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In Attendance:

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe

Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

Ordinary Member for Canada Roland Saunders

Ordinary Member for Canada Honorable Edward-Blake Rudkowski

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville Honorable Gerald Asivak

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville Honorable Marlene Winters-Wheeler

Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Carlene Palliser

Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds

Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Greg Flowers

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Jim Lyall

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Anthony Andersen

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Postville, Glen Sheppard

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey

AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker

Chair for Sivunivut, Ms. Maxene Winters

Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Patricia Kemuksigak

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Jim Goudie

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

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Darryl Shiwak

Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin

Absent:

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

Legal Counsel Mark Gillette

Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

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MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Good morning, everybody. Just a couple of-, thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. Before we start formal session, I just wanna make a couple of comments. To my right is a spot that's customarily occupied by the clerk of the Assembly. Our clerk, Mary Sillett, just returned yesterday from having some significant surgery. She is in a period of recovery which could extend for some time and I wanna take this opportunity, on behalf of everybody sitting in this chamber, to wish her nothing but the absolute best in her recovery period and hope that she can return to our chambers and to our service when her health allows her to do so. So, please keep Mary in your thoughts. With that, we have Tabea Onalik who is our Assistant Clerk of the Assembly, who's gonna be filling in Mary's absence for this Assembly and perhaps the next, but we'll see what Mary's recovery allows. Unfortunately, since the last Assembly, we had one of our team, one of our Members, one of our colleagues, one of our friends,

lose a significant person in their life, and I want to convey most sincere and deepest condolences to you, Marjorie on the passing of Brian. I did not know Brian personally, but I've heard nothing but positive things and very positive comments. I'm sure your loss is significant and your grief is the same and, again, on behalf of all of us gathered in this chamber, I want to express to you, our condolences and as you continue over and my condolences, Marjorie. With that, I'd like to call to order, The 5th Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly. And on this occasion, I'm gonna as AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale to say the opening prayer.

MS. FLOWERS:

[Recites prayer]

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. On to Item Two of the *Orders of the Day* and with this, I'd like to call upon the President of Nunatsiavut to give us his opening address.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti. [Speaks in Inuttitut] Mr. Speaker, there are a number of contributing factors as to why our language is in trouble. The continued marginalization of our people over the past 200 years as well as forced resettlement and Residential Schools shamed many from speaking our language and doing so was associated with poverty and low social status. English is the most commonly spoken second language in the world and is the most common language used on the internet. As the digital world expands, so too will the English language. That is a reality we all must have to face, Mr. Speaker, one that will have a profound impact on languages such as ours that are in a critical state or on the

verge of becoming extinct. Our young people will be impacted the most, as they will become more and more fluent in the language of the internet instead of their own inherent language. But the internet can also play a role in helping to save our language. More and more language apps are being developed and available online to encourage every day speaking of Inuttitut. Social mediums such as Facebook can also help, Mr. Speaker. The Nunatsiavut Facebook page regularly features an Inuttitut word of the day. This is one of the most popular features of the page. We have had as many as 2,500 hits a day on some of the "Word of the day" postings. So that's very encouraging. I also want to note that while some efforts have been made to encourage Inuttitut in our schools through immersion and other programs, I believe more needs to be done. As a Government, Mr. Speaker, we have taken steps to progress this issue. Recently, as you know, we renamed the Department of Culture, Tourism and Recreation to Language, Culture and Tourism to reflect the importance and to give more emphasis on preserving and revitalizing Inuttitut. We are in a race against time, Mr. Speaker as fluent speakers pass on. And that's why it is imperative that we act now in developing a comprehensive strategy-, one that sets up a clear vision with realistic goals. I look forward to seeing this strategy completed so that we can continue to push this issue forward. Mr. Speaker, last week I attended the 6th Arctic Leaders' Summit in Rovaniemi, Finland organized by the Arctic Council Indigenous People Secretariat. The summit is a unique longstanding forum in which indigenous peoples from across the Arctic

set their own priorities for discussion, bridge differences and create common understanding, particularly on matters related to the Arctic environment. In addition to the permanent participants, other permanent Arctic Indigenous leaders, Arctic states and observers to the Arctic Council attended the event. The summit identified common and shared priorities of our representative organizations. There were also discussions on the future of all Arctic Homelands including cooperation, language and culture, environmental changes, living conditions, economies and sustainable development. Before concluding Mr. Speaker, I want to thank First Minister Mitchell and her department for the tremendous amount of work being done to bring forward concerns about this year's ferry service. The First Minister has been on top of this file for the past couple of years and she has held numerous meetings with the Provincial Minister and other officials, to express the level of frustration they felt by our communities this year. She's done multiple media interviews, written numerous letters and held conference calls on this matter. *Nakummek*, First Minister. As this is the last sitting of the calendar year, I want to take this time to thank all Members of the Assembly for your hard work and dedication in moving Nunatsiavut and the concerns of beneficiaries over this past year and to wish you all Season's Greetings and the best of luck in 2020. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the year 2020, to you all. Next month, I will be attending a regular ITK board meeting in Ottawa which I will report on at our next sitting. *Nakummek*, UKatti.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. On to Item Three, "Recognition of Visitors in our Gallery". I don't see any new faces, unfortunately, but I do recognize a few old ones-, old as in long-serving, I should say, would be a nicer way of saying it. Loretta Michelin, of course Isabella pain, Jim Goudie and Daryl Shiwak, thank you, as always. And information we have a few new faces as well, in our support staff today. For our pages we have Laken Mitsuk, Eric Brown, both representing Upper Lake Melville. Eric just stepped aside for a second. Interpreters joining Gus Semigak, I guess, I guess, welcome again. Katie Winters and Nancy Ikkusek. Ches Evans is doing our IT services today and we have Johansi Tuglavina. Hi Johansi and Sarah Abel. Peggy Andersen, I believe, is also tucked away behind Gerald, there. Hi, Peggy. As always, if anybody has any questions, please see Tabea. Note that we, as you may recall, we passed an Amendment to the *Standing Orders*, in the last sitting on September 19th of this year. You should've received a copy of that electronically, and if you require a hard copy of the new *Standing Orders*, see Tabea and she will be sure to furnish you with a copy. On to Item Four of the *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements". Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Kate Mitchel, First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, President Lampe for your kind words and it just happens that the update I have for the Assembly this morning, it'll be just on transportation. Mr. Speaker, quite a few years ago, we knew that the aging Northern Ranger and Astron would have to

be replaced with new vessels that could provide a better ferry and freight service to the North Coast of Labrador. The Provincial Government knew this as well and began preparations to transition to a newer service. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador issued a request for proposals for the supply of at least two new marine vessels to service Labrador, including the North Coast in December of 2013. The Province consulted with the Nunatsiavut Government prior to drafting that RFP, however, on April 30th, 2015, announced that the RFP was being canceled, citing financial reasons as awarding a contract that would cost about \$1.5 billion over 25 years. On March the 28th, 2018, officials from the Provincial Government met with myself and my then Deputy Minister, Toby Andersen in Makkovik. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Nunatsiavut Government that a draft RFP had been prepared and was expected to be issued soon, so that a new vessel could be put into service starting in 2019. Despite repeated request, a copy of the RFP was not provided to the Nunatsiavut Government until May the 18th, the day before it was issued. This did not allow the Nunatsiavut Government sufficient time to review or provide input. Following the release of the RFP, Nunatsiavut Government identified numerous concerns with the RFP, but obviously was too late because the RFP was already issued. Labrador Marine Incorporated was awarded the 15-year contract in September 2018, valued at \$14.6 million per year. Since the contract was announced, we have continuous contact with the Province to provide details of the vessel, the schedule and the anticipated

infrastructure needs within Nunatsiavut. While little information was provided on the suitability of the vessel until late in the spring of 2019, it was very obvious that the Provincial Government needed to improve the infrastructure in the communities for this type and size of vessel. In April of 2019, officials from the Department of Transportation and works as well as then MHA, Randy Edmunds, visited the communities in Nunatsiavut to explain how the new service was to roll out, and to answer questions. Since then, there were numerous phone calls and meetings with Minister Crocker and officials from Transportation and Works expressing our concerns with the vessel, service on the dock-, sorry, service on the vessel and dock infrastructure. Mr. Speaker, a delegation comprised of myself in the capacity as First Minister and the AngajukKâk from each of the communities, Deputy Minister Isabella Pain from the Nunatsiavut Secretariat and my Deputy Daryl Shiwak from Nunatsiavut Affairs met with Transportation and Works Minister Steve Crawford and officials in St. John's on October the 3rd to discuss ongoing concerns with the provision of marine services to the North Coast. During the meeting, Minister Crocker guaranteed us that all essential freight would be delivered to all communities by whatever means necessary. However, I expressed the opinion of the Nunatsiavut Government based on feedback from the communities, this will not be the case given all the problems with the overall service this year. I also maintained-, I again maintained that the Kamutik W., is inadequate to meet the needs of the North Coast. The vessel has been tied up

numerous times because it was not able to safely operate due to weather and sea conditions, something that was not so much a problem in previous years. A follow-up meeting took place in Goose Bay on October the 15th. Of note, attending that meeting with President Lampe and myself, were Mr. Peter Woodward and Minister Crocker. Mr. Woodward guaranteed all freight that is dropped off at the dock in Goose Bay by November the 8th deadline will be delivered to all communities this fall, well in December, if they have to. He also maintained that the vessel is more than capable of providing a service to the North Coast despite some initial challenges. I expressed, again, despite the reassurance, Nunatsiavut Government was not confident that the vessel would get the job done in time, and that the vessel is inadequate to meet the needs of the North Coast. Mr. Woodward also noted that passenger service will continue to be provided until the shipping season ends. Since that meeting, I have had a follow-up meeting with Minister Crocker. Mr. Speaker, this is unacceptable. Nunatsiavut Government has consistently stated that this is not the vessel for the North Coast. Now we are past the middle of November and much freight to be delivered. I am requesting a meeting again, regarding the guarantee of the delivery of all freight this fall and the frozen freight from the latest trip of the Kamutik W. All freight was guaranteed to be delivered this fall and we expect that any freight that was damaged to be replaced and delivered. Mr. Speaker, some time ago the Nunatsiavut Government had gone to the Provincial Government with a proposal to partner on a feasibility study for roads

into Nunatsiavut-, something that was never agreed to. I asked the Minister, due to the experience with the ferry service and how climate change is negatively affecting both flying and ferries, would he be willing to discuss building a road into Nunatsiavut? Mr. Speaker, the Nain Airstrip is the priority for our Government, specifically for the need for immediate repairs to the current strip and the construction of a new airstrip. We were informed late this summer, that a tender was ready to go to complete the repairs on the Nain Airstrip. The tender did not get issued and we are still waiting to hear from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador when their tender will go out for this important work. Work has also begun on a prefeasibility study for a new Nain Airstrip. Funding has been approved by the Federal Government through the ICPC funds that Nunatsiavut Government allocated for study to determine the next steps in getting a new airstrip for Nain. We are very pleased that this work has started. I would like to thank OCTANT Aviation for their hard work as well as the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, specifically, Isabella Pain, for ensuring that we got to where we are today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. The Speaker recognizes the honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek, UKatti. Since the last sitting, our Department of Language, Culture and Tourism has been extremely busy. We hosted in Nain on September the 23rd and 24th, the Okak Commemoration that went extremely well. We had approximately 30 participants attend the

commemoration that entailed a family tree session presented by Patty Way, the viewing of Okak Descendant interviews and an Art as Healing workshop and very much more. We are in the process of developing a Nunatsiavut Art Strategy. Community Consultations which were completed October 1st to 13th with open houses and over 50 craft producers interviewed. An online survey was also released and the deadline for that was the 15th of November of this year. The strategy will be drafted and prepared for the NAC and Assembly in the new year. To the hard work of our archaeologist and archaeologist assistant, our department has also received \$140,000 from the Climate Change Preparedness In the North program to address the urgent impacts of climate change on archaeological resources in Nunatsiavut. Staff are currently putting together a steering committee in partnership with the Canadian Museum of History and will be engaging with interested community members in Nunatsiavut at the next Heritage Forum. The Division of Tourism hosted a two-day strategic planning session October the 23rd and 24th with all partners involved in the Torngat Mountain Base Camp and Research Station. This session was facilitated by Ray Freeman of Left Coast Insights, a Tourism Development Consultant. The session was to develop a four-year strategy for the Torngat Mountains Basecamp and Research Station. On the 4th of November to the 6th of November, the Culture Division hosted a language summit in Nain with approximately 60 people from all our constituencies. The summit included discussions and themed areas of Language, Culture and lifestyle,

learning and education and policy. There was also an elder's panel and a youth panel. Some of the key message I heard at the summit were:

