification, I guess, the Torngasok Cultural Centre in 2015 will be looking for 1.6 in additional funds. Is that additional funds, or just the royalties broken up and being distributed in 2015, or is that additional funds?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Rexanne.

**MS CRAWFORD:** If you recall under *Budget Act 2012*, last year's budget, we had budgeted 800,000 for Torngasok under our own source revenue to be expended, I think it was, in this fiscal and next fiscal year, or it was the two fiscal years out. And what we've done is we didn't have to spend any money in this fiscal year, so we've combined that under next, not this fiscal, but the 2014-2015 year. That's

separate to the *Torngasok Cultural Centre Act*. So when we had done our breakdowns in talking about the *Torngasok Cultural Centre Act*, part of our contribution was coming under our *Budget Act* and the other pieces coming from our *Torngasok Cultural Centre Act* for our total contribution.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Max.

**MR. WINTERS:** Yes, could we go back to the Wildlife Plants Co-management Board. It goes down every year. Is there an explanation for that, please?

**MS CRAWFORD:** The budget for the implementation plan comes from the implementation plan Annex D. So what we budgeted in 2014 is what was agreed upon between Government of Canada, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Nunatsiavut Government under the implementation plan. I don't have the annex in front of me, but I believe that there is some particular changeover either in board members and there's some additional training and maybe a little bit of additional research in this year. And then next year some of those additional costs go down, which is why you see a decrease, but those numbers come from the implementation plan that was agreed January, 2005.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions from page 16? Any more questions from page 7 to 16? If not then we'll move to the front of page two. Anybody have any questions or comments for page two? It's the Budget Bill, the same one we were going through. It's just back to

the top cover on page two. Page three? Page four? Page five?  
Go ahead, Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** Have you received all of the budgets of each Inuit Community Government? Just because if we didn't, it says there that the budget of each Inuit Community Government has been approved in accordance with 10.3.6 of the *Inuit Constitution*. I guess that's the NEC approves it, is it? So and they've all been received and that, is it?

**MR. POTTLE:** Not necessarily, Charlotte. We didn't through, I guess, most of the work of the Joint Management Committee and then looking at the dollars for the Inuit Community Governments, the gist of the matter is, I mean, there's been no changes with respect to dollar amounts that's been transferred under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. So there's been no increase in dollar amounts that's going to each of the community governments. So this is basically a standard and carryover from each of the year's budget. If necessary, I mean, and as per the *Financial Administration Act* the treasurer and the controller can enter into consultations with the Inuit Community Governments with respect to developing your budgets and, if necessary, bring that to the Executive Council for approval. We didn't do that this year.

**MS WOLFREY:** Yes, I asked that for a specific reason because one of the reasons we were lagging behind on our budget, for us, anyway, was that we wondered was there going to be an increase and we wanted to

make it. Actually, we had asked for an increase in staff, so we were wondering if that was going to go into the increases from FFA, and if it didn't, we were going to somehow or other try to work things out so that it would be within our budget, we could do what we wanted to do. So there was some lagging, but that was the reason for it.

**MR. POTTLE:** I guess, the only other thing that I would say on that are you may see a slight increase in the budget as per the adjustment for the fee rate that comes out annually.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Denise, did you have a question? Page six. Any questions on this Budget Bill as a whole to anyone before we move onto the Financial Plan? Susan.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Just looking on page nine from the last Assembly, Dan, you had mentioned that there may be a possibility of the mining tax royalty being suspended for a couple years. Looking at it here, did you hear any updates on that, or will the mining tax royalty continue to be 4.6?

**MR. POTTLE:** We have been informed by the province, Susan, that there may not be any royalties forthcoming, so what we've done is we budgeted based on other years for royalty from the surplus funds that we had. We have, as per the *Land Claims Agreement* there's supposed to be a Subsurface Resource Revenue Sharing Committee established between Nunatsiavut Government and the province. We have named our members of that committee and we

did request in writing and we had a response from the province that they've named their two committee members to that being Ruby Carter and Peter Au from the Department of Finance. We are still, for the information of Assembly members, and I think I gave this in my last report at the last Assembly, we don't agree with the province's position and at this point in time our lawyers Veryan Haysom and Mike Flatters is working on that matter, and at this point in time we can't release any information on that because it's a strategy that we're working to bring back to the province, so that's where we're to on the matter. We certainly don't agree with the province.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions on the Bill as a whole from anyone? If not, then we'll move on to the Financial Plan. Pages two and three. Page four. Go ahead, Charlotte.

**MS WOLFREY:** Excuse me; it's just on page three. There must be some kind of an editing problem there or something because it says personal income tax dollars and GST dollars are based on the projection provided by the Canada. On the second paragraph on page three, sources of revenue PIT provided by the Canada something that would mean Revenue Act or what is it? Something is missing.

**MR. POTTLE:** It should be just by Canada.

**MS WOLFREY:** Okay.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any questions on page four? Page five? Go ahead, Gary.



**MR. MITCHELL:** Can I ask a question on page four?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Sure.

**MR. MITCHELL:** In number four there, Nakummek. Responding to an urgent immediate need to implement a new program or service for the good of Labrador Inuit. In the case where the contingency fund we have is not spent by the end of the year, can this be spent on any program or service? I'm talking about like if we're talking about a housing strategy like the same on that case, but housing, can it be spent on housing?

**MS CRAWFORD:** The money, we have a contingency fund that continues to grow each year so under the constitution we have to maintain a contingency fund and the percentage that gets allocated is 2.5 per cent of our departmental budgets which was - I don't know if it's written in the constitution or it was a decision of either the Assembly in the Government, and that continues to accumulate each year in response to one of the four, and it can only be spent on one of these four items as per the *Constitution*. To date, the money has not been spent on any area and it just continues to accumulate in case of, you know, there is a need under these areas.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Can I speak?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Gary.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Yes, where it says a new program, the housing would be a new program, like, if you bought a new housing strategy, it would be a new program. I just thought it might be spent there.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Danny.

**MR. POTTLE:** If I can just respond to that. Gary, again, if you go up to the preamble as per the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* the government is required to maintain a contingency fund that may be used the Executive Council. I mean that need or that emergency, if there was an immediate need or a need to implement a new program or service that would have to be approved by the Executive Council. So, it's hard to say whether or not that that money could be spent, but if there's an identified immediate need or a need to implement a new program or service the Executive Council would make that decision.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page five? Page six? Page seven? Okay, go ahead, Danny.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just before we go on to page seven, Pat, I thought, getting back to a question that Charlotte had raised about the intent of money for be used to a counting fence, I mean, you'll see here under renewable resources bullet number three, it speaks specifically to a counting fence to be established in the Rigolet area. I think we used the language from the *Land Claim Agreement* when we look at regions within Nunatsiavut, Rigolet, and Upper Lake Melville being a region. So I think just to add further to what was said, I mean, that's used interchangeably, I think you know, Rigolet or

Rigolet, Upper Lake Melville region. I just wanted to make that qualification, and that's coming specifically out of the *Land Claims Agreement*. When we refer to the regions, Nain, north of Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Makkovik, Rigolet, Upper Lake Melville.