There's been a lot of hurt and loss of the language, but it's time to move through the hurt and to move on-, move forward. It's not just gone at the school boards, but all of us that can start doing something today, to help revitalize our language. Programming needs to be for all ages, and we need the visual learning and the opportunity to learn on the land. I heard that we need more resources and to communicate our resources more. At the same time, I have heard that we also have a lot of resources as well that've been working. I heard that it starts with us as individuals. We have to commit to do our part to speak the language. Together we have the power to revitalize our language. Throughout the sessions, participants filled out questionnaires on the various themes. All the responses gathered will help the department draft a strategy to the Executive Council and then through the Assembly for approval. I would like to take this time, Mr. Speaker to congratulate my staff on a work well done. It has been a very busy fall for our department and we are certainly moving forward with some great initiatives. They have worked very hard to make all these events a success. We will also see the opening of Illusuak this week on the 21st of November. Community members from all of Nunatsiavut and our Assembly will be going to Nain for the grand opening. Our department is very excited for our people to see the building and amazing exhibits inside. It is something that we all will be very proud of. Mr. Speaker, we have had a very busy fall but we

are also gearing up for a busy winter as well, with the following events to take place: the Heritage Forum, Terminology Workshops, Departmental Strategic Planning sessions, Inuttitut training for current teachers, masters and apprentices and a Nunatsiavut Tourism session. The fall of 2019 was a very busy year. Our department is excited about 2020 and to begin the work of implementing all these new strategies. Again, Mr. Speaker, I thank my staff for their commitment to their work and their dedication to make a difference. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tony Andersen, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, how please I am to report in an orderly manner, I guess, on my department's activities over the last few months. And I think, Mr. Speaker, what I will do is provide updates from the various divisions, and in doing so, because we are here, I understand, for two days, report on half these things, very important stuff. And I must say that after-, I know that over the past few weeks, some of my stuff doesn't seem so important when transportation has captured the focus of all Nunatsiavut communities. However, I guess, Mr. Speaker I will try to do a good job. Mr. Speaker, with respect to Renewable Resources Division, since the last Assembly meeting, the division has been engaged in the following files and endeavours pertaining to fisheries and wildlife. Our commercial fishery for the year 2019 is coming to an end. We have one vessel left, I believe, still, landing Northern Shrimp. We had to extend it's time in order to do so. All other

designations were completed on November the 15th. With respect to wildlife, Mr. Speaker, so far in 2019, 2020 moose hunting season, we have yet to harvest a single moose in Nunatsiavut. We have a total of 39 licences to offer, of which 29 are available in the beneficiary draw. The remaining 10 are offered to community freezers, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Lands and Natural Resources once again, have access to 25 non-profit moose licence in the Gros Morne National Park this fall. We sent four of our employees to harvest those licences in November and we were pleased to announce that obtained extra four licences that were harvested on top of the 25, we originally had been allocated. Moose harvested this year on an average, were 50 to 60 pounds larger, even than last year. Must've been a good year, eh? Good eating, must've been. They got bigger. And the pervious year, we were very pleased with the results and we wish to thank Parks Canada for their ongoing support for this project. One of the things that has come about with respect to the transportation or lack there of, is that the Torngat Fisheries Cooperative was forced to build a almost massive freezer complex in Goose Bay and we're pleased to say that our moose that was harvested in Gros Morne is now at that freezer in Goose Bay and will soon begin to be distributed to our, our communities in Nunatsiavut. Our non-renewable resources division Mr. Speaker, since the last Assembly meeting, the division has been engaged in the following files and endeavours pertaining to mineral exploration and oil and gas. The division attended the Canadian Institute of mining, metallurgy and

petroleum, Newfoundland and Labrador branch Annual Conference during the week-, the first week of November in St. John's. Mr. Claude Sheppard, the director of non-renewable resources, presented On Exploring Nunatsiavut as promotional mineral potential talk that provides an overview of what Nunatsiavut has to offer. The talk received a lot of positive feedback from the NL Government and industry. The Division also made presence by attending a technical talks announcements, chatted with Provincial and Federal counterparts as well as company representatives, former colleagues and prospectors. A few questions were raised about the land use plan and when will the Exempt Mineral Lands be lifted. Mr. Speaker, I would be pleased to share the report or the presentation that Claude Sheppard did in St. John's. I would be pleased to share with any Member of the House, it is an excellent presentation put together by members of our Non-renewable Resource Division and I think it shows exciting times ahead with respect to resource development within Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, the MV Bluefort was at Voisey's Bay Port since mid-July and departed on October the 24th 2019. The purpose of the floatel was to accommodate shortage of living space at the mine site for mine expansion projects. The floatel was inspected frequently and water samples were collected during the duration of the stay to see if there was any environmental affects. Everything went smooth as silk and without any incidence. The water sample processing ongoing. And I should say, Mr. Speaker that-, speaking of flotels, maybe that one that's floating around right now, we could find

a better use. She wouldn't have to go out in the seas, at least, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the director of Non-Renewable Resources, Director of Environment and Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources met with the Regional Assessments Committee for Newfoundland offshore area in Nain late last month. The regional assessment to improve the efficiency of the environmental assessment process that supplies the oil and gas exploration drilling in the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore area, while at the same time ensuring the highest standard of environmental protection continues to be applied and maintained. The meeting was to consult with NG and discuss any concerns we may have with the regional assessment. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the department is pleased to welcome James Lai as NG's new mining analyst. James has a degree in geology from the University of Calgary. He started to work out of Nain about three weeks ago and we're pleased to have him as part of our team. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to say that the Department of Lands and Natural Resources has a full complement of people, so we're good to go. I'll continue tomorrow, Mr. Speaker with my continued update for Members of the Assembly. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen for the-, for Part One of your presentation. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unlike Tony, Mr. Speaker, I'm a very serious guy, so I just like to say, my first will be on our post secondary education. New Federal monies are forthcoming from the 2019 budget for Inuit Post

Secondary Education. Meetings are ongoing to finalize the information requested by Indigenous Service Canada, so that the contribution agreement which each region can be signed and monies can start to flow. I've been practising this with our Inuttitut guy that comes in here and he's one of the masters to pronounce and try to pronounce these two words correctly, Mr. Speaker. Inukaktuvit Illukusivut book launch-, Our People, Our Culture is finally ready. The book launch was scheduled for October 1st, but we had to postpone that, Mr. Speaker because of people doing other things, and couldn't get into Makkovik, so we are looking, Mr. Speaker at having this book launch some time in February and I hope that we can get this off the ground because there was a lot of work put into this book and it's in our high schools and our students are thriving from this book, and I really appreciate what the people behind the scenes have done for this. Also, Mr. Speaker, K to 12 Inuttitut evaluation is ongoing. Assessments in the schools will take place this fall and winter and reports will be ready for 2020. Parents are encouraged, Mr. Speaker, to do everything they can to make the children, you know, help the children-, encourage them to do the assessments so we can see what levels of Inuttitut-, where they're at and to help them with the teachers that will help provide them with the skills that they need to move forward. Also, Mr. Speaker, Labrador Engineering Access Program. The workshop was held in Nain and Hopedale last year, to provide exposure to what engineering is and a career in this field. This will expand to Rigolet and Makkovik and Postville. Requests have been made to the NLESD for

provisions to use classroom time to meet with the students in Nain and Makkovik before Christmas. Hopedale, Postville and Rigolet will go ahead in the new year. Also, Mr. Speaker, Inuit Pathways has 28 long-term skill development training this fall in various fields such as heavy duty equipment technicians, welding, electrical and cooking. Also, Mr. Speaker, we have our two AV centres in Nain and Hopedale with supports with 15 seats, approximately, between the two communities, which is great to see, Mr. Speaker that our people have the opportunity to finish their education with the AV Program. That's what I have from that department-, from PSSP. Now, Mr. Speaker, the Economic Development. Financial literature training was done in two communities in Nain and Rigolet in October and November, Mr. Speaker and we have 40 or so students in the communities learning this-, how to finance themselves a bit better and kinda, even for, you know, people who wanna try to do some financing or to try to understand the financing a little bit better. So, Mr. Speaker, that will also, in the new year, come to Hopedale, Makkovik and Postville. And we're also looking at doing Upper Lake Melville with this program also which is very beneficial to our Members, Mr. Speaker. Policy Development; we have begun the process of research for recommendation to our policy options related to our procurement process. So, Mr. Speaker, we wanna try to-, as our department grows, we wanna try to put more policies and things in place. Mr. Speaker, Rigolet gas station has been an ongoing issue for Rigolet and I thank our Ordinary Member for her contribution also and also the

people behind the scenes that worked hard. I picked up this new and I'd like to thank our previous Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tony, and also First Minister Kate for their work behind the scenes. We also, Mr. Speaker, we'll putting out our RFP for anyone interested. That'll be going ahead on November 22nd of this year, to try and see if there's anyone interested in running this gas station, and hope we can find someone that-, from the Rigolet area who might want this opportunity to move forward and have a little business and we are there to support them, Mr. Speaker. We had a lot of-, or some staff turnovers, Mr. Speaker. Molly Shiwak has left us, as you know. I think I said that in our last-, or maybe I didn't. I'd like to thank her for her 11-year dedication with us and we have, you know, opportunities in our department for new people to come in. So, with that, Mr. Speaker, thank you. I won't have more tomorrow-, I don't think so.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKatti. I just wanted to open my statement in recognizing the Financial Literacy workshops that the Minister Spoke to just moments before. I think that-, I had a glance at what's being offered there. I think there's maybe 17 modules-, everything from budgeting to income tax preparation. So I think those are very important life skills. I'm excited to see that roll out in the community. So I wanna thank the department for that work. Mr. Speaker, our Government seeks to be transparent in its financial operations and one of the ways that we demonstrate that

transparency is in the presentation of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements to the Assembly, ensuring that they are tabled for the public to view. Deloitte will be presenting today, Mr. Speaker, for the year ended March 31st, 2019 where we'll look at the transactions of our Government and *the Settlement Trust and the Implementation Trust*. As always, we encourage participation from our officials during the presentation as we look at these statements where we determine the Government's accountability for the resources, obligations and financial affairs in which we are entrusted. Each year, Uhalitik, we stress the importance of looking at some key indicators in these statements in determining the health of our financial position, including the net financial assets of our Government, our accumulated surplus, our annual surplus and our cash flow or our cash position. As we'll see in the report, Mr. Speaker, we have net financial assets which is an important test of the sustainability of our Government and demonstrates that we have the ability to cover the liabilities of our Government and to finance future operations. On accumulated surplus, Mr. Speaker, which compares our assets against our liabilities, accumulated over time, at the year-end, we're at over 580 million, a very healthy position reflecting that we have the net resources, financial and physical, which we can use to provide future services to our beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker, our annual surplus demonstrates whether revenue raised was sufficient to cover the costs of services provided within the year. Once again, Mr. Speaker, this indicator is different from cash in the bank as it includes non-cash transactions.

We're in a positive position for annual surplus and there was an increase in revenues in the fiscal year over the prior year, by 23 million. The main drivers of this increase is attributable to three main items, which is a \$10 million fund received from the Government of NL, for money royalties as a result of the audits of the mining paths returns. There was an increase in funds from the FFA, related to housing, and an increase in investment income from the two *Trusts*. In the statements, Mr. Speaker, you will see a decrease in the market value of the investment, so \$15.2 million from the previous year. It is important to recognize, however, that this is an unrealized loss. It is only reflected in actual cash if the investments were withdrawn at that time. For our cash flow, *Uhalitik*, the Government had an increase in its cash resources due to mainly an increase in cash for programs that are to be completed in the current and future years, and a change in the market values of the investments. The Government remains in a healthy financial position with \$44 million in cash. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased with the...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Pardon the interruption, Minister Edmunds. The Standing Orders, Standing Order 29(2) restricts Member Statements to a period of 35 minutes. We've now hit that barrier. However, we can extend with the consent of the Assembly. Do I-, is there anybody who does not consent to us proceeding with Ministers Statements? Seeing none, please proceed Minister Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Uhalitik. Thank you, Assembly. In conclusion, I'm pleased with the overall financial position of the Government. As the financial

statements reflect, we have the ability to provide future programs and services to our beneficiaries to finance our operations and to meet our contractual obligations. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. If I had known you were that close to the end of your statement, I wouldn't have interrupted you. I apologize for that. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's funny, in the beginning of the Assembly, my statement would go on and on and on. Now, it's much thinner and shorter and concise. The Regional Engagement Session for the Inuit Health Survey was held in Happy Valley Goose Bay on November 7th and 8th, with good representation of NG and LG stakeholders, researchers, youth and elders. I was pleased to be able to attend and participate in this initial stages of this process and appreciated valuable input from all participants. The roll-out of the survey will be 2021 with many more meetings to be held in the communities. Mr. Speaker, TB Community Screening ended October 31st, 2019 in Nain. An evaluation of the community screening is near completion. Plans currently underway for reporting results to the community. Key representatives from both NG and Labrador Grenfell Health meet regularly to continue development of the TB manual. Release day planned for the end of January 2020. The pharmacy pilot in Hopedale rolled out on August 1st, 2019. NG and Labrador Grenfell Health met on September 30th, 2019 to discuss the roll-out. The registered nurse at the clinic advised that the roll-out went well. There were some issues with community members remembering to

call their pharmacy to reorder their medication, mostly the seniors.