**MS WOLFREY:** I thought that only pertained to the committees that are looking at where people are from, and if they're membership committees. That's what I was thinking about. I thought those terms referred to that because I thought that when you're - anyway, that's okay. I just wanted to make sure that in Rigolet is understood that it's going to be in the Rigolet area.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any questions for page seven?

**MS WOLFREY:** So I do have one quick question for Minister, I don't know, I guess it's for the Education and Economic Development or Danny, one of you. It's with regards to the approval that we've given for single students, is it, to have an increase in their allowance. So is that five per cent is going to cover that, is it? The five per cent increase they're asking for this year is going to cover that, is it?

**MS CRAWFORD:** The five per cent increase for a single student that comes under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* dollars that are appropriated. And so if you look under our *Budget Act* on the very last page we talk about the allocations of FFA dollars, one of it to PSSSP. So that increase is coming from that budget. This is just in response to the Departmental operations outside of that particular program.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page eight. Gary, go ahead.

**MR. MITCHELL:** In regard to Nunatsiavut Assembly there's an increase of six per cent. Before the general election for May 2014 why would that come out of this fiscal year?

**MS CRAWFORD:** Because the election will be called so many weeks beforehand and the office for the chief electoral officer has to be established prior to March 31st. So we have to budget some of the funds for the establishment of the office, the chief electoral officer starting and supplies and services that he'll need or she'll need in doing their work.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions on the Bill or the Financial Plan while we're here in a Committee of a Whole? Any more statements? Go ahead, Patricia.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** I'm just wondering, I think I asked this question of Rexanne, which I emailed, but she's been really busy so I want to ask it before the Bill is approved. Where does the Status of Women co-ordinator position come out of? Does it come out of the Fiscal Financing Agreement or...

**MS CRAWFORD:** And the salary is supposed to be showing under there and it's been added under finance. There under the actual, if you look under the way the additions are done when I drill down to the formulas, the salary is actually showing under financial salaries. So I need to move it over, but I don't need to do that as an amendment to the Budget Bill because we can do it after the fact,

after the Budget Bill has been approved. It's just a reformat between departments.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions on either the Bill or the Financial Plan while we're in a Committee of a Whole? Susan, go ahead.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Not exactly on the actual Budget Bill, itself, but the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, when is the actual very last payment from the feds and the province for the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, and like it's a huge sum of money, 41 million and I'm just wondering when is the very last allotment of those funds and how are we going to be after those discontinue?

**MR. POTTLE:** Can you repeat the last part of your question?

**MS NOCHASAK:** When does the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* officially end?

**MR. POTTLE:** No, the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* is negotiated every five years, and we receive payments from Canada on a regular basis. We don't receive it all at one time.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** There's no end date to that. It's not going to stop on 2017...

**MR. POTTLE:** No there are provisions under - as per the *Land Claims Agreement* we have to enter Fiscal Financing negotiations every five years and there is a provision in the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* that if we start entering into negotiations in the fourth year and we're not successful in concluding those negotiations that Fiscal Financing Plan can be rolled over for a period of up to two years.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** And there's no end date for when we stop receiving FAA dollars.

**MR. POTTLE:** No.

**MS CRAWFORD:** Yes, there's no end date on the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* because the bulk of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* is a drawdown of programs from the Government of Canada that they offer or have been offering that we've taken down and the benefit is that we run it for ourselves because who knows better than to run these programs to our people than us. So what Minister Pottle is referring to is that we renegotiate how much the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* will be on a five-year interval, but there is no end date on those payments. There are end dates on the implementation and settlement trust payments and those are all outlined in the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Go ahead, Wayne.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you. For our *Fiscal Financing Agreement* it's every five years so where do we have money allocated in here for when we're supposed to have people move into the Nunatsiavut Region from the other places like for the Department and stuff?

**MS CRAWFORD:** That doesn't come under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* because of the way the programs are defined under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. That would have to be budgeted as we move forward with the plan under other sources of revenue whether it's implementation trust funds or if it's whatever our other sources of revenues that we have allocated.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions on the Budget Bill or financial plan? If there are no further questions on the Bill or the Financial Plan then I would like to thank the witness and we will now reconvene as an Assembly for second reading of the Bill. We are now back in Assembly and we will now proceed with the formal sitting of the Assembly and second reading of Bill 2013-02. So, Mr. Minister, you may proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak that Bill 2013-02 the *Budget Act 2013* be read for the second time. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the budget. The Assembly will first consider the Annex to the Bill on page seven. All in agreement with page seven?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page eight.

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page nine.

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 10.

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 11.

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 12.

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 13.

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 14.

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 15.

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page 16.

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Now let's go back to page two. Page two, Contents, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number one down, Short Title, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number two, Interpretation, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page three, Budget Approved and Adopted, number three  
agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number four, Authorizations Respecting Revenues, agreed?



**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number five, Additional Revenues, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page four, number six, Payments Must Be Authorized, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number seven, Time Limit On Payments Authorized Under This Act, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Number eight, Appropriations, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nunatsiavut Assembly, page four, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nunatsiavut Secretariat, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page five, Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Department of Finance and Human Resources, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Department of Lands and Natural Resources, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Department of Health and Social Development, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Department of Education and Economic Development, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Appropriation in Respect of Inuit Community Government  
Budgets, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page six, Appropriation in Respect of Inuit Community  
Corporation Budgets, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Authorization for the Payment of Loans, Guarantees and  
Indemnities, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Other Requisitions Must Be Budgeted For and Be Authorized By  
Executive Council, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Transfers Between Funds Or Departmental Budgets, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Effective Date, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** That concludes the clause-by-clause and annex review of the Bill.

Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. That concludes debate. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2013-02 the *Budget Act 2013*?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any opposed? Accordingly Bill 2013-02 the *Budget Act 2013* has had second reading. Our next item is down to, "Assent of Bills," we still have another Bill to go through tomorrow so we'll do it all together. So the assent of Bills will be dealt with after all the Bills are done. Adjournment. The Assembly is adjourned now until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13th.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Good morning, Members. I'd like to call the Assembly to order. We'll go down through the Orders of the Day and we're starting with, "Minister Statements". Do we have any Minister Statements today? I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister, Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I would like to update the Assembly on many key files of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs. Madame Speaker, one of the key files of this Department was to co-ordinate our involvement in the Land Use Planning Process, our review of the Draft Land Use Plan. As you know, it's been our

intention to bring the legislation to that Land Use Plan for a second reading at this session of the Assembly. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has agreed that we will postpone second reading of the Bill the June sitting. I'm also pleased to inform the Assembly that we have successfully recruited a new Manager of Lands. This position will be working out of Rigolet. Madame Speaker, the Environment Division, we continue to work closely with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government to move the contamination issue in Hopedale ahead. We are currently completing a site-specific Human Health Risk Assessment for the community based on all the Country Food samples we collected last summer and fall. The results of this will help inform next steps in consultation with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government to ensure rights and health of Hopedale residents are protected in both the short and the long term. Lower Churchill. Madame Speaker, on our Lakeville Research Monitor Program we have been busy working with our research partners completing analysis of field work conducted last summer. We'll be travelling to Happy Valley, Goose Bay, Rigolet, North West River, next week to communicate preliminary results of the program and proposed future plans for community members about getting their feedback and input. We just received news that a grant from Arctic Net has been renewed for the next fiscal year. This is something that the Nunatsiavut Government uses to help leverage other funding from different programs. The Sustainable Communities Initiative,

Madame Speaker, we are continuing Phase II of the Sustainable Communities Initiative which is called, Putting into Practice. By the end of March, we will be finished compiling climate change projections, a review of best practises, environmental constraints, and a review of community planning infrastructure best practises for the Subarctic environments. Nain Community Freezer and Youth Outreach Program. We continue to take a proactive approach to implementing pilot programs to address food, insecurity and youth mental health issues in our communities. In partnership with the Nain Inuit Community Government, the Nain Inuit Community Freezer have worked with community members to provide our 1,000 kilograms of Country Foods to the community over the past four months while ensuring conservation at the forefront of the operations. Youth participating in our outreach program have harvested and trapped alongside harvesters to deliver Country Food to elders and build important social connections resulting in substantial mental health benefits to the participants. This program has allowed the youth to spend well over 150 days on the land. We are currently conducting an objective evaluation of the Community Freezer and Youth Outreach Program to further improve its delivery in the future. We have also submitted proposals for external funding sources to expand this framework and model to other Nunatsiavut communities in partnership with the Inuit Community Government. Saglek PCB Contamination. We are currently working with

partners to conduct a current human health risk assessment of the PCB Contamination in the Saglek radar site with the hopes that some management decisions and the subsequent decrease in PCB exposure levels may result in the harvesting advisory sign at the site to be removed. We will have results from this work within the next couple of months. Quest Proposed Transportation Corridor Study. Finally, from the Environment Division, Madame Speaker, we are continuing our analysis of the information collected during the interview and focus group portion of the Land Resource Use Study for the proposed transportation corridor from Quest from Strange Lake to Anaktalak Bay. Field work with over 60 community members across the coast has been completed. We are now synthesizing and quoting the information and will have preliminary results by the end of March. *Impact Benefits Agreement.* Madame Speaker, we continue to monitor the Voisey Bay IBA and the Torngat Mountains National Park IBA. In regards to the Voisey Bay IBA as of February, 2013, 40 percent of the employees are Inuit and the site has a total of 49 percent Aboriginal employment. Madame Speaker, at our last committee meeting that was held on February 21st, the company gave us an update on the status of going underground. Vale is presently in the process of completing the pre-feasibility study, and the feasibility study will commence in 2013 and will take approximately two years. In parallel with the feasibility study they are conducting a power supply study. We are also studying a combined and

diesel and wind power combination. Madame Speaker, the company indicated that to move underground the mining will require expansion of many services and facilities. Also once operational for underground mining the permanent work force will be doubled the current size. If underground mining were to proceed, the schedule they're looking at is a feasibility study completion in 2015, start construction work in 2016 and underground mining in 2019. Madame Speaker, they anticipate the schedule will line up well with the exhaustion of the old mine which is the open pit. Madame Speaker, the Torngat Mountains National Park IBA continues to be monitored and the next Co-Management Board meeting is scheduled to take place in late May. Renewable Resources Division Wildlife. Madame Speaker, on December 13th, 2012, Nunatsiavut Government recommended to our beneficiaries the suspension of the harvest in the George River Caribou Herd for a period of two years. We also call on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador restricts all hunting George River Caribou for non-Aboriginal people. On January 16th and 17th President Leo and I met with other Aboriginal leaders from across Newfoundland and Labrador and across Quebec to discuss ways to protect the George River Caribou Herd. A follow up meeting is scheduled for April in Sept Isles to further discuss how we're going to move ahead with protection of the herd. On January 28th of this year the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced that for the purpose of the conservation it will

not be opening a season to harvest George River Caribou for a period of five years and they would review that in two years. They established a total allowable harvest of zero. By establishing a total allowable harvest of zero under our *Land Claim Agreement*, Labrador Inuit are required to abide by that restriction. Madame Speaker, polar bear and moose harvest in Nunatsiavut is well underway. To date, a total of 27 moose, a total of 35 total allowable harvests have been taken in LISA. Makkovik with six, Nain with five, Rigolet, two, Hopedale, four, Postville, six, Upper Lake Melville, four. Also since opening of the polar bear harvest season on February 1st, 2013, a total of 6 bears have been taken of a 12 total allowable harvest. Nain, with two, Rigolet with one, and Hopedale with three. Fisheries. The 2013 commercial fisheries application is now available with submissions due March 22nd, 2013. Decisions on designation will be completed following DFO's establishment of 2013 quotas for shipped snow crab and competitive turbot. As Minister, I recently met with the Federal Minister of Fisheries to request a communal turbot licence to access the communal turbot quota that we were granted last year. We are still waiting to hear from the Minister on that request. Non-renewable Resources Division. Madame Speaker, since the last update in December, 2012, NG has approved two work plans for Aurora Energy Limited Mineral Exploration Program in LIL. The winter exploration work includes the diamond drilling, geophysics, geology, temporary air strip in Ranjan Lake, Kaipokok Bay, base



camp, and field cash and with the capacity of 200 drums. The second work plan approval was for an increase in the field cash for up to 500 drums. This year could see a decline in mineral exploration activity due to a difficulty in junior exploration companies in raising capital to fund their programs. Madame Speaker that concludes the report for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Can I continue with Nunatsiavut Affairs?

Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I mentioned just now I met with the Minister of Fisheries to discuss a request for a licence communal fishery. I also met with the Minister Diane Finley. She's responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The purpose of that meeting was to update the Minister on where we're at with housing, what we're trying to achieve with housing. As well, it's to give her a heads up that we will be trying to influence the federal government to change the policy with regards to funding housing. In the past infrastructure fund we were left out because we're south of 60 and we are not on the On Reserve Housing Program. So we want that policy changed at the federal level so we can get housing funding into our region to better build our housing programs. As a follow up to the meeting with Minister Finley on February 26th, Deputy Minister Toby, Deputy Minister Isabella, I'm sorry I'm saying your first names, but this is the way Toby's got it written. Then Minister Rexanne met with Michel Blondin, Manager of Aboriginal Housing, Policy and CMHC. Mr. Blondin was sympathetic towards the housing crisis within