There were also, initially, some issues with medication getting in on time, but this was later worked out. There were no specific lessons learned to recommend for the next community roll-out. During this meeting, Nain was chosen as the next community for a pharmacy changes roll-out. The pilot roll-out began on November 4th, 2019. Mr. Speaker, we have been struggling to fill the Food Security Policy Analyst position, which has been vacant for some time but are looking at other options. Brenda Dicker was hired as a Food Security Coordinator in Nain, in a maternity leave position. The Community Food Worker position in Nain was filled and the candidate begins on November 25th. Mr. Speaker, Lunch to Go Program; Staff in Hopedale are working with the schools to support a Lunch-to Go program. The program in Nain will be on hold until full-staff capacity to support the program. Funds from Canadian Feed the Children will help support this program. Upcoming dental visits in Nunatsiavut Doctor Thor; Postville 25th to the 29th of November, Makkovik, 29th of November to December 2nd, Rigolet, 2nd to the 5th of December, Dr. Power. Hopedale, 23rd November to the 2nd of December, and Nain the 2nd of December to the 12th. Mr. Speaker, the elder coordinator traveled to Montreal for the Inuit Studies Conference October 1st to the 8th to present on two projects in which she participates. The Daughter of Mikak project, as well as the Hebron Family Archaeology Project. In closing, Mr. Speaker, the status of women coordinator, coordinated "Take Back the Night" marches in Nunatsiavut providing T-shirts and

funds for food. Partnerships with Nain Safe House and Kirkina House and the Selma Onalik Shelter and DHSD Mental Health and Addictions staff helped make this possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none, we'll call a short recess, and reconvene here-, at twenty to eleven. We'll reconvene with Item Five on the *Orders of the Day*, "Members Statements".

[Recess]

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Welcome back, and we're back in session, and we'll resume on Item Five of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Members Statements". Are there any Members wishing to make statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, UKatti. My report, I guess is gonna be pretty short. It's about the fantastic alumni meeting that took place in my community this past fall. First of all, on behalf of Nain Inuit Community Government, I'd like to congratulate the Hopedale Nanuks for coming first in the first Alumni meeting that was held after 40 years. There were three original participants from that first ever school meet. Two of them ere from Hopedale and one was from Makkovik. They were Lise Winters, Maggie Jararuse From Hopedale and Ruthie Bloomfield, yeah. Ruthie Bloomfield, sorry, from Makkovik. So I'd like to thank my community, I guess, for opening up their houses and their homes to all the people that did come for the billets and things like that, and for coming out and cheering on

the participants as they, in their older age, I guess, struggled through shorter versions of what they went through at-, when they were younger. I'd like to thank the and acknowledge the DHSD for putting this off and funding this mental awareness thing that this was all about and I think that it was a perfect way to send a message out that, you know, even through sports, you know, mental awareness and mental health is a key part of it. I'd like to also acknowledge the key leader in all of that was Vyann Goudie. She's the one that organized everything and she's the one that got the funding through her work to get this put off and without her, you know, it wouldn't have been the success that it was and I'd like to also acknowledge and congratulate our own Kristy Sheppard who participated and Jim Goudie who also participated in this event and you know, these two-, especially Jim Goudie, I guess, Mr. Speaker, through testimonials-, this brought back to him an opportunity to come back and participate in what he said was something that had been on his mind for all these years. At the first meet that he ever attended, just days or even hours before his team was schedule to go to Nain, I believe, two were stuck in Makkovik and one had decided that he wasn't gonna come, and that made his team very weak and they had to put together a team very quickly, and they did not do well. And that affected the way he thought of sports meets. But at this meet he had the opportunity to participate again and to-, all of that to his mental strength, I guess, you know, and he did it. And he got awarded for it. His community came in second. And something that I think the purpose of this meet that was put in place in

the first place, was about mental awareness and I think that, you know, this was a prime example. The community that I'm from, opened up, like I said, opened up their arms. The streets were full when events were going on and over at the facility, at the playground. There were a lot of people that came out and cheered on. I think this meet was even more-, I don't know the word to use-, more-, the people felt it was more connected to Nunatsiavut because it was Nunatsiavut communities that came together. I heard the word that it was better than the Winter Games because you concentrated on your own community rather than every other community in Labrador. And I think that brought together a lot of friendship amongst each other and the expectation that, you know, when there's a next one, for sure, you know, there's gonna be a lot more participants that want to join their fellow teammates and represent their community more. I'd like to also thank our President, Johannes Lampe. At his closing remarks at the Alumni, he indicated that they would consider more funding for this type of event and that showed, I think, to Minister-, to our President, that, you know, this was something that was good and that the communities can come together and be happy and not worry about things that, you know, every day brings along. So thank you for that, AngajukKâk Lampe. *[sic]*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Dicker, the Members Statements are restricted to-, limited to five minutes per person...

MR. DICKER:

Just one more sentence.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: ...per statement and so-, but you do have an opportunity to make a second statement. So if you're close to finishing your statement, I will let you wrap up or else you can bump it into the second statement, if you wish.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce too that, you know, at the closing ceremonies, I guess, that we had, that Hopedale was identified as the next community. So I think that, you know, the people that were there are fully aware of what is expected and I'm sure that Hopedale, through AngajukKâk Flowers is gonna welcome the participants and be prepared for it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes The AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since our last session, life in Rigolet has been especially busy and I'll just touch on some of what I've seen happening. Congratulations to Lay Rigolet drama group for their performance at the Labrador Creative Arts Festival. They did a great job and I went to see their play and I can't remember the theme but it's illumination and something, and it was really fitting. Their play was really fitting to fit that theme. And Rigolet had a beautiful Remembrance Day ceremony, and just so people know, Rigolet had at least six Inuit who were in the First and Second World Wars and in recent times we had quite a few people who are either in the Armed Forces or the Canadian Forces or retired. And we have a very active Ranger and Junior Ranger group. And for our

ceremony, it was accidental, but we even had a fly over because Air Borealis regular flight was late and he flew lower than usual due to the weather. Anyway, numerous wreathes were laid in memory of those brave soldiers who fought and died so we could enjoy our freedom. I'd like to wish a speedy recovery to all the people who are from Rigolet who have either fell ill with cancer or some other serious illness. We've been hit hard over the last few days, weeks and months, and I would like to extend prayers and best wishes for all of those who are affected. Mr. Speaker, our community has been abuzz with lots of activity and I think sometimes we forget that some of these successes are due to Nunatsiavut Government efforts. For example, we have quite a few crab and shrimp fishermen, and I'm hearing that they all had a successful season. It's good to see our people being able to acquire new boats and skidoos and to be able to fix up their own houses and enjoy a good income. And on that same train of thought, again, many people have been hired in Voisey's Bay and I'm pleased to see them move forward and have good paying jobs. Having said that, this puts stress on our community, as we have had to have some workers move on. Again, I'd like to stress, I'm really happy for them. It's good to see. However, the wages we pay cannot compete with the wages up there. And I'm looking up there in the gallery as I say this because that gives you some ammunition, I think, to you, when you're negotiating FFA and stuff like that because, really, we need to be able to increase our salaries and to be somewhere, at least a little bit competitive. And for us at Rigolet Inuit

Community Government, we finally got the lots in the subdivision finished. They've been surveyed. We sold two lots to local residents and three lots are allotted to Torngat Regional Housing for the houses that are being constructed this season, this fall in Rigolet. But unfortunately for us, the lots had already been promised to people before they were finished, so we had to write to each person who received a letter in 2017, telling them that the lots in the new subdivision were finished and what their intentions were, because some of them had moved outside of Rigolet. And we are still waiting for responses from some recipients before we can sell the other lots. And with those lots finally finished, we still need more. We only got five lots left out of the ones that were done. Rigolet has also added upgrades to the pumphouses and water valves in our community. And Mr. Speaker, we've had many issues with our ADWS which is our drinking water system. I think really, the time has come for us to get filters installed at the source of our water, so we can have clean drinking water coming from our taps. The water in Rigolet is darker than apple juice and sometimes the colour of tea and even a light coffee. And I think I heard the Prime Minister promise all communities with boil orders, that we would have clean drinking water, and I think it's time to push for this. And, Mr. Speaker, my last point is on the Kamutik W. I can't believe we're listening to this story over and over and over. Our efforts have all been in vain. And I wonder, my God, how can the Provincial Government be so blind and so deaf? And really, I gotta question whether this is discrimination? Would this be happening if it

was anywhere on the Island or in any other part of Labrador for that matter? Is it only because of where we live and who we are that this is being allowed to happen? Is it because Indigenous people don't matter to the Provincial Government? I think it's time to start to call it what it is. And I ask the same question again, is this discrimination? I hate to end on such a harsh note, but like everyone else, I'm fed up with it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Speaker recognizes Mr. Glen Sheppard, AngajukKâk for Postville.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess, first, I would like to say, it's not noted in my page here that I have notes taken, but I would like to say, I look forward every sitting, to Ministers Statements, and this morning, I found the Ministers Statements, along with the President, exceptional, and the reason I say that, I think every aspect within Nunatsiavut basically, was touched on. I have to say, First Minister Mitchell, I really enjoyed your statement. Minister Andersen, my good friend, as you were giving your Minister Statement, I thought about your mom. She would be very proud of you, the way you bring it out. You say it like it is and that's the way a lot of our people expect our Government to present themselves many times. We still have, Mr. Speaker to have some of the old schoolboys around. Education degrees, college as real nice, that will never go astray Mr. Speaker, but the old schoolboys will never go astray as well. Mr. Speaker, having said that, I'd just like to thank each Minister and the President this morning for their Minister Statements and the President

statement. I really enjoyed it. Mr. Speaker, I guess, as I stand here this morning, I'm gonna summarize and be brief as I can in a few projects and I guess ongoings that was happening in my community. We was involved this past summer, as I reported briefly, at the last sitting, Mr. Speaker, of a boat ramp that was partially funded by the Department of Education and Economic Development along with our Inland Trust Fund. I'm proud to say today, as I stand here that our boat ramp in Postville is complete, and for those of you have seen pictures, that's a really nice job that has been done and thank you to the Department of Education and our *Inland Trust Fund*, and to the contractor who did it. Our first boat launched on the boat ramp on the 17th of October, if I'm correct, was while the conservation officer, NG Conservation Officer in Postville, George Gear. Mr. Speaker, one of our larger projects we have ongoing and hoping very soon in the very near future, hopefully in the next couple of weeks, we can bring to a conclusion and have it finalized as our Interpretation Centre. Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned the Interpretation Centre, and as we speak, there has been layoffs in the last few days. We're down to two employees, and all employees was locally provided-, all employees was locally from the community. Having said that, there are many delays and like my colleague, it was delays due to the Kamutik W. Mr. Speaker, on October the 24th, I had a great opportunity to sit down in the afternoon with one of my few elders in the community who was celebrating his birthday that day-, turned 88 years old. And for those around the table that know him by name, his name is Uncle Douglas Jacque. During my

short visit with him in the afternoon, he had-, I couldn't leave without trying his birthday cake and I couldn't leave without having a piece of bake apple pie which I really enjoy. During our short discussion, he gave me many-, he shared many memories with me of past experiences of his life in his 88 years of his memory, what he could remember. One thing I'll never forget until the day I die, and I stand here and I-, you know, I, I talked to the man, and I looked him in the eye as he was talking. He said-, he looked at me and he said to me, "What do you think of the boat"? I didn't have to name the boat. I knew exactly what he was talking about. I shared my experience. I looked at him and I said, "What do you think of the boat? You're 88 years old. You'd be at the dock every time the Northern Ranger would come in, to meet the crew and the staff of the Northern Ranger. He said, Glenn, this is not the boat for the North Coast and I'll never forget that statement by that elder that day. Mr. Speaker, as I said, I've read out two or three paragraphs here and out of the two or three paragraphs, I think there might've been one paragraph where the Kamutik W. or transportation hasn't been mentioned. And when we're doing projects in remote communities and we're dependent, that's our highway for our goods and services. That boat is our highway and when there's delays, it means that it's major delays and that causes big problems within our communities. As I stand here this morning-, I'll be just one more minute. I'm watching the clock, Mr. Speaker, but last evening after supper, shortly after supper, I had a message from Sheppard's Variety in Postville, "Can you call us, ASAP". So I picked up the

phone on several attempts and I finally got through. Some of the winter supplies that has been offloaded yesterday in Postville for the community, perishable goods, has been frozen. The store owner will not be putting it on the shelves. It's up to the Province or whoever to do whatever, to replace this or reimburse them. Mr. Speaker, that's my closing part of my Ministers Statement. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker-, I'll get to Carlene first, just because I tend to try to share the wealth around when it comes to time. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Rigolet, MS. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The past few months have flown by and it's been an active few months for our community. I would like to congratulate the NLA Eagles who did a great performance in the fall sports meet that took place in Nain in the month of September. The 12 athletes came together to form a team that not only had fun but represented our community well in all sports areas. It's a great event that I was excited to take part in when I was growing up, as it gives you a chance to compete in friendly competition with others representing our communities. Competitors that become at times, your life-long friends. In saying that, I would like to congratulate Vyann Andersen Goudie of Postville for successfully organizing the First Alumni Sports meet celebrating 40 years of friendly sports competition on the coast. From posts on Facebook, and speaking with others, I had seen and heard that

many people enjoyed competing and watching the games. Thank you, Pam Campbell and Charlene Palliser who took the time to book venues and hold practices for the sports events in Rigolet and for putting together a team to travel to Nain. Congratulations to the following athletes, Kim Oliver, Rhoda Palliser, Kristy Sheppard, Sally Shiwak, Jill Williams, Desiree Wolfrey, Harvey Palliser, Ross Palliser, Russel Palliser and Martin Shiwak who represented our community. They won, in my opinion, the most important trophy of all, the most sportsmanlike team award. Congratulations to all athletes who participated and made their mark. You're making this event successful. Thank you to Nain for hosting this event. I hope this positive event continues to bring our people together. Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak on a couple of individual celebrations that was held in our community throughout the last couple of months. On September 19th, Marion Shiwak celebrated her 87th birthday. Her family had invited all who were interested to drop by to celebrate her special day with a delicious feed of cakes, pies, tarts, coffee and tea, which I thought was very nice and I enjoyed it thoroughly. I wish Marion many more years to celebrate her special day with friends and family. In October we had two couples from Rigolet celebrate their golden anniversaries. Wilson and Clara Williams celebrated their 50-year anniversary on October 8 and on October 16th, Garland and Sarah Baikie had celebrated their 50-year anniversary as well. I wish both couples many more years of happiness together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Palliser. The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of HICG I want to extend well wishes to Mary-Jane Sillet who works so hard and is recovering from her surgery, and she certainly is missed. I also want to extend deepest condolences to the families of Andrea Flowers who passed away in September. Andrea is a well-known elder in our community and who ran circles around many of us youth, although I'm not a youth, I don't think. Feels like one, though. And also to Joe Hunter Junior who passed away on October 19th. Joe worked for many years with the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation in Ten Mile Bay and later in Stone Plant, here in Hopedale. He also worked with many HICG projects and he loved his family dearly, and he's deeply missed by all of us and his sister Sybil, niece Jennifer and her three beautiful little girls. I also extend much gratitude and thanks for the tremendous love and support I received from my family, friends near and far, and the whole town of Hopedale in the passing of my husband, Brian. I cannot express how grateful I am to the excellent care he received from our local clinic and the cancer treatment team. We hear many negative issues coming from our health care system, however I saw firsthand how hard the clinic staff work as well as the whole cancer team to make their clients feel more comfortable. I also commend our own HICG staff and Nunatsiavut Government staff for their support while I was away. Again, often times we tend to hear negative issues about our Government and others don't always see the good that I experienced. So to all,

Nakummek. In the Hopedale Inuit Community Government news, Mr. Gilles Picard's Consulting Company continues to work with our staff in team building, management and coaching. It is invaluable training and a great asset to our staff. The Mechanic Training and Coaching will finish up in December and due to the long delays in getting the needed parts, and equipment, the training was on hold but will resume next week. This also has proven to be an invaluable investment for HICG. Budgell's have completed their contract to upgrade the roads and sanitary upgrades. Despite some unexpected surprises when digging up the sewer lines, the overall project went well. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I cannot end my Members statement without continuing to mention our utter disappointment and frustration in the ferry service. Our people and business owners are experiencing the worst year for getting fall shipment of supplies delivered and even though transportation is the responsibility of the Province, I believe we should still lobby the Newfoundland and Labrador Government to fix this broken system, and I thank First Minister Kate Mitchell for her ongoing support and continue to lobby for this.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Condolences to AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers on the passing of your husband. Prayers and well wishes. As the Assembly we are like an extended family. We spend so much time together and care for each other. Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin will be

retiring at the end of this year. I had the great pleasure of working with her on the NEC. Her knowledge and wisdom is remarkable. She always puts NG beneficiaries first and ensured the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* is followed. Wishing you a happy retirement. Welcome pages Eric Brown and Laken Mitsuk from Happy Valley Goose Bay. Thank you for attending and enjoy the experience. Open houses were held in Upper Lake Melville Communities of North West River and Mud Lake. We had a small turnout but very meaningful and great discussion, and we've seen many new faces, which is very positive. We'll hold our open house in Happy Valley Goose Bay this coming Sunday. Our Facebook page Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville has seen more traffic with likes and sharing. We are sharing information and as a means for Members to reach out to us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Asivak. The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since our last sitting of this Assembly, I along with my fellow AngajukKâks met with the Minister of Transportation and Works of St. John's on the 3rd of October 2019. The outcome of this meeting was very disappointing for me and my community. I would like to say in a better understanding of our concerns by the Province in this regard. Our passenger service, since mid-September has been very sporadic. Our people and the people of our community are-, I guess they're afraid to get on the boat because they're not sure where they're gonna end up or how long they're gonna be on the ship. Our freight

service has also suffered greatly. Every trip this season-, just about every trip, freight for Makkovik has ended up all the way to Nain and returned to Makkovik before the stores or people can get the freight off. This is a sign of the ship is not built for our waters. The captain has to load the ship in a manner to ballast her out-, there's no ballast in the ship itself, for stability. We will continue to lobby hard for the service we deserve for our people. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government for the solar panels experiment that we have put upon our arena. It's up and running right now. The contractor was Green Sun Rising. The MICG-, Makkovik Inuit Community Government is hoping this will be a great investment to save energy costs for our community at the arena facility. If you are willing to check out the operation-, also to invite you to check out the operation of the solar panels by logging on to the Makkovic dot ca website and you can follow right along as the power is generated, in real time. The Community Freezer; MICG would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government again for supplying us with arctic char and cod again this year. It will be greatly appreciated by our community members. The Makkovik Inuit Community Government has had no success in attracting a CAO for our Makkovik Inuit Community Government office to date. We had also-, MICG has also had a turnover in recreation staff due to more attractive salaries like a colleague AngajukKâk Wolfrey has mentioned earlier. So we cannot hold back our people if they're salaries are attractive somewhere else, it's more power to them to benefit themselves and their families. So as of last week, we

had the deadline for the position for the Recreation Assistant and no applications to date. And also-, lastly, Mr. Speaker, the MICG has two vacant seats on our council as we speak, and we had our nominations close-, I think it was last Thursday, and unfortunately, nobody came forward to offer themselves. So we may be looking to the First Minister at a later date and put in a constitution to appoint a couple of members. So we will see how that goes. That's it for my Members Statement, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Rowland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Assembly Members and guests. From all reports and conversations that I've had in the last month, the Okak Commemorative Celebration was a huge success. Thank you to all Members of the organizing committee, cultural staff and transportation people involved. The only complaint I heard of was that it was too short. They wanted to stay longer, visit more people, eat more food and visit community people, and more importantly, family members and relatives that many have not seen in decades. All that being said and done, a great success. Mr. Speaker the Canadian Constituency is still growing in members. We also have lost members in the past and just recently, two in the last two months, Ms. Susan Rideout originally Tooktoshina, from Rigolet, and also Mr. Fredrick Goudie from Northwest River. And there are other members that have passed away and I do pay the respects to those that we have missed. And Mr. Speaker, on November 11th along

with Pat Ford, I attended a Remembrance Day ceremony in St. John's and laid a wreath on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government. It was time to remember and honour all Inuit and Labradorians that have served in the past World Wars and Korea and other wars and to honour the Members that are now serving the Military, and this is a tradition that was started by Pat Ford and Dan Pottle. Thank you both. Mr. Speaker, while I was in St. John's along with Pat Ford, we visited a Health Science Centre, where I met Katie Dickers and Solomon Semigak, both doing wonderful work with Nunatsiavut Members and Innu Members that are there because the Innu don't have representatives to show them around the Science complex. We also visited with our own Mary Sillett. She is healing but now she is home to recover and recuperate. She is in good spirit and did talk about the Assembly and how things were going and she said she was quite confident the Assembly that everything would run smoothly, especially with Tabea at the helm. And at this time, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to congratulate our Ordinary Member from-, Canadian Constituency Member, Loretta Michelin, on retiring at the end of this season. It's been a pleasure to know you, Loretta. All the best to you and your family. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? I'll ask again, any other Members? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Six on the *Orders of the Day* which is "Returns to Oral Questions". At the September 2019 session, the following returns were recorded. The AngajukKâk for

Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey asked the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall, if NG had considered digitizing all of the Hudson's Bay Company HBC Archives which are located in Winnipeg Manitoba on Inuit History. These materials contain much about the Rigolet Inuit History. I'd like to recognize the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall to provide his response for the purpose of the Hansard.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Under Traditions and Transitions, we began digitizing HBC content, but it's not going to be possible to digitize all of the material in the HBC relating to Labrador Inuit in the short-term. The volume of material alone is significant and would likely require a project similar in scope and funding to uncommon bonds. Also there are some restrictions on materials that prevent us from having access to all of it. Under T and T, we have been focusing on a few things; number one, digitizing and transcribing coast records for Postville. This was identified by the community as a desired and is as desired, and I understand mostly finished. HBC Films relating to Labrador. These are digitized and described by an expert on historic HBC Films. Later we will supplement the more academic description with community description. Number three; a collection guided to help Labrador Inuit navigate HBC collection. This has been started but has been on hold for a little while because of other commitments. The idea behind this is that it will allow Labrador Inuit a means to understand how to look for relevant materials in the larger HBCA collection. Number four; an agreement between NG and

HBC Archives on storing and disseminating archival materials. Again, it's in the works but has been on hold for a little while in no small part because the position of HBCA head archivist is not presently filled. Our primary liaison with HBCA is James Gordon. If there are specific materials that Rigolet is interested in having digitized, we can certainly discuss this and see what we can do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Also in the last session, the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard, asked the Minister of Finance and Human Resources and Information Technology the Honourable Tyler Edmunds if NG had considered different options for recruiting the advertised DHSD janitor, maintenance position in Postville as it has been advertised at least three times without success. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister Edmunds to provide his response.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek UKatti. Mr. Speaker, as the AngajukKâk is aware, over the last few years we've been attempting some different models for the provision of janitorial, maintenance and snow clearing services in Postville. There was feedback that the snow clearing was a deterrent for that position. In the past we did reach out to the ICG to enter into a snow clearing contract where the existing staff would do the clearing for a fee. Then it wasn't accepted, from what I understand. We're open to entering into such an agreement in the future. The Nunatsiavut Government also engaged local youth to do the snow clearing for services rendered and there have been tenders that have been released

looking for contractor to provide the services but there was no response to the tenders. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. The AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard also asked the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell if there had been any progress-, and I should note that Minister Mitchell was absent from that sitting because of a personal situation-, if there has been any progress on the establishment of the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell to provide her response.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you AngajukKâk Sheppard for your question. Nunatsiavut Government is currently establishing a steering committee charged with the responsibility for providing advice and recommendations on establishment of the Housing Commission and what needs to be accomplished before proclaiming the *Act* in force. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. Again, at the last session, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler, asked the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell if there was a way to improve communication between the Appeals Committee and the Membership Committees. Once a beneficiary goes through the appeals process and a final decision is reached by the Appeals Committee, is that information shared with the Membership Committee? Question. I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell to provide her response.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is important to understand the different roles of the Membership Committee and the Appeal Board. A Membership Committee has the right to review the membership of any individual if the committee has reason to believe that the individual does not meet the criteria to be a beneficiary. This is true, regardless of how and when that individual became a Member. The Appeal Board has to proceed as a rehearing and to look at the application with fresh eyes. For this reason, it is not necessary or even encouraged for the Appeal Board to either consult or communicate with the Membership Committee that made the initial decision to reject an individual's application. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. The Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, asked the First Minister a question in relation to the Membership Review Committees. "How do the committees select Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries to be reviewed? One instance, there was a family of 16 children. One of the 16 was selected to be reviewed and to give more information. Another example was a family of 12 children, where there was one selected to be reviewed", and again, asked to give more information. I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Honourable Member for your question. There are no review committees. There are only Membership Committees. Membership Committees can review any beneficiaries membership if they have reason to believe that that individual does not