Nunatsiavut; however, he could not make any commitment. But we will continue to work with the federal government or push the federal government to change that housing policy and to find a way to get more funding into our region. The Nunatsiavut Housing Assessment has been completed. The analysis of that assessment is currently underway and we hope in the very near future that we will be able to take some of that data, and like Minister Pottle said in his statement with regards to the budget that that is the data we will use to building our plan for housing in the very near future. With regards to the Makkovik Office Complex, four contractors get on the construction of the Makkovik Office Complex and the tender was awarded to Budgell's Equipment. Work is expected to begin in June 2013. With regards to the Torngasok Cultural Centre, the tender was called for construction of the Torngasok Cultural Centre. The tender closes on March 18th, but there has been a decision made to extend that for three weeks to allow for more comprehensive bids for that tender. Changes in the justice system are unacceptable for Nunatsiavut Government. We have asked legal counsel to discuss the issue and in order to get all the details. The process is in progress. I will ask legal counsel to draft a letter to Justice Minister King expressing disapproval and in support of, I think, AngajukKâk Andersen's letter to Minister King asking for a meeting to discuss the issue. Nunatsiavut Affairs, the housing file. Housing was identified as one of the priorities of the Nunatsiavut Government on

their Strategic Plan 2012-2015. Indeed housing has been identified as a crisis and a critical public health issue for Nunatsiavut. Housing is one of the key files, keys to a healthy population. There is significant evidence which demonstrates linkages between crowding, reduced ventilation, Inuit housing which result in higher rates of lower respiratory tract infections and hospitalization of Inuit infants and children. There's no easy solution to address the housing crisis that is parading in our communities. However, the government has taken a step to build a comprehensive plan to address the wide range of issues that fall under the term, housing. The Nunatsiavut Government, along with the Government of Canada, and Government of Newfoundland and Labrador partner complete the Housing Needs Assessment that I referenced earlier. We pulled staff from our regular duties, focused entirely on the completion of this survey. Surveyors worked weekends and evenings to ensure that we had the assessments completed in a timely fashion and had successful response rate of 93 per cent. The survey was completed and sent to Newfoundland Statistic Agency in November, 2012. Results are due to be released at the end of March, 2013. To quote one statistician who worked on this. The results from this assessment will be unassailable. The results from this assessment will guide the Nunatsiavut Government in terms of identifying critical needs in priority areas. This is a priority. Internal Planning Committee has been established working on this very issue. Through the

Environment Division and the Joint Management Committee, the Sustainable Committee Initiative has been started. The overall goal of this initiative is to inform best practises and provide guidance to community sustainability in Nunatsiavut. We do know that we cannot do this alone. Housing is a provincial jurisdiction, however, this does not mean we sit back and let the provincial government make decisions without our input. We have met with the provincial Minister responsible for housing, Minister Davis, before that, Minister Hedderson, several times. We have provided them with presentation to outline the issues, statistics on overcrowding and pictures from actual homes in Nunatsiavut. Lobbying with the federal politicians including the former Aboriginal Affairs Minister Duncan, and the Minister responsible for housing, Minister Finley, continues on a regular basis. Again, formal presentations have been made to the Ministers and their support staff. At every opportunity, whether it's in a meeting with federal/provincial Minister or presenting the Land Claims Coalition Conference, we are telling our story lobbying for additional funds for policy changes and new programs for assistance in putting people in safe and healthy homes. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would like to present today highlights from the Status of Women Office. The Status of

Women Office is undertaking a court monitoring program as a pilot project for Nain and Hopedale. This project trained women to go into court when there is a court circuit in the community to document and monitor the cases of violence against women. They monitor such things as the length of time from when a case is put on the court docket to when the sentence is handed down, as well as what the sentence outcome was. The project came about because there are many issues with the court system within Nunatsiavut such as it can take up to two years to be sentenced, the sentences are very light, some sentences are thrown out due to the length of time it has taken to go to trial. With the documentation from this project the Status of Women Office can build a case of the number of violence against women cases, the types and lengths of sentences and the length of time it takes to go to trial. Many times women have to stay in the same community as their abuser for up to two years before it goes for sentencing, and that puts women at added risk. With the much needed statistics we can continue to lobby the provincial government for increased court circuits because they've decreased them this fiscal year, and increase the length of sentences for violence against women cases. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the court cases within Nunatsiavut are violence against women and children, and that is unacceptable, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, on February 24th to the 27th the Status of Women Office held the second Inuit Women's Conference since Nunatsiavut was formed. Twenty-

seven women came together in Nain from all the Nunatsiavut communities and Upper Lake Melville and Canadian Constituency. Some of the topics covered were Women and Leadership Politics, Victim Services, Women and Mental Health, Diabetes Prevention, ITK's Inuit Education Plan as well as presentations from AnânauKatiget Tumingit, Provincial Women's Policy Office and the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women. There was time allotted for discussion around recommendations and priorities for the Status of Women Office and Nunatsiavut Government for going forward as it relates to women's issues. The conference report is not out yet, but some of the recommendations were. Child care centres stay open in the summer in some communities where it is needed. Establishment of a women's centre within Nunatsiavut. More communication with Nunatsiavut Government to beneficiaries and also Status of Women's Office with beneficiaries. Help for Inuit women incarcerated in Newfoundland prisons. Stiffer sentences for offences against women and children. Safe house for children. Madame Speaker, also at the conference women voted on the first Labrador Inuit Woman of the Year and the delegation selected Andrea Flowers from Hopedale. Andrea will be given her award on Wednesday at the International Women's Day supper that will be held here at the Assembly at 5:00 p.m. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I now recognize the Honourable Minister Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. This morning my report is on the Economic Development Division and the activities of that particular division. The funding proposal for the business plan and this seems to be repetitious because we haven't gotten funding yet for the business plan that was submitted in December. The Economic Development Division circulated its business plan to a number of funding agencies in December, 2012. The business plan was directed to Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Innovation Business and Role Development, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and Advance Education Skills, all these different departments. A number of positions were proposed in the business plan. A business development manager with strong background in business entrepreneurship, a procurement specialist whose job would be to be on top of all procurement opportunities at the federal, provincial, regional and municipal levels, and five economic development officers and one each Inuit communities along the north coast to proceed with a grass roots to Business Development. The Economic Development Division has had discussions with most of these external agencies. It still has to engage the Department of Innovation Business and Rural Development as part of a proposed budget. Funding for these

proposals have not yet been secured, but we are continuing to hold meetings with these government agencies and hopefully soon we'll have some answers on that because it's been going on quite long and communities are waiting for money to see what we can get going there. HRSDC was interested in discussing a potential partnership on service delivery as mandated by Service Canada in Nunatsiavut. HRSDC would not fund the Economic and Business Development Team, to Nunatsiavut Government, but offered instead equivalency of a contractual agreement with the Economic Development Officers directly to provide federal services to Nunatsiavut one day per week in each community. This means that the federal government is making a proposal within our business plan to have one day of each week, the Economic Development Officers would provide federal government services in the way of helping people to do Old Age Pension forms or other federal government forms. They'd be contracted by the federal government to do federal government services one day per week. But that's in the business plan and that funding still has not been secured. Service Canada would provide training to support to the CDO'S who would be Service Canada employees as I mentioned for one day per week, and this would be an advantage having this kind of service in the communities. Advance Education and Skills. The Economic Development Division met with AES in Happy Valley, Goose Bay to explore potential partnerships to hold and build a stronger economy in Nunatsiavut. It did not secure funding,



however, the meeting generated a commitment to work together to provide basic training sessions. Recent announcements of funding cuts, especially in that department of the Employment Assistance Programs, will impact on us, but we do not know yet to what extent. The Economic Development Division has requested that part of the budget review that the Business Development Officer become part of the Division's core funding. A number of proposed activities in the business plan will be funded by our Division through project budgets showing a greater contribution by the Nunatsiavut Government in its economic development pursuits. There is determination within the Economic Development Division to make things happen for the Inuit businesses in Nunatsiavut seize the opportunities and we hope to build on that determination and help Inuit business go after the opportunities that may become available. The Business Development Officer is a member of the Business Development Committee. This committee reviews applications from Inuit businesses to be registered in the Inuit Business Registry. Four new applications were reviewed since the last reporting period. One application was approved while more information was requested from the three other applicants. The on line registry still experienced some issues, but they are working with the IT Department to resolve the situation. There were three inquiries from Inuit businesses regarding funding sources in the last month. The Economic Development Division does not have funding for a new business start-up or expansions of existing