meet the criteria found in Chapter 3 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. The Membership Committees do not have to answer to elected officials as to how they determine who they will review because they are independent bodies. For this reason, only the Membership Committee itself can answer why they are reviewing the membership of an individual. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. That concludes the "Returns to Oral Questions". Now, typically at this point of the *Orders of the Day*, we would go on to Item seven. If you may recall, at the September session, we passed a series of amendments to the Standing Orders and for just everyone's refresh, I will read it aloud. Standing Order 23(4) which is one of the amendments which was made to our Standing Orders. Specifically, Standing Order 23(4) states, "The *Orders of the Day* may be amended with the unanimous consent of the Assembly". In one moment, I'm gonna be asking for the unanimous consent of the Assembly and I'll spend just a couple of seconds explaining why. As the Minister of Finance mentioned earlier, we have in town, our auditors who which to present the audited financial statements. As with many things, we are somewhat prisoner to the schedules of our flights and we're-, and our auditors are intending, I should say, to leave on the sked this afternoon. So with that in mind, I'm gonna ask for the unanimous consent of the Assembly to-, rather than move onto Item Seven of the *Orders of the Day*, to skip right ahead to Item 14 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion". Minister Edmunds?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek, UKatti.* Just as a suggestion, can we start with the Tabling of the Documents and then proceed? *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Suggestions-, good suggestions are always welcome. So with that, as Minister Edmunds suggested, I'm asking for the unanimous consent of this Assembly to alter the *Orders of the Day*, such that we may proceed from Item Seven to Item 13. Once we conclude the presentation, we'll revert to the standard *Orders of the Day*, and proceed through the rest of the day. Is there anybody opposed to granting consent to amend the *Orders of the Day*? Any opposed? With that, we're on to Item 13 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Tabling of Documents". I'd like to recognize the treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. Uhalitik.* I'm please to table the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31, 2019 and the report on the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2019. *Nakummek UKatti.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek, Honourable Minister.* The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31st, 2019 will be numbered as Tabled Document 01-4(5) and the Report on the Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31st 2019 will be numbered as Tabled Document 02-4(5). And again, I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. The documents that I'm tabling are within Tab Three of your binders. Honourable Speaker, I'm also pleased to table the presentations of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trusts*-, *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* and the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* will be numbered as Tabled Document 03-4(5). The presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, will be numbered as Tabled Document 04-4(5). The presentation of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* will be numbered as Tabled Document 05-4(5). With that, there are no more documents to be tabled today and we move on to Item 14 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Notices of Motion". The Speaker recognizes the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday November 20th, 2019 I moved, seconded by the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell that Tabled Document 01-4(5) and Tabled Document 02-4(5) be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses from Deloitte. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent by requesting that the Assembly waive Standing Order 37.1 to deal with this motion today under Item 16, "Motions". *Nakummek, UKatti*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Once again, I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I give notice on Wednesday, November 19th 2019. I'll move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trusts, the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust and the Tasiujastaak Trust*. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. There are no more notices of motion today, and with that we'll move on to Item 15 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills". There are no Notices for the First Reading of Bills today, so on to Item 16 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Motions". Minister Edmunds, I understand that you wish-, Honourable Minister Edmunds I understand that you wish to proceed with the motion you gave notice to earlier.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. As I mentioned earlier I'll be seeking unanimous consent from the Assembly to have the Consolidated Financial Statements of our Government for the year ended March 31st 2019 and the report on the audited statements as well, for the same year, to go into Committee of the Whole for consideration and discussion. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Honourable Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any opposed to that? Any opposed? I consider that unanimous. There are none. Minister Edmunds, please proceed.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek, UKatti.* Honourable Speaker, whereas the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31st 2019, and the report on Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31st, 2019, have been tabled in the Assembly and whereas the Assembly should consider these documents in Committee of the Whole with witnesses from the auditors. And therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister that Tabled Document 01-4(5) and Tabled Document 02-4(5) be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses from the Deloitte. *Nakummek,* Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek,* Honourable Minister. Your motion is in order. Honourable Minister, do you wish to speak to the Motion?

MR. EDMUNDS: I do not wish to speak to the Motion at this time. *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other Members of the Assembly who wish to speak to the Motion? If no other Members wish to speak to the Motion, does the Minister wish to make final comments and conclude debate?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek,* Honourable Speaker. In most every other circumstance, we would've had our comptroller here to do this presentation along with the auditors but we do have Paul Davis and Lori Taylor here to go through the presentation line by line. And again, as always if the Assembly has questions at any point during the presentation, we encourage that. So with that, I wish to conclude debate on the Motion, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

That concludes debate, then. All those in favour of the Motion? Any opposed? Therefore, the motion is carried. These documents will now be considered in Committee of the Whole with our witnesses and I will ask the pages or Minister Edmunds to invite our guests to join us in Assembly Chambers. The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

I'm just going to say something really fast. Do you know, it took us 10 minutes of time and going back and forth and saying this sections or whatever for us to be able to introduce the auditors. That's kinda long time, isn't it for us to just to be able to say, "Yes, the auditors can come in here and talk to us"?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Well, the *Orders of the Day*-, the-, well these proceedings are-, they're governed, I mean, you know, there's a certain validity to what you're saying, but that being said, I mean the Standing Orders do govern our proceedings in this Assembly and as they do in almost every other Assembly, globally. They are-, the *Orders of the Day* are which provide guidance and which provide direction and which provides parameters under which we operate. And they provide-, the comfort they provide us, AngajukKâk Wolfrey, is they provide us with the comfort of keeping things in line. And while on the surface, it may appear that they're somewhat overly bureaucratic and perhaps there's some validity to the argument, nonetheless, they have been a successful tool for building Assembly proceedings in this Assembly and many other Assemblies around the world for centuries past and so every once in a while, we have to humour

ourselves and go through the more bureaucratic aspects of the Standing Orders, but as our review of the Standing Orders proved, just a couple of months ago, they are important and they are something that people feel strongly about, and moreover, I think they're something that need to be respected, and we will continue to operate with those Standing Orders in our midst. With that, welcome, to our guests and we are now in Committee of the Whole so I will continue to serve as Chair, not as Speaker. In Committee of the Whole, if you want to address, I will recognize people who wish to speak. You do not have to stand, should you wish to address our auditors. I'm not sure of the format of your presentation, so at this point, I'm gonna turn it over to you and to lead the way forward.

MR. JANES: Great. Thank you, very much. And thanks, everybody for allowing us...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Oh, if I might, if you could just introduce yourself, initially.

MR. JANES: Sorry.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: ...although you're familiar to many people...

MR. JANES: Yeah.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: ...I think for the purposes of Hansard, it would be useful, thank you.

MR. JANES: My apologies. Paul Janes, the audit partner with Deloitte. And with me today is Lori Taylor, who's the Senior Manager on file and obviously, we've been here multiple times and we've both been part of the audit for many years. Myself, going on 13 or 14 years now, so thank you, again, for the opportunity to be able to be here and go through two documents today.

One will be the Consolidated Financial Statements for Nunatsiavut and another will be our Standard Audit Results Presentation which is a document that outlines a couple of different things that we are-, have to, I guess, communicate to you as auditors under this Auditing Standards that we follow. And so it outlines various different parts of those standards the communication is relatively standard and the same, so you'll notice a lot of the same things we communicate year over year, but that's part of the standards we follow, that we need to. So I'm gonna ask Lori to start. She's gonna go through the report to the Assembly which is our Audit Results Document and then I'll take the reigns and talk to you about the Financial Statements. Yes, thank you, very much. That's the document.

MS. TAYLOR:

Thank you, Paul. So in case you haven't found it, it's got a big picture of leaves on the front. That's the one I'll be going through. And I'm not gonna do a complete page turn of this document. I'm just gonna highlight what I think are the most important aspects of this, but if you have any questions at all, just feel free to ask. I'm gonna start on page one, which is "Our Audit Explained". And I'm gonna start with Materiality. So in case you're unaware, Materiality is essentially, a concept whereby errors greater than that amount could be perceived to impact the decisions of users of the statements. So for the current year, Materiality for the Consolidated Statements was set at 1.35 million. And that's consistent with prior year, and it was based on total revenues. We are required to report any errors greater than five per cent of this balance to you, and that would be any errors greater than 67,500. In terms of audit fees, our audit fees were set

at a little over 110,000 at the beginning of the year and there were no changes to the audit fees.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Sorry, if I'm-, okay-, thank you. Just a reminder that the translators would prefer that we try to keep our cadences, slower. Thank you.

MS. TAYLOR:

Turning to page two, "Status and Outstanding Matters". We have issued our audit report, dated November the 9th, following approval by the Executive Council. We will talk about uncorrected misstatements when we get to Appendix Two. Going concern-, this looks at the ability of the Government to operate for the next year, and it's a required auditing procedure that we have to follow. We have no concern. The Government has positive cash, net financial assets and accumulated surplus, all of which are extremely healthy financial indicators. In terms of uncorrected disclosure misstatements, we will talk about those when we get to Appendix Three. Turning to Page Three, "Fraud Risk", we don't specifically test for fraud, but we do perform some procedures to help us detect fraud risk. Based on the procedures that we did perform, we did not encounter any instances of fraud. In terms of our conclusion, as I said, we have issued our Auditors Report. It's an unmodified audit report, which means, it's the cleanest form of audit opinion you can receive. So that's very good. We had no restrictions placed on our audit and we were given full access to any information we needed. Turning to Page Five, "Significant Audit Risks", our audit risks are pretty consistent year over year, mainly because there's been no change to the Government operations which would necessitate another significant risk. So we have management override of controls and

personal expense claims. Management Override of Controls essentially looks at the ability of individuals to override financial controls and manipulate financial results. This is a fraud risk and it's applicable to every audit that we perform. So how we test this, was we discuss fraud with management and the Executive Council. We tested a sample of journal entries to ensure they were properly approved and supported. We looked at any unusual transactions and ensured their rationale was appropriate. There were none for the year just ended. And we tested significant judgements for management bias and we can confirm that there's no evidence of material in this statement due to management override. In terms of personal expense claims, this risk just makes sure that expense claims going through the Government are for a valid business purpose. So we look at a sample of expense claims, ensure that they are properly approved and have appropriate supporting documentation and we found no evidence of material misstatement. Turning to Page six, "Other Reportable Matters". This page is essentially a check list of things we are required to communicate with yourselves, being the Assembly. I can tell you there were no instances of non-compliance or any areas of concern in any of these matters. There was a post balance sheet event, which is a subsequent event, and Paul will talk about that when he gets to the financial statements. And the Group Audit note there, just tells you that the consolidated entity is made up of a bunch of different organizations and you have an investment in *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, and we are not the auditors of two entities within that group and we are just

required to tell you that. Appendix One is just our independence letter and I can tell you that we have performed all necessary checks and we are independent. Appendix Two on page nine, talks about uncorrected errors. So for the year just ended, there was an error that we carried which-, of about \$400,000, and essentially the error relates to the fact that the prior year consolidated Nunatsiavut Government Statements were issued before the *Labrador Capital Inuit Strategy Trust* statements [sic]. And there was a late entry which went through the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* statements to increase their income. And because your statements were already issued, we had to pick up that income in the current year. And because it was only 400,000 compared to a materiality of 1.35 we didn't feel it necessary to go back and put it in the prior year numbers. Page 10, "The Summary of Disclosure Items Past". I'm not going to go through all these in detail. What I will tell you is that they are consistent with the prior year, and even though our accounting standards say this information should be in the financial statements, they in no way impact the decisions made by users of the statements. They're more for information purposes only. And for that reason, we don't consider the statements to be materially misstated as a result of not including them. So that's all I wanted to highlight on this document, but if anyone has any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

MR. JANES:

Thanks, Lori. If there are no questions, I'll start my review of the Financial Statements. So just for everybody's information, this is what the front page looks like so you can find it in your materials.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We'll just allow one moment just for people to go into their binders and...

MR. JANES: Yeah. Absolutely.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Tab Three.

MR. JANES: And once you've found it in your binders, I'll just-, I'll start on the Independent Auditors Report which is about three or four pages in for the document. Looks like everybody has found it in Materials. Good. Thanks. So our Independent Auditors Report as Lori had mentioned is clean audit opinion. I only highlight it in the current year because there were some changes in Canadian Auditing Standards that changed the look of the audit opinion. So if you did ever go back and compare this to prior years it would look much different than what it looks in this version of your financial statements. So let me highlight that fact so that everybody's aware of why it looks different. Essentially, the main change is that the opinion paragraph, which is where we give our opinion on the Financial Statements, is at the very beginning of the report now, and it used to be at the very end. Then they've added various other paragraphs which lengthen the report but just gives further detail as to what we're doing when we opine on your Financial Statements as auditors. I'll then skip to Page Four, which is the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus. This statement outlines the revenues and expenditures on the Government on the consolidated basis and my intent would be to go through these to highlight the major changes year over year. So if anybody has any questions as I go, I'm happy to take those, so feel free to stop me at any time. And I understand I probably standing

between the Assembly Members and lunch so I'll go through them in adequate detail but if it's too much please let me know. So on the Revenue side, you had total revenues of 131 million compared to 104 million last year, so I'll just highlight what some of those-, what's causing some of those changes. In the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, the revenue is up almost \$ 7 million-, \$6.5 million from last year, or 7.5 million-, sorry, from last year. This is mainly due to negotiated increase in the FFA and a \$5 million one-time increase that happened in the 2019 fiscal year. There was also an increase of \$5 million in interest and investment income and this really has to do with the income levels coming out of mainly-, of the investments that you hold, most of which sit within the *Implementation and Settlement Trusts*, so those larger income balances compared to the prior year in those. Mining tax royalty is at \$10 million in the current year and a significant increase over 2018. Really, it's almost back to normal levels if you go back to compare prior years to that. 2018 was a significant decrease in the mining royalty revenue and some of this had to do with in the current year, the Provincial Government finalized some audits that they were doing which then led to the release of funds to Nunatsiavut. Under Health Canada-, sorry, under Indigenous Services, Canada there's a large increase there from 400,000 in 2018...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Sorry, Paul, Minister Edmunds, Tyler, do you have a question? Sorry.