businesses. The Business Development Officer is helping beneficiaries to obtain funds through different organizations. The Community Economic Development Program. The CEDP Program Review Committee has not received any new applications for the Economic Development Program in the last six weeks. The end of the fiscal year is looming and there is still a substantial amount available for projects in the Inuit communities. There is no new development on the procurement file since the last Assembly. The Division will be advancing this active file throughout the next few months. The Education and Economic Development and Financial Resources Departments have discussed banking in Nunatsiavut. Consultation with the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies may lead to a potential solution to banking and cash flow challenges in the communities. James Thorbourne, with the NGC, the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, is willing to enter into discussions with communities in Nunatsiavut with Inuit Community Governments and ordinary elected members. There's been some discussion, Minister Pottle has had some discussion with James Thorbourne on banking and, as I mentioned, he's willing to enter in some discussions with the Community Governments, and the elected members in those communities are affected by banking services. Trade Mission Northern Exposure 2013. The Economic Development Division sponsored a trade mission during the Northern Exposure 2013 Conference and Trade Show in St. John's from January 22nd to the 24th. The Economic Development

Division also booked two booths in the trade show to advertise Inuit businesses and promote Inuit arts and crafts. Eleven Inuit businesses from Nunatsiavut participated in the trade mission. These businesses came from all five communities. The trade mission participants were highly sought after and some business contacts were made during the conference, and the level of satisfaction with the experience is high for all participants to the trade mission. The Department of Education, Economic Development meeting or all the departments will be meeting next week and discussing the post-secondary support program, Inuit Pathways and will be having a department three-day meeting. The meeting will bring together staff from all three divisions to learn about effective communication and team building, as well as how it can best use the internet to our advantage. Preliminary Strategic Planning discussions around vision mission values and their implementation will also take place. The Economic Development Division is planning an Inuit Development Summit. Two conference planners were recently hired to organize this event. The first order of business is to contact all five Inuit communities in Nunatsiavut to assess the possibility of having a conference in the spring of 2013 in terms of location, accommodation, catering, and conference facility. So now that we have the two conference planners in place, we'll be going forward with the conference, hopefully. It won't be in April as we had hoped because of the short time we had to prepare and kind of late in getting the

conference planners in place for this. The objective of this summit is to Economic Development stakeholders together including funding agencies, representatives from Nunatsiavut, provincial and federal governments as well as business people to discuss what is needed to facilitate business development and to foster a welcoming and profitable environment for businesses. Two major themes being explored for the summit's procurement and partnership. The Economic Development Conference will be the first step towards the Economic Development Strategic Plan expected for March 2015. Other Activities. The Economic Development Division would like to offer the next few weeks, one or two Simply Accounting courses. The time and place have not been decided on this. Workshops on enhancing business opportunities and how to write a business plan and other business seminars to enhance business in Nunatsiavut. The Economic Development Division would also seek partnerships with the school board to make presentation to the high school students as part of the education economic courses, and within Inuit Women's Association to reach potential women entrepreneurs. The Division is currently studying the possibility of having five or six business women take part in the NLOWE conference being held in April 2013 in Gander. The full activity calendar will be finalized with Economic Development Division once financial and Human Resources are established, most likely in April. I'd also like to add that there's some pictures in the boardroom of some crafts that

Keith Watts brought back the pictures from a meeting in Iqaluit showing some fur production that they do up in Iqaluit, and he brought it back and hopefully may get something going in the way of maybe getting us interested in doing fur or seal skin arts and crafts as maybe some Economic Development in some community. We have been talking to the College of North Atlantic and Goose Bay about contacting Arctic College to see how they set up their programs and we're talking about maybe a training course in fur design and production and jewellery making. Just trying to create some Economic Development within Nunatsiavut and use the resources that we have to do so. I might also mention Deputy Minister McNeill and I met with Labrador Iron Sands, Francis MacKenzie of Iron Sands last month to talk about their project in Goose Bay and let them know that we do have beneficiaries that are willing to go work, and that we can train for any opportunities that might be available to us. Nakummek, Madame Speaker. This concludes my report this morning.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. We'll now move down to the next item on our Orders of the Day which is "Member Statements". Do we have any Member Statements? I'd like to recognize Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Just for the Assembly's information, I'd like to inform you that the Community of Makkovik is going to conduct a study on the Kitt's Pond area where there was uranium

mining in the past. Some residents were concerned of contamination. Therefore Dr. Sarkar from Memorial University was into Makkovik this past weekend and visited the site. Told us that he would collect soil, water and plantation samples to see if there's any contamination and will return later in the spring and summer to collect fish samples as well, and he should have a final report for us in January of 2014. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Jacque. And do we have any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. The announcement from the Education Department a couple of weeks ago with respect to the monthly increase for living allowance for single students, 200 and something odd dollars a month, I'm sure this is welcome. And certainly I applaud the Minister for having the courage to be the first a number of Ministers to see that there needs to be an overhaul with respect to post-secondary education funding. I do, however, have to say that it falls short of what questions I have put to the Minister and several Ministers before him with respect to fairness. Madame Speaker, treating people the same has nothing to do with fairness, especially when we're talking about our communities. It is fine for us and perhaps around this table where we become complacent and the status quo with respect to education funding is acceptable. The lowest income scale around

this table perhaps feels that, yes, we should be thankful our children will have no problems attending university. In my community, and it is among the lowest per capita income in Nunatsiavut, and there is substantial difference. We, around this table, our income are way above the average income of our communities. As I said, Madame Speaker, that fairness has nothing to do with treating people the same. The review that we were lead to believe that happened by the Education Department is to maintain the status quo. It's an across the board increase for single students and it changes nothing. Still people are treated the same. The children of millionaires receive the same level of funding as the children of single parents and people on very fixed income. This is not fairness. This is treating people the same. I believe, Madame Speaker that this is an instance, and this is an example of where policy needs to be changed by this government. Again, let me say that the Minister has shown that he's willing to make change. At this point I feel that it's not enough. Madame Speaker, in my community it's still, and I say it and I have received emails and phone calls from people who have read the answer and have told me personally their own story of why they had to quit and come home. The Minister announced earlier that he is having a three-day gathering with his department and I hope, Madame Speaker, that at that time the Minister again will consider and perhaps speak to his bureaucrats and explain to them that fairness is not treating people the same. Fairness is to consider and to

practise what we boast, that we are a culture and a people of fairness and taking care of each other. And as they say on Facebook, Madame Speaker, that is all.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Are there any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'll be very brief in my statement this morning, but there might be something there I might want to piggyback off of the AngajukKâk for Nain, as what he has to say, I think was very true, a heart-sent message to this government when we talk about fairness and being equal to our constituents or our beneficiaries. Madame Speaker, you know, this is several sittings that I've attended here in the community of Hopedale, and as I sit here in comfort with those beautiful seal back seats that we're sitting in, we have nice heat, but, Madame Speaker, I can't help but think of, you know, the guy or the lady down the road who's sitting in uncomfortable living conditions. And my message will always be the same, you know, let's not forget who put that X there on that paper for us that day on voting day, and what was the purpose that person put that X on that piece of paper? The purpose was for us as individuals of our communities to represent our people, not for a paycheque. Yes, it's good to have income, not for a paycheque. It was for to make the lives of our people in our communities better. Madame Speaker, I'd like to throw something out here this morning