MR. JANES:

Sure.

MR. EDMUNDS:

No, I just wanted to add a point of clarification before we go any further. The biggest change in our FFA dollars, I think is attributable to the money

that we received for housing. There's been some increases due to FIDIPII. But the number that you're seeing an increase in the FFA is primarily as a result of the money through housing. So just wanted to add that as a point of clarity.

MR. JANES:

Thank you. On-, sorry the Goods and Services Tax-, so those are funds where GST has been collected within the Land Claims area and then gets remitted back to the Government, and there were some rebates received in the current year, about 650,000 related to past years. So as those funds continue to be collected by Canada Revenue Agency, they are brought into to your revenues and so those funds will kinda increase and decrease over the years as funds are collected. And you don't recognize them as revenues until you receive them from CRA. Sorry, I missed the Health Canada one in there too. The Health Canada Revenue one went up by \$500,000, \$600,000 and that mainly to do with various programs that will be undertaken by that department. And so there was just an increase in the program funding for a different block and flexible funding arrangements in the current year. The Share of Gain from Affiliated Business Entities went from 3.7 million on the prior year to 2.1 in the current year. And this is the share of income that you pick up from the businesses that are within the *Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Last year was a significant balance there. If there was some accounting transactions that happened as part of the Air Labrador deal with Air Borealis Limited partnership that drove that balance up higher. And in the current year the income that you're picking up, as well as the *Trust* allocation that happens

that we've discussed a few times at this table, that rally benefits the *Trust*, and the Government, as the funds aren't taxed. It's allocated out to the Government as income rather than being left in the *Trust* and then taxed by the Federal Government. Your other Grants and Contributions fluctuated from 740,000 last year to just over 2 million in the current year. This really fluctuates, based on the different projects that may be undertaken at any time by the government. And there's a large-, almost \$1 million grant there in the current year from Parks Canada, that's driving that balance up. There's no other items there on the Revenue that I'll highlight but if there's any questions, happy to take them. On the expenditure side, just highlighting again some of the significant changes year over year. You'll note that both the Salaries and Employee Benefits went up by half a million dollars and there's no one really factor that's driving that increase. Similar to the FFA dollars decreasing-, some of that's just based on the different expenditures and programs that happened during the current year, that accumulates that total, and no one particular that's driving that dollar value. Similar with the NIHB funding, that's highlighted on the next line. This is really just due to program activity in 2019 driving the increase from the prior year of expenditures. Travel went from 2.2 million to 3.4 in the current year. That had just the accumulation of travel and activity that happened and dealing with different priorities of the Government that management and Assembly members would be dealing with, that drove that balance.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you. That travel. That's almost \$1 million. Is there any-, that little item there by 17, is that an Appendix to see the increase in the expenditures, there? Could you explain a little more why it's gone up so much? Almost a million bucks.

MR. JANES:

So Note 17 really just highlights the fact that some of the transactions within that Line Item happened with related parties, so that doesn't necessarily answer your question or give you further details, but I think one of the main factors that's driving that would be travel to Ottawa for various different items that are happening within the Government, that drove that balance higher than what it was in the prior year. If you want further details and specifics, I'm sure we can get them for you.

MR. DICKER:

I guess that will do for now. I guess when departments do your-, do their reports, you know, if there's a big increase in their travel, they would explain to the Assembly why they're traveling at such a large expense. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Yeah, I think there's probably a couple things that are driving the increase and expenditure that's reported. I think one of the variables that we talked about probably last year as well, is I know, like there's been increased participation, obviously, some of the departments for ICPC and all that as well, but there's been also different events that have been planned throughout the Government as well. You know, I'm at a loss for some of the events right now, but obviously, all that has to be reported within these statements here. So I don't have a exact answer for you right now as to

every single event that led to that increase, but it wasn't just a single department or whatever, that was doing that. Thank you.

MR. JANES: So just continue on some of the other Line Items.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Patricia had a comment.

MR. JANES: Oh, I'm sorry.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I'm looking at the increase in professional fees from last year to this year. It's almost \$1 million. Can anyone account to why there was a rise because there was a time we were striving to have less professional fees or reduce somewhat.

MR. JANES: So, I think the only thing-, I know there's a lot of different items that get grouped within professional fees, whether it be professional services or engineering or development, those types of things-, so there are a lot of different expenditure items that are captured in that Line Item. I think there were some additional consulting programs that happened within the Department of Health and Social Development in the current year that drove some of that. But I'm not aware of anything in particular. I'm sure there's additional legal fees as well in there that-, some of the things I know are going on within the Government that are probably driving some of that cost, but I wouldn't be able to tell you exactly whether or not they're significantly increased from the prior year or not without having the detail right in front of me. Yeah. Repairs and Maintenance-, so the next Line Item I'll note, went from 2 million to 3 point-, almost 3.2 in the current year, and that had to do with some repairs of almost \$1.1 million that

happened on the Efficiency Units on the housing. Your amortization went up \$300,000 from 1.3 million to 1.6 million or 1.4 to 1.7 almost. This is really just-, so amortization is a charge on your capital assets so it's basically the use of your capital assets over time, that it gets charged to this statement. And as your capital asset balances go up, then also your amortization has gone up. And over the last few years, you may remember we've talked about significant increases in capital expenditures that have happened. And so now those amounts are slowly gonna get amortized into this statement. And that's really the reason for that increase, year over year, and that will probably continue to go up a little bit as there has been-, as you'll see the amortization of those expenditures over the last few years. The majority of the other items with regards to expenses on page four and then continue onto page five, are fairly small in nature and as well comparable period over period, year over year. So I won't highlight any of those any more of those, specifically. You'll note on page five that your annual surplus is just over \$54 million in the current year, which means you had \$54 million more in revenues than you had in expenditures, and an increase from the \$31 million in the prior year. So a very good, healthy indicator of the level of revenue within the organization as well as the level of expenditures and expenditure control that you have. And it leaves you to a total accumulated surplus of 582 million which is the last line there on that page, compared to 524 million in the prior year, so you continue to grow that accumulated surplus. Moving to page six is your Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. So this statement shows all

the assets and liabilities that the Government would have. So again, I'll walk through some of the significant changes you see, year over year. The first line, "Cash and Cash Equivalence", you'll note that it's \$75.7 million in the current year versus 49.6 in the prior year. There is a Statement of Cash Flows which is on page nine, which...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Sorry, Paul. Roland, do you have a question?

MR. JANES:

Sure.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Yes, sir. Can you tell me what we are paying interest on?

MR. JANES:

Interest?

MR. SAUNDERS:

Yes.

MR. JANES:

So your interest charges that you'd be charged would mainly be on the debt that you would have, and you don't have very much significant debt and some of it's just gonna be general bank charges in interest, that kind of stuff. There is a note payable there from the Federal Government which gets-, has interest charges on it, so that's gonna be some of it. And then others probably, largely is bank charges that you would have. Without significant debt on your Statement of Financial Position which you don't have, you wouldn't really have significant interest charges.

MS. WOLFREY:

Did the Federal Government give us back the money that they took out of us for the-, you know, when we had that loan, it was 65 million or something, did we get that back?

MR. JANES:

So to date, that money has not been received. There was actually a note in your financial statements in the current year, Note 18, and so seeing you

brought that up, we'll just jump right to it and we'll address that, 'cause it's a good time to do so. I'll just find the page number. Page number 20 of the Financial Statements has a note which we've titled, "Subsequent Event", which meant that it happened after your Year End and highlights the fact that the Government of Canada in its 2019 budget included language, forgiving all outstanding claim negotiation loans, which is what you were referring to, I believe. And we haven't included that amount in your Financial Statements as Receivable from the Government because formal negotiation hasn't happened. But we have highlighted here that to date you've paid \$65,188,000 back to the Government as part of that and so it's trying to highlight that we assume that if the Federal Government follows through with their intent, that that monies could get brought back into Nunatsiavut Government coffers but as of these Financial Statements, that balance is not reflected because under the Accounting Standards, you just haven't met all the criteria to be able to recognize it yet. But we do note it as a Subsequent Event because it's out there in, I guess in the public, that the Federal Government has made this commitment.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you. You answered a part of a question that I was gonna ask. Now just leave it for that Mr., with the current Government being in place, the Liberal Government and you say the Government made that commitment, if that Government changed would that commitment also go with the new Government? Should we start negotiating now?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Yeah, I guess I just wanna speak at a very high level, you know, that, you know, the Government did mention that, you know, they're talking about

rolling out the framework for this now within the next couple years. We don't expect that there's gonna be any departure from that commitment or any change within the Government. We know that, obviously there's a minority Government at the Federal level, but, you know, this commitment is protected and is something, I think as maybe the President can speak to, it's pushed at the ICPC level continually, and, you know, we expect that the Feds are going to-, the Liberals are going to hold up to this commitment.

MR. JANES:

Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Oh, sorry, I think Tyler has an additional comment, do you?

MR. EDMUNDS:

And I just wanted to-, Patricia had asked the question earlier on the professional fees and I think as we spoke to a few times, it was in the Assembly, you know, we have been engaged with litigation around the mining royalties with the Province, so the biggest driver for that increase has been as a result of that, so thank you.

MR. JANES:

Thank you. So just continue on Page six, for-, on your Statement of Financial Position. So the first line is, "Cash and Cash Equivalence", and as I mentioned, almost \$76 million in cash right now compared to 49 in the prior year. I did mention, there was a Statement of Cash Flows on page nine, which highlights all the ins and outs of cash, basically, throughout the year. The main driver of what's increased in your cash, is the fact that you had a \$54 million surplus in the current year, so that's driving a lot of the cash activity. There's also, obviously, expenditures and capital purchases

that draw down on that, so the numbers don't exactly meet and the purpose of page nine. But that's the largest driver of why your cash has significantly increased in the current year. Accounts Receivable, has gone up to 20 million from 10.9 in the current-, in the prior year. Receivables-, the Receivables that you have at any point in time, and at year-end, is really gonna be driven by timing of when cash comes into the organization, and in the current year, there was a large \$8 million receivable from the Government of Canada. That is why you're seeing a significant increase over the prior year but it's really to do with timing of when receipts of cash come in from the various sources you have. Short-term Investments has increased from 66 million to 69. Nothing in particular driving this-, only just activity within the investment accounts. Similar to the Restricted Investments, was at 446 million in the prior year and almost 446 in the current year, so there has been a decrease in some book value there, so there's some offsets of what drives that investment activity. So you'll note on page seven, the next page, that there was an unrealized loss in the investment values, but there's also, you know, purchases and gains within those that offset that. That's why you're not seeing a big change from 2018 to '19 on the Statement of Financial Position. But an unrealized loss is essentially a loss that happened within the markets of investments that you hold, but until you sell those investments, the loss is not realized. So you recognize it on the statement in page seven, but it-, and it has happened, because it's an investment you hold, that's gone down in value, but you'll note in the prior year, there was also a \$21 million increase, so

it's just the fluctuations in the Capital Markets and in the investments you hold, that drives those changes year over year. The next line is due from the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, and it's gone up from 4.6 million in the prior year to 6.3 in the current year. Again, as I mentioned earlier today, as well as when we were here in September going over the *Trust* Financial Statements. This is driven by the income allocation in the *Trust*, to avoid-, not to avoid, but within the rules of the *Trust*, and the tax laws that says that, that income has to be allocated out to the beneficiaries of the *Trust*, the main one being the Nunatsiavut Government rather than it sitting in the *Trust* and becoming taxable at the hands of the Federal Government. Your Accounts Payable, moving to the Liabilities section have gone down from 9.5 in the prior year to just over 8 million in the current year, being a 1.5 million decrease, but it's similar to Accounts Receivable. There's no one factor that's driving that-, just the timing of when payments were made and when invoices were incurred by the Government. Deferred revenue has gone up significantly from 29 million in the prior year to 37.7 million in the current year. That's really driven by an increase in deferred revenue around *Fiscal Financing Agreement* revenue and the monies that I think are allocated for projects, but projects that have not happened yet. And therefore, the funding still sits here in the deferred section. Your note payable has gone from 8.6 million to 4.4 million. This is the note that we just referenced a few moments ago that's due to the Federal Government and that's just a regular repayment of that loan, and as noted in Note 18, there has been some wording that

potentially that amount may be recovered in the future. So that brings us to a Total Net Financial Assets line of almost \$566.9 million compared to 529 in the prior year. And your Net Financial Asset Line is a key Financial indicator for public sector bodies such as yourself. And I would say that's a significantly healthy financial position to be in, so I applaud you for your fiscal prudence. The Tangible Capital Asset line, has increased to 52.2 million from 47.4 million in the prior year. So that's driven by two things-, one, the amortization charge that I just mentioned a few minutes ago. So that's a decrease to that balance, but then also almost \$6 million in capital additions that you made in the current year-, capital expenditures that you would've had, mainly around housing and the cultural centre, are the two bigger drivers in the-, in 2019 for those additions. The Deferred Expenditures Land Claims again, is an item that goes down every year by about 3.3 million. So next year that balance will be almost non-existent and zero, or just above it, as those amounts are brought into your expenditures every year and have to do with expenses that were incurred by the organization as you went through the Land Claims process. So the last line on that page, the "Accumulate Surplus", I'll just highlight that, is a total of 622 million, up from 583 in the prior year. Again, a very healthy financial indicator for the Nunatsiavut Government. Just turning to page seven, I did reference this page a few moments ago when we were talking about the investment balances. Nothing else really to highlight here, other than repeat myself and what I already said, it is a statement that shows the unrealized gains and losses as well as the realized ones that are highlighted

here as the \$4.6 million figure as well. And really, the accumulated line, which is the total, is the capturing over time the increases and decreases that you would've had in those investments. And essentially, the \$39 million figure is saying that since you've started with the investments that you hold, you have made, but not realized yet, because you haven't sold, and \$39.7 million in gains on those investments.