to this Assembly. You know, as I stated earlier, there were several sittings that I've attended here, and as I look around up in the gallery area, I don't see one individual today from the community of Hopedale who's attending this sitting, don't have probably any idea what's going on inside of these four walls. Madame Speaker, I feel that we should make a special effort, whatever it takes to encourage or to invite some class of the school to attend on certain times or whatever, just to see what's being said, how we operate as a government of consensus here. You know, we walk up and down the road to the hotel, Madame Speaker, we're going around in our dress clothes and people will say, or the youth, in particular, will say, you're here for a meeting, how long are you here for, but not realizing we're operating as a government to make the lives of those people on the roads and in their homes better. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ordinary Member. Are there any other Member Statements? Then we'll move down to the next item on our Orders of the Day, "Returns to Oral Questions". Do we have any returns to oral questions today? Then we'll move down to the next item, number five, "Oral Questions". Do we have any oral questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS WOLFREY:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My question is to the First Minister who's responsible for Lands and Natural Resources. One of the problem areas in Rigolet is the lack of compilation, I guess, of

information on lands like we don't have copies of deeds. We don't have copies of surveys. We're operating on where one time people just gave land out with no proper documentation. And so I'm happy to see that there's going to be someone stationed in our community, particularly, a Manager of Lands, but I'm wondering will that person be able to work with our Inuit Community Government to try to put a strategy in place so that we can address this issue of not having the documentation for lands. When people come in and want to sell their house and stuff like that, for example, we don't have the information that they need. So I'm not asking that that person would come in and do that work for us, but that they would help us to develop a strategy, like we applied for money from the Tasiujatsoak Trust fund to try to get a handle on what do we have, what do we need and where should we go to get all the information that we have so that someone can look in our files and say, oh, here's your deed to your property, or here's your whatever it is or where to get it, at least to direct them in the right direction of where to get it. So will that person be able to work with our community to develop a strategy to, I guess, address the need for, you know, proper information on lands?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I can't answer that question today. But certainly I will be bringing that request back to the Department and getting that answer for you and providing that answer for you.

It's a decent request. I think it's something that can be explored, and if it's within the Department that can be done, then I'll certainly push it to get it done. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health. Where NG gets a return now on our tax dollars, so I am requesting that the Minister of Health meet with our council to address the concerns that we have with our health care services. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would be honoured to meet with the council, myself and our Deputy Minister, so I'll be in contact with possible dates. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Again, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for the Lands and Natural Resources. I'm just wondering where there cuts by the Government of Canada to the core funding for the conservation officer program that Nunatsiavut Government is running?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** I defer my question to the Minister of Finance. I think he'll be better able to answer that question, but as far as I know, the cuts aren't there yet, but do you have a further answer for that, Minister?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. As per for the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* there is limited funding as there has been over the last several years. The responsible department in consultation with finance will look at alternative ways to fund those programs, but I believe we've secured funding for that for the next two years. I certainly will follow up on that question and get that definitive answer for you, Ms Wolfrey. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek, UKâlatik. Thank you for bringing that. I will be asking the Minister of Finance. Really it's a joint question to the President and to the Minister of Finance, but my question had been to the Minister of Finance twice previously during Assembly. When we received the report from trustees of Tasiujatsoak Trust two years ago, I think, and the last time I asked the same question was back in September of 2012. Had those trustees of Tasiujatsoak Trust considered or discussed the possibility of removing political appointees to that Trust and, if so, when can we receive an answer? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain and, yes, you are right. That question has been asked several times before. When the Trust met in November in Ottawa, we had discussed the issue and we have a draft report that we are considering and our plan, I believe, is to bring that report to the Assembly in June for a discussion at the Committee of the Whole. As individual Trustees, it's not our responsibility to make the determination whether or not there will be a removal of political people on those Trusts. The Trustees are responsible to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Therefore the trustees believe that this needs to be brought back to the Assembly for this full discussion with the Assembly members and some input onto the recommendations that we will be bringing forward as a result of the draft report that we received. So I hope, Mr. Barbour, in June we will finally have your question answered and your input from all Assembly members in making that decision. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question this morning is for the Minister of Education. Through many emails and House sitting questions I have yet to hear the progress of the *Inuttitut* teacher retention bonus. I sent a beneficiary letter representing all other *Inuttitut* teachers on this issue, and I believe that this process is taking too long. The *Inuttitut* teachers have been very patient. I

believe that we should get back to these special teachers. If the bonus is so difficult to administer then maybe we can look at a different pay scale for those *Inuttitut* teachers. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker, and thank you for your question Ordinary Member for Hopedale. Unfortunately, this has dragged on. Yes, I do agree that this has dragged on quite a long time and without any concrete answers for your question and your inquiry. We did meet with the school board in January, I think it was, Deputy Minister McNeill and I, and discussed this particular issue. We haven't heard back from Henry Windler, with the school board on this particular issue. He took it to NAPE. He was reminded yesterday about our concern, our inquiry. And up to yesterday he hasn't heard back from NAPE and as you know now NAPE is in negotiations with all their union. So hopefully this particular issue is being discussed at the same time they're talking contractual negotiations. But I and Deputy Minister McNeill will be meeting with Henry Windler in the next few days, and he was reminded that we are waiting for an answer in this issue. And we will try to resolve this whenever we can get it done because I'd like to move this issue along, this file along, and get some answers and some movement on it, some action on it. And that's all I can offer right now in the way of this answer. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. There seems to be a lot of confusion on who makes the decision on whether an individual could get an escort when he or she is leaving our community. At times you know that I've called you on the weekend or after hours and at the spur of the moment, individuals leaving, an individual who might never been out of the community before. Who makes the decision? Is it Department of Health and Social Development or Health Labrador? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque. If an escort is required, it is requested by either a doctor or the clinic in the communities, and for the most part we go along with the escort requests unless it is some questions and then they may have to get further information from the doctor or the nurse, but the request for an escort comes from the clinic unless the person is 19 and under. That's a given if it's somebody, a minor. But if it's somebody who's an adult who require an escort to escort, request has to come from the clinic. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question's for the First Minister or the Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. In his statement the Minister made reference to competitive turbot quota,

and I believe, if I understood correctly, he said that those talks were still on-going with the federal government to reach an agreement in setting a quota for Nunatsiavut. Four to six weeks ago, the Inuit Community Government of Nain met with a Minister of the federal government. In fact it was our MP, and we were led to believe that, in fact, there was a part of the, a percentage of that competitive quota would become Nunatsiavut quota, and that that was a done deal, and that's not what I understood from the Acting Minister of Natural Resources this morning, Madame Speaker. So I ask the Minister could he more precisely provide information to this house. If that is not a done deal then where is the discussion and, in fact, are we going to see that there will be no Nunatsiavut quota this year?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Acting Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you for the question. With regards to the turbot quota, I guess there are two issues that we brought to the federal Minister. One is that we have a communal turbot quota that the Minister issued to us in Nunatsiavut last year. The problem with that communal turbot quota is they never issued the licence with it. Our first request with the federal Minister is that we have a licence to fish that communal turbot quota. Why we need that licence is because of that competitive fishery. The way the competitive fishery has been fished in the past is you fish, and this is dictated by the federal government. Seventy-five per cent of



that fishery is fished in June. We cannot take part in that, or we could if you travelled south to take part in that. But we take part in the 25 per cent that is fished later on in August. We want that to stay the same. We are allowed to fish in that competitive fishery and we have in the past. We have taken advantage of the help and Makkovik fish plant remained viable. But where we have the crab fishery in July, we need to fish that crab in July, we need to fish that competitive in August, and we need a licence to fish the communal. That way we can stay here and manage it and make our plants viable, not only for Makkovik, but for Nain as well. That is the request that we put into the Minister because we know that there is a request from the FFAW to put the competitive fishery into one season starting in July. That does not work for us and that would cause huge problems for our fish plants. So we're requesting that the federal government keep it 75/25; the 25 which we can partake in and give us a licence to fish communal so that we can administer our own fishery or manage the fishery that will be best for our fish plants in Makkovik and Nain. That request, we have not got, as I said, a response to that request. There are some issues around issuing new licences. They are very reluctant to go there, but they're reviewing it. But they did make a commitment that they would try to accommodate us fishing that communal quota that meets our needs, but we have not got the response on that yet. I'm not quite sure if that answers your question. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is also to the Acting Minister responsible for Lands and Resources. Madame Speaker, over the last few months there has been some pretty hot discussions on caribou and wildlife and whatever. It appear or it seemed like, Madame Speaker, that, you know, when we recommend something we're quite proactive in recommending something, whether it's a no hunt or a limit. My question to the Minister, this morning, Madame Speaker, the Acting Minister, the number of moose that we do have to harvest in LISA is 35. My question to the Minister is this number 35, a TAH or a no TAH, because there's a huge difference, Madame Speaker, in if it's a TAH or not. So the question, Acting Minister, is this number 35 a TAH or no? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Acting Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. The question that the Ordinary Member from Postville asks is a bit of a complicated one. The provincial government established that 35 number, a TAH, on recommendation from the Torngat Wildlife Plants-Co Management Board. Part of that process was supposed to be in consultation with Nunatsiavut Government on the TAH. Unfortunately, that has not happened. So there is a TAH set by the province, but the process is, as you know, supposed to be a requirement for

consultation with Nunatsiavut Government. So that's something that we will have to investigate to see if that is something. I guess you were asking is that a total of a harvest that's set for beneficiaries that is all we can kill. Under the agreement now if there is no TAH, people can harvest for subsistence and ceremonial purpose of their level of need but under the process that is set out within the agreement where there's consultation with Nunatsiavut. That is something I'm going to have to look into to see the most appropriate answer. What I laid out for you is a process supposed to be followed with establishing TAH. According to the province it is a TAH, but we will have to investigate to provide a better answer for the member from Hopedale. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Supplementary, go ahead.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. As supplementary to the Acting Minister, do you know, Mr. Minister, if this is in writing from the province or not? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Acting Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, Madame Speaker, we have received this in writing from the province that a TAH of 35 on recommendation from the Torngat Wildlife Co-Management Board has been established. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I now recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. I'm not sure if there had been any recent discussions in regards to community food banks, but I'd like to ask you this morning if there is any possible discussions there could be had in regards of having community food bank for my community of Hopedale. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Minister of Health.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. We haven't had any recent discussions on community food banks, but we may need to partner, have that discussion at the Executive Council level because we may need to partner with other departments because food banks are, is more than health. Health is important, but we may need to talk to other departments and maybe Inuit Community Governments to look for solutions. Thank you, Madame Speaker. We may be able to find some funding out of our Nutrition North Program and Diabetes, but we may need to look for other sources of funding.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. It's for clarification on the question AngajukKâk for Makkovik asked. The reason I requested that, I asked for Minister of Health to come to Hopedale to meet with our community council, last week we had a meeting with Donny from Lab-Grenfell Health and that was one of the main concerns that was brought up. But just for clarification, when we asked Lab-

Grenfell Health whose responsibility was it to say yes and no for the escorts, our head nurse was there also. She said that it falls on the hands of whoever's working in NG here. So for clarification purposes, from Lab-Grenfell Health, she said it falls upon somebody in the DHSD. So I'd just like to get that clarified here now and thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Minister of Health.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I apologize for not being clear in my last response. A request for an escort, a form is filled out at the community level or by a doctor, and then it's reviewed by a non-insured staff, if the escort is required, meets the guidelines or the criteria. Sometimes it doesn't and it's denied, and sometimes there needs to be further information from the doctor or nurse. But the initial request has to come from Health Labrador because sometimes we get requests that an escort was denied for a person, but there was never a request for an escort submitted, and then sometimes a request for an escort is denied because it doesn't fall in the guidelines of non-insured, and then that's usually explained to the person why that escort was denied. From what I understand at the non-insured department, there are not a large number of denials for escorts as long as it meets the criteria and the guidelines. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is for the Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I'm a little confused, and I suppose, Madame Speaker, some people think that I am confused most of the time, but today maybe a little bit more. On the Ordinary Member for Postville asked a question in respect to the TAH moose. We only harvest in our communities 6 cattle bull, and 6 times five is 30, and if our total allowable harvest is 5, then we're not harvesting 5 moose. Is it because that there is also a harvest for the beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville? And I'm happy with that, but those moose are not harvested in Nunatsiavut, and the TAH is 35 for Nunatsiavut region. We're not getting five moose. So in my confused mind, Madame Speaker, that means that we could have another moose for every community that would make the Nunatsiavut harvest 35, and the Minister could then work on a harvest for Upper Lake Melville beneficiaries where there are lots of moose. And I ask, is my line of thought, I ask the Minister is am I correct in assuming that this is because of that harvest by Nunatsiavut beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville, they are harvesting Lake Melville moose and it comes off Nunatsiavut quota?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Acting Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. The moose quota that is given to Upper Lake Melville must be harvested within Nunatsiavut. So you

have to travel within Nunatsiavut to harvest that quota. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Getting back to the Minister of Health again in regards to the escort, lots of times that we don't have doctors or nurses available on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, and then the patient has to leave on a Monday. What happens in that case? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Who's that directed to? Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I will need to consult with the Deputy Minister and get back to you on that question, but from what I understand there's always on call nurses in the clinic and they do consult with them, but I am going to check to make sure that that's an accurate statement as I wouldn't want to give a false statement, but I will check and get back to you. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is to the Acting Minister of Lands and Resources again. You mentioned, the Honourable Minister mentioned in his statement, Madame Speaker, that the Land Use Plan will not be dealt with at the sitting and it will be furthered delayed until June. I asked the Minister this morning, do you have an explanation of why this might be or can

you share with us some reasons why this will not be dealt with during this sitting of the house. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Acting Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. There is still some work to be done by the Department and legal to prepare the NEC in bringing the Bill for second reading to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. We want to ensure that we are properly prepared and we have everything ready for the Assembly when we bring it for second reading. I guess the short answer, there's a bit more work to be done and the NEC need to be prepared before they bring it for the second reading. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy. No, sorry. Is this a supplementary? Oh, that was his question. Yes, go ahead.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question would be to the First Minister as well in regards to the community meeting we had last night. The numbers for the statistics for the caribou done by the province, I done some research last night and this morning a couple fellows came back to me. Some of the members that were in the plane that the province had in their flyer on within our territory or within Labrador, one of the members said that one of the, I don't know if it is an official or somebody that was hired by the province, was asleep in the plane. So I'm requesting that on Inuit knowledge and like previous hunters before us told us and we



basically all know when we go for a caribou hunt. So with the numbers that's in our region now or close to our region and within our borders, am I requesting before too late that the Nunatsiavut Government do a fly around to see what the numbers are really within the Labrador territory to get the grasp on the actual numbers of the George River herd so that it can sort of cushion the blow like everybody said as to the no hunt for five years. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Would you state your question, please.