MS. WOLFREY:

I'm gonna take us back in time, but is-, are we talking the same thing here-, remember when we lost \$21 million and there was a great big-, I was here then and we was all upset and mad and wondering where our money was. Is that the same thing here?

MR. JANES:

If I remember correctly, what you're referencing, I would say, yes. This statement will show all the ups and downs of the investment values. So last year you wouldn't had a \$21 million increase in those - in those investments-, increase in value from the prior year. And this year you had a decrease, and again, it's at the-, kinda the fluctuation in the capital markets based on the investments you hold. And as those go up or down in value, you would recognize that increase or decrease here on this statement as well.

MS. WOLFREY:

Yeah, and at that time we got rid of some managers or something, so we're not-, that's not the same kind of bad financial advice here, is it?

MR. JANES:

I'm not sure I'm the right one to speak to that, but what I would say, as I'm not a Trustee of those two *Trusts*, and I - and I don't know exactly whether or not you-, you would classify it as bad advice or just the whim of the

markets. But I would say that you are invested in capital markets that go up and down in value all the time. And if I had a magic wand to pick the right investment that's gonna constantly increase in value, I probably wouldn't be here speaking to you guys right now. But that is, you know, you are at the whim of those markets. And obviously, you do seek professional advice, not from us, someone different on those, and I would assume that based on what I know of the two trusts-, again, I don't wanna speak out of turn, but I'm sure those people are evaluated on a regular basis on their performance and the performance of the investments that you hold.

MS. WOLFREY:

What I was trying to get at, is that it's the same kind of picture that it was then? I just wanna be in my head understanding that and it's not so upsetting now as it was then, I don't think.

MR. JANES:

I'm sure it's, you know, it's a similar case, but as I said, it does go up and down and you had a significant increase last year as well. Yeah. No other questions on that statement. I'll be very brief in my final comments. Page eight is your "Statement of Changes and Net Financial Assets". Those, as I mentioned, this is a key indicator for public sector organizations such as the Nunatsiavut Government and any other municipal or Provincial Federal Government. And yours is a very healthy one at \$566 million. It essentially is as easy as I could frame it, it means that you have \$566 million more in assets than what you owe anybody else from a liability perspective. So you're in a-, it's a very healthy financial position to be in. Page nine, I referenced earlier, again, is your statement of cash flows. That

shows the ups and downs, ins and outs of all the cash within the organizations around the year, and as I mentioned earlier, I won't go through that statement in detail, but happen to answer any questions should anybody have any. The only other thing left would be the "Note to the Financial Statements". As in past years, the notes to your financial statements show certain balances that we provide more detail on. And really haven't, from a detail perspective or the information that's in here, would be very similar year over year, so I won't go through these in detail, unless someone has a specific question on a particular balance that I can help answer-, only to say that we have talked about the major increases and decreases as I've-, for some of these balances, as I went through the other statements. And the notes are really just providing you further clarity or information with regards to those balances. The only difference or new note from last year would've been the subsequent event note that we've already talked about, Note 18, that highlights the potential for the Federal Government repaying some of the loans and the Note Payable that's out there. So that note would not, obviously, have been there last year and that's one that we added in the current year based on the information. I'll pause there and end, unless anybody has any further questions, which I'm happy to take.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

On Note seven, Notes Payable, that's related to the loan that we got for our Land Claim, so schedule repayment of 4,000,430, might not have to be paid out if it gets sorted out. Is that correct?

MR. JANES: That would be my understanding based on the information we have and discussions we had with management and the information that we have disclosed in Note 18. So if the commitment I guess is followed through by the Federal Government and then that amount may not have to be paid. What I would say is that if it's not done in a timely manner, in other words, by the end of March 2020, this repayment will happen and then if it's subsequently settled, I guess, you know, repaid back to Nunatsiavut at that time. But you are, as of right now, scheduled to have to repay that before the end of March 31st, 2020.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk Dicker?

MR. DICKER: Thank you. On page nine, under "Operating Transactions", the second last line, "accrued severance pay of 164,000". Is anybody able to give more details on that? That's a lot of money.

MR. JANES: So that is in reference to-, you noted the number on page nine of 164,000 for accrued severance and I'll just try to explain it by referencing you to page six, first of all. And you'll note on page six, about halfway down the page, there's an accrued severance pay liability and the total liability at the end of 2019 was two point-, almost \$3 million, compared to 2.4 or almost 2.5 at the end of 2018. That 164 is showing you the change in that liability, year over year, and it would reflect that it has gone down and to be honest, I don't know the exact detail off the top of my head for this, but what I would say is that 9 times out of 10, when that balance goes down, it's due to-, it had been paid out at some point in time due to the terms and conditions of employment that your employees would have. So I would

assume somebody or multiple people had left the organization, and that severance pay would've been paid out at that point in time.

MR. DICKER: Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other questions before we excuse our guests? Seeing none, I thank you for your-, auditors for joining us. And at this point I'll ask you to excuse yourselves. Thank you. Thank you again.

MR. JANES: Thank you, very much.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We're now back in regular session. At this point I will entertain a motion to adopt the Financial Statements as how they've been presented.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'll move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly adopt the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31st, 2019 and the accompanying audited report-, report from the auditors, sorry. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The motion is on the floor. All those in favour? Any opposed? The Consolidated Financial Statements are adopted in accordance with Minister Edmunds motion. And with that we'll break for lunch. We'll resume on to Item Seven of the *Orders of the Day*, where we left off before we invited our guests in. So we'll resume again at 1:40.

[Recess]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Welcome back from lunch. And we'll pick up where we left off and start off with Item Seven on the *Orders of the Day*, which is namely, "Oral Questions". Are there any oral questions today? The Speaker recognizes The AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Honourable President of Nunatsiavut and the question is related to, I guess Metis Land Claim NunatuKavut. I wanna know what NG's position is on the Land Claim that NunatuKavut has. It looks like there's an overlap that come out between-, come out to the coastline between Postville and Hopedale. I'd like to ask the President that if you can answer please, thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Just for clarity, typically, Oral Questions are questions which we can-, which are such that the person who is being asked the question would be able to respond to it in a timely, in an immediate fashion, so I'll leave it up to President Lampe if he's able to respond to the question or not.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, Uhalitik.* Thank you for the question AngajukKâk for Postville. We, the Nunatsiavut Government executive council are quite aware of the Metis Land claim, and so we right now are on it and-, but we right now, are not able to give any answers to the question that you ask, but we are on it, AngajukKâk for Postville. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk Sheppard, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. SHEPPARD: No, I don't. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: *Nakummek,* Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister Andersen. I'm wondering-, you mentioned about the moose and will we be getting any for our Community Freezer in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, Mud Lake?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek.* The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for your question. I can't remember. I must be even older than what the AngajukKâk from Postville mentioned today, the old guys. But I don't actually-, and I apologize, I don't actually remember how that meat is divided among the communities and if it's shared with the Upper Lake Melville people as well, but certainly, I will have an answer for you before the end of the day. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister. Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other oral questions this morning-, this afternoon, I should say? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker and I have a question for the Minister of Lands and Resources, Mr. Andersen. Has your department been in any contact with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the turbot stocks and the crab stocks in 2G and 2H off our shores? There is concerns coming to our office with regard to the crab stocks maybe getting a bit lower and the quotas a bit harder to catch. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen, the Minister.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank the AngajukKâk for Makkovik for a very good question. Certainly, we are constantly, always in discussion with DFO and with fishers as well, regarding the wellbeing of our turbot and crab stocks. We share the concern that your-, that you speak of, your constituents, and as this season ends, we will now start our consultation with fishers, our internal departmental staff as well as the Provincial Government as well as the Federal Government for the upcoming year and years to come, to ensure that our stocks are protected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Andersen, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. ANDERSEN:

No, I don't, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health, and it's, I guess, with regards to do with people having appointments that are coming from Nunatsiavut and their appointments are, let's just say, St. John's. And let's just say their appointments on Thursday morning and the Mission plane is supposed to come in on Wednesday evening, and if I'm talking about Rigolet, I'm talking later Wednesday evening. Often times it's after dark and sometimes like nine, ten o'clock in the night. And then if people's appointments are in St. John's at ten o'clock in the morning, there's gonna be an issue of them getting to Goose Bay to get out to St. John's to get their appointments. And I've asked the question and I've

been told that it's about money and stuff like that, but, you know, I think the issue should more be about people's health and how these specialists that they gotta see-, we should be doing everything they can, I think, to try to get people to their appointments because there's been a lot of people in Rigolet that had to cancel their appointments and then wait for months and months to go again. And it's because they're scheduled to go, like I said, on a Monday or a Wednesday or a Friday and their appointment is Tuesday or Thursday, and the plane comes too late in Rigolet. And they end up not getting out or, you know, if the weather's bad or whatever, but it's just like-, even if you make it to Goose Bay, you don't get out to St. John's till eleven o'clock, some people, in the night. Then their appointment is nine o'clock and they're coming home again five o'clock in the evening, like that-, I'm just concerned with people missing their appointments and not getting there on time because of the quick turnaround that the Department of Health seems to want to put people under. And I'm wondering if anything can be looked at or talked about or-, to change that.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The issue you raise is not a new concern. This has been going on ever since this Government has been formed, even LA days. To be fiscally responsible, we cannot change a lot of reservations. We had a huge volume of patients flying out for medical transportation, as you noted, to St. John's, St. Anthony, Happy

Valley, Goose Bay or even further. I've even had this discussion in my home area this week. A patient was concerned with the same thing. If the Government and DHSD went on the aspect of, "What if", we'd have no money to continue this program with all the changes in the logistics, the travel, the itineraries, the timing, to make these travel, not only for NIHB staff but our travel agencies and our partners at Labrador Grenfell Health. Patients have to fly on the Mission plane because that is part of the Federally Non-insured health benefit program. If there is a-, and they all-, the other part, Mr. Speaker that I experienced-, we do have specialists who do follow-up with the appointments, the referral clerks and such, if there is a cancellation. And if there is a specialty appointment that is critical, I encourage any patient or beneficiary to reach out to Non-insured health benefits directly, to see a case by case scenario. But we cannot go on the venue of, "What if", and ample days beforehand because the weather might call for a snowstorm tomorrow, but a lot of the time, there's an opportunity that it's gonna be clear, sunny skies like today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions today? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters Wheeler.