**MR. PIERCY:** Can we have funds for some people, some Inuit hunters with local knowledge to the land and the cabin grounds, to go out and fly around to see what actual numbers are with the George River Herd before the end of April. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Acting Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** As I don't know if the people were asleep on the plane or not, but certainly I'll bring it up with the Minister next time I speak to them. With regards to the request for - and I think you're alluding to the request that came out of the meeting last night with a survey that is something, the President and myself, that we committed that we would look at. There are a lot of complications. There are a lot of logistics you have to consider when deciding to do something like that. I know that our time is getting short on when we get that done, but that is something we will consider, seriously consider, and while we need to do a bit of work putting that together and how that could be done and it needs to be brought back to NEC for a

decision. But it's something we will certainly consider very, very quickly. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek, UKâlatik. My question is to the Acting Minister. You are getting a lot of questions this morning. Based on your statement, Minister, the question I have for you is on the IBA with the Voisey Bay, Vale. In your statement you made reference to the fact that the company may be looking at additional diesel power in addition to wind power. What the company has said over the last number of years that they would bring in hydro/electric power from the Upper Churchill. Now when and where would that change have happened, or is there something that has changed for them to go underground in the manner that you described this morning? Nakummek, UKâlatik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Acting Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. What I gave you this morning was an update that came out of a meeting from February 21st. I believe that they realized that they need to look at additional power sources. And this is, I think, for them, is they're investigating different sources that they think, I guess they're looking at all options, and a combination of diesel and wind is one of their options. I don't think they have abandoned the idea of hydro/electric power, but they want to make sure that they have

their plan in place when they, if they move ahead to underground mining. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any more questions? Then from here we'll break for 20 minutes.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** I'll call the Assembly back to order, please. On the Orders of the day we're down to item number six, "Written Questions," are there any written questions?

**MALE:** Yes.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Is there a written question?

**MS WOLFREY:** I do.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** And one over here if the pages could pick them up, please, and have them delivered to the clerk. Another one from Susan. I'll read out the written questions. This one is from Charlotte to the Minister of Education. Can you inform us when the Simply Accounting is offered? The next written question is to the Minister of Lands from Susan. My question is for the Acting Minister of Lands. I would like to ask about winter fishing nets. Beneficiaries from my community are asking why there is a restriction on winter net fishing. Also if it could be changed. With the bans here on caribou, licence here, licence there for most everything, we are being dictated to by the province and DFO in nearly most of our harvesting animals. Is that it for written questions? Then we'll go down to number seven, "Returns to Written Questions," there are

no returns today. Any "Petitions"? Number nine, "Response to Petitions," there are none today. Number 10, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees," any reports today? Then we'll go down to, "Tabling of Documents," any documents to be tabled today? Then we'll go down to "Notices of Motions," I do not believe there are any notices of motions today. "Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills, there are no notices today. Item number 14, "Motions". I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My motion is related to the Assembly's approval of the financial plan. Before I make that motion, just a clarification. Yesterday we read in the Committee of the Whole, we considered the Financial Plan in conjunction with the Budget Bill, but as per the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* there is a requirement for the Assembly to accept and adopt the Financial Plan. Madame Speaker, whereas the Executive Council is required by Section 8.8.2 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* to prepare a consolidated financial plan for each fiscal year and present it to the Assembly, and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required by Section 8.8.3 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* to approve the government's financial plan for the fiscal year 2013-14, and whereas the financial plan for 2013-14 has been tabled in the Assembly, and whereas the Assembly has considered the Financial Plan in the Committee of the Whole, now therefore I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl

Shiwak, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby approves the Nunatsiavut Government's plan for 2013-14. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** No, Madame Speaker. I think in my preamble, I said what I wanted to say on the motion. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Would you like to close the debate, Honourable Minister?

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

**MADAM SPEAKER:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is carried. Item number 15 on our Orders of the Day, "First Reading of Bills," there are no first readings today. Item number 16, "Second Reading of Bills". Second reading is to review the Bills clause by clause and to focus on the details. Second reading of Bill 2013-03. Honourable Minister of Finance for second reading of Bills.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Patricia Kemuksigak that Bill 2013-03, the *Torngat Co-operative Guarantees Loan Act 2013* be read for the second time. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be any general comments on the Bill. And then we will proceed with the clause-by-clause review of the detail of the Bill. Do we have any general comments on the Bill? Then we'll go clause-by-clause review of the Bill. We'll start on page two, Table of Contents, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Short Title, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page three, Definitions, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page four, Conflict with Inuit Law, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Authority to Guarantee the Payment of Torngat Co-op's Obligations, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Maximum Amount and Purpose of Loan Guarantees, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Term of Guarantee, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Security Required for Guarantees, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page five, Access to Financial Records, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Additional Terms and Conditions and Recovery of Costs, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Payment of Guarantee, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Borrowing to Pay Guarantee, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Guarantees to be a Charge on the Fund, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Page six. Acquisition and Alienation of Property Given as  
Security, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Execution of Instruments, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Repeal of Torngat Loan Guarantees at 2012, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Coming into Effect, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** That concludes the clause-by-clause review of the Bill. Does the  
Minister wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, Madame Speaker, I wish to conclude debate. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** All those in favour of a second reading of Bill 2013-03?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Any opposed? The motion is carried. Accordingly, Bill 2013-03, the *Torngat Co-op Guarantees Loan Act 2013*, has had second reading, "Assent to Bills". Madame President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2013-02 and Bill 2013-03 and wish to present them for assent.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Madame Speaker, Assembly Members, I wish to give assent to Bill 2013-02, the *Budget Act 2013*, Bill 2013-03, the *Torngat Loan Guarantees Act 2013*.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Madame President. This concludes the sitting of this Assembly, but I'd like to remind people where the Land Use Bill is still on our Orders of the Day and will be for the next sitting. It is still confidential information to Assembly Members until it is dealt with. Our next sitting will be on June the 10th, which will be a continuation of this current sitting due to the Land Use Plan still being on the Orders of the Day. We can check with Hilda Hunter to see when flights will be coming. Right now, they're on weather hold, and I would also like to let you know that there's an International Women's Day event happening here in Hopedale at five o'clock, which would be good to attend. So the Assembly is adjourned. Safe travels.