MS. WHEELER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is for Minister Flowers. You mentioned in your statement that the Department of Economic Development is offering financial literacy sessions within the Nunatsiavut

communities. These sessions would offer great life skills and financial knowledge. I was wondering if these sessions will be available in Upper Lake Melville? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During my statements, Mr. Speaker, I did say in the New year, Hopedale, Makkovik and Postville will be receiving the Financial Digital training and I also said-, and I guess I wasn't quite clear enough to the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, and I'd just like to clarify that yes, we will be looking at it but I'm not-, I can't-, don't have a date and a time but we will certainly be looking at Upper Lake Melville. Thank you for your question.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Flowers. Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions today? AngajukKâk Sheppard, I'm just going to canvas the room to see if anybody else has a first go-around, then I'll come back to you. Are there anybody else who has an oral question today? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Minister Andersen. Just wondering, is there any reports or anything on the findings of the gold and minerals, just inside the Udjutok? I haven't heard anything since last year or with anyone. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for your question, AngajukKâk Flowers. My department anxiously awaits for the report from the summer's work that was done by Ground Truth. You know who I'm speaking of. I'm sure she does, Mr. Speaker, and as soon as those reports are available to the department, we'll share them with the AngajukKâk Flowers in short order. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. AngajukKâk Flowers, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions this afternoon? AngajukKâk Wolfrey, I'm gonna go back to AngajukKâk Sheppard, first. Seeing none other, The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is based on, I guess, some information that surfaced over this past fall related to Transport Canada regulations and taking groups of people out, getting out on the land, what have you. My question is directed to-, I was trying to decide who to direct it to but to the Honourable President, I'm gonna ask the question, has NG been doing anything in consultation with Transport Canada to work something out in such a way that our people can get back and practise our culture and our lifestyle as we did in the past before this regulation came into effect? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. President Lampe-, I'm gonna let President Lampe decide if he should field that question or he should pass it on to the First Minister. I'm not sure who the appropriate person should be. The Speaker recognizes President Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Ukatti. And thank you AngajukKâk for Postville. Certainly the programs and other activities that were happening or were supposed to be happening this past summer ended up in cancellations and so that has become an issue for our Nunatsiavut Government and the people that we depend on to help us to-, for example the Okak Commemoration and we were to travel to the site and erect a monument but it didn't happen. But so we are going to have a meeting with the officials of Transport Canada I believe, in February. And so we will certainly know more about why the Transport Canada is coming up with new regulations which are now working for Nunatsiavut Government and Labrador Inuit. But certainly, once we know more, we will report to yourself, AngajukKâk for Postville or to the Assembly. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, President Lampe. AngajukKâk Sheppard, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, no, I don't.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable President and President Lampe, you've been really supportive of Rigolet in its big to put a stop to Muskrat Falls or at least to "Make Muskrat Right". And I'm just

wondering, given the-, you know, I saw Premier Ball on the television talking about Gull Island and about the possibility of Gull Island becoming a viable project. And I'm just wondering if you're-, if you've given any thought or if you plan on intervening in any kind of a way on our behalf because Gull Island is like I don't know how many more megawatts than Muskrat Falls is of power, but it's a lot bigger. So I think that we need to get a heads-up and a head start on trying to deal with that and I'm just wondering if you and your-, if you and the executive council or you and your staff have talked about that issue and where it's gonna go? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, *UKatti*. *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Rigolet, for the question. Most certainly, the issue of Muskrat Falls is not going away easily and certainly, the Nunatsiavut Government is or will continue to fight for Labrador Inuit health, way of life and most certainly our way of life that Labrador Inuit had lived for a long time. But to your question about possibility of Gull Island happening, we have learned so much from the "Make Muskrat Right" campaign, and will certainly continue to keep fighting for Labrador Inuit on possibilities of major projects happening within the Labrador Inuit Land Claim area or adjacent to Labrador Inuit, for example the Central Labrador. And so we will keep fighting just the same as we have fought for Labrador Inuit in the adjacent area of the Muskrat Falls and so yes, we-, even though we did not succeed in what we were

trying to do, I know that we have learned so much and that we'll continue to learn, and we will do our very best to keep fighting for the health, the well-being and way of life and the rights of Labrador Inuit. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, President Lampe. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY: Yes, please. So...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you. So from your answer, I gather-, I'm thinking that there hasn't been too much discussion on Gull Island, but I'm asking you to keep it on top of your agenda. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I didn't hear a question in there, but I'll allow a response should you want-, one be wanted?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, UKatti.* I certainly appreciate the confidence that you have in the Nunatsiavut Government and the Executive Council and the departments who today and in the past have, you know, given their heart and their soul to fight for, you know, the rights and the culture, way of life and most certainly the health of, you know, of ourselves and of our children and our grandchildren. So I truly appreciate your confidence in the Nunatsiavut Government fighting for Labrador Inuit. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, President Lampe. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a second and final supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions

today? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Minister Andersen. A while back, I requested to your department to see if we could get two moose tags from the Nunatsiavut Government this year as we didn't get one from the province through their non-profit moose licencing. I'm wondering if that could be considered. Thank you. We have about 170 people, families and elders and people with disabilities who take advantage of the freezer and they really look forward to moose. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you again for your question. Certainly, it can be considered but I can't provide you, of course, with an answer of yes or no, but I will bring it to officials in my department for consideration and I don't know by the end of the day, but certainly in a very short time, I would have response for the Chairperson. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

No, Mr. Speaker, and thank you Minister Andersen.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other questions-, any other oral questions for today? Seeing none, we'll move on to the next Item on the *Orders of the Day*, and I wanna just say welcome to Boas Kairtok who just joined us in the visitors' gallery.

Thanks for coming. Item eight of the *Orders of the Day*, "Written questions". Are there any written questions today? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Nine, "Returns to Written Questions". And there are no returns to written questions today. On to Item 10 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Petitions". Are there any petitions today? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 11 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Responses to Petitions", and there'll be no responses today. On to Item 12. Item 12 of the *Orders of the Day*, is "Reports of Standing in Special Committees". I can say that there are no report today-, customarily, we move on to Item 13, but of course, we passed that stage this morning when we amended our *Orders of the Day*. So with that, we're gonna fast forward to Item 17 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "First Reading of Bills". There are no first reading of bills today. On to Item 18 which is "Second reading of Bills". There are no second reading of bills. On to Item 19, "Assent to Bills". And there are no assent to bills. Chairperson Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Mr. Speaker, will there be a presentation on the three *Trusts*, today?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just for clarification, so what we did today, we just tabled the documents. The presentation will be tomorrow. So today we just took care of the tabling of those documents which is required of us under the *Standing Orders*, so we took care of the tabling today. The presentations will be tomorrow and you will have an opportunity to ask your questions at that stage. You're welcome. On to Item 19, "Assent to Bills". There are no assent to bills today and with that we'll move on to Item 20, which is "Adjournment". So thank you all for a productive session. We'll be back

in session again tomorrow at the regular time at 9:00 a.m. We don't have to wait for Patricia to catch the flight this time, so we'll be back in session at nine. And good to have you with us, Patricia, and we'll always delay for you, all right? And with that, we're adjourned for the day.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I was informed by Mr. Joe Dicker that Jim Lyall as well, for that matter, that based upon the recent Language Summit in Nain, the term *Ullâkut* is no longer the best-, most appropriate term. And it's now gonna be replaced by the term, *Ullasiak* and I pronounce my-, is that correct Joe? So, thank you. And as I understand it, that's a more correct term for the Labrador dialect. So, good morning. *Ullasiak Ilonnasi*. I'd like to call to order...

MR. ASIVAK:

Can you spell the word, please, Mr. Speaker?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I have it as U-L-L-A-S-I-A-K. Ullasiak. The Hansard's gonna record multiple spellings of the word, but that's fine. U-L-L-A-S-I-A-K, and again, from what I understand, that's based upon our recent language summit and I think we can start respecting the things that came from that summit, starting today. Ullasiak. And with that, I'd like to call to order the Second Sitting of the Fall Session for the 5th Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly and I'm gonna call upon Ordinary Member for Hopedale and our Minister, Mr. Greg Flowers, to give us the opening prayer.

MR. FLOWERS:

I thought you were joking. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I haven't done this before, so try and bear with me.

[Recites prayer]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek* to Ordinary Member Flowers and for a gentleman who had no preparation and I mean no preparation, you did a fine job. Thank you. Would Gerald-, Honourable Minister Asivak, did you have a quick question before we move on to the *Orders of the Day*?

MR. ASIVAK: Sorry?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Joe, did you have something quick to say before we move on to the *Orders of the Day*? I'll just take a quick.

MR. DICKER: Yes, you said out of respect of our dialect. You still did not pronounce it properly. It's Ullasiak, not Ullasuk. You said Ullasiuk or something like that. It's Ullasiak. I just wanted to make that correction. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: And I appreciate that correction. It's not my first language so you'll have to forgive my mispronunciations from time to time. But thanks-, a sincere thank you for that. On to Item Two of the *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in our Gallery", and we have Loretta Michelin who's joining us again today, and from what I understand, for the very last time. So, welcome Loretta, Isabella Pain and of course, Jim Goudie. Welcome. On to Item Three of the *Orders of the Day*, and "Ministers Statements". Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and as promised yesterday, I would finish the updates from my department and I'm very happy to provide an update to

what we've been up to or what we've been trying to do. Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker and first of all, I would like to give a brief update on the Justice. Mr. Speaker, the RCMP presence in Postville is a concern for the Nunatsiavut Government. As recently as August the 30th, I sent a letter to the Minister, expressing my concern over lack of patrols in Postville, something that I stated in the letter needs an immediate resolution. I have not received a response from Minister Parsons. And as well, Mr. Speaker, the conditions our beneficiaries face at the Labrador Correctional Centre is also of concern to the Nunatsiavut Government. Conditions they face because of overcrowding like sleeping on the floor, lack of fresh air, poor air quality, and difficulty gaining access to Legal Aid. I have raised this issue with the Minister. And Mr. Speaker, in regards to Membership and enrollment, Mr. Speaker, the registrar's office held their yearly membership workshop the week of September 30th, 2019. The workshop was for the registrar's office, the membership committees and the Inuit Membership Appeals Board to discuss any concerns on making decisions or dealing with applications to be enrolled as a beneficiary of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. I'm pleased to announce, Keith Decker Senior of Postville has been appointed in May 2019 to sit on the Makkovik and Postville Membership Committee and Edward Allen Senior of Rigolet has been appointment to sit on the Inuit Membership Appeal Board. Annie Evans has been reappointed to the Inuit Membership Appeal Board. Hulda Pijogge, Sarah Jensen, and Ruth Flowers, all of Hopedale, have been reappointed to the Membership

Committee. And in regard to public property, Mr. Speaker, the DHSD office building in Hopedale is on schedule to be completed by July 2020. And of course-, and Mr. Speaker, "Housing". Providing a sustainable, affordable and energy efficient homes with a reliable heat source to all who need it, continues to be a challenge for the Nunatsiavut Government-, a challenge we gladly accept. There are many and diverse housing needs within Nunatsiavut. The list of Inuit who look for assistance of housing lingers on. While we are making good progress in addressing this need, there is a substantial amount of work yet to do. Nunatsiavut Government has invested over \$30 million into housing and housing-related initiatives in recent years, including our Home Repair Program, housing needs assessment, land development, geotechnical assessments, Torngat Regional Housing Association, new bills, multiplexes and research such as the prototype in Nain. In 2020, we look to continue to invest in housing in the form of multiplexes, partnerships, the Repair Program, land development, and initiatives to address homelessness in Nunatsiavut communities. The *Nunatsiavut Housing Act* will enable the Nunatsiavut Government to establish a Housing Commission. This will give Labrador Inuit more control over all areas of housing within the five Inuit communities. It will address the current crisis but also look to find solutions for Inuit that many times are overlooked and fall through the cracks. Through consultation with President Lampe and the treasurer, Minister Edmunds, I have established a steering committee to oversee the *Housing Act* coming into force, and

the establishment of the Housing Commission. The Steering Committee will be comprised of the Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Deputy Minister of the Secretariat and the Deputy Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. The Housing Steering Committee will report to me. It's a seven-unit multiplex in Hopedale is proving to be good for the purpose of addressing multiple needs in a sustainable and energy efficient design. We anticipate that the seven-unit multiplex in Nain will serve to be a success as well. This unit is ready for occupancy in February 2020. NG plans on utilizing the multiplex direction in future to address more of the housing needs in all of our Inuit communities. Mr. Speaker, the Home Repair program continues to be a success for meeting some of the housing needs in the five Inuit communities. The 2018 Affordable Warmth and Repair Program is now in final stages of completion. The 2019 Repair Program individual selections are now complete. Successful applicants will receive notification in the very near future. The 2020 Affordable Warmth and Repair Program applications are now available at the NG offices in all of our communities. The closing date of submissions of applications is December 20th 2019. The 2018 - 2019 Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment is currently undergoing data entry and I will be meeting with Minister Dempster, Newfoundland and Labrador Minister responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, to discuss the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act*, The Inuit Nunangat Housing Strategy, as well as the Newfoundland and Labrador housing units in Nunatsiavut and homelessness. And Minister Asivak will

also be joining in that meeting. Finally, Mr. Speaker, it is with pride and sadness that I inform the Assembly the director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin is retiring from Nunatsiavut Government on December 31st, 2019. Loretta has been an invaluable pillar of the Nunatsiavut Government right from the beginning. Her advice and leadership will be deeply missed by all of Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Just like to recognize Fran Williams who joined us. Hi, Fran. Welcome. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Most community members have become aware that DHSD had to curtail land-based outings for a period of time due to difficulties complying with Federal regulations. We are aware of the difficulties this has caused and want to acknowledge those concerns. I appreciate receiving written comments from Ketura Abel outlining her concerns, but also expressing her appreciation for DHSD programs in the past, which, quote "Are excellent and a tremendous help to the Inuit". She spoke highly of the experience of being on the water and land and the benefits for well-being. We definitely agree, and we are working on solutions to the issue, so that these programs can resume. Mr. Speaker, the Trauma and Addictions Team have been very busy traveling to Rigolet and Hopedale, supporting the community of Sheshatshiu working in the Labrador Correctional Centre and preparing for upcoming treatment programs. The Trauma therapists, along with a Justice Coordinator just spent the past week at Her Majesty's Penitentiary supporting Inuit

inmates after the sudden death of one of our beneficiaries. We were deeply saddened by the death of a young woman from Nain living in Happy Valley Goose Bay. The shelter staff, mental health staff in Nain and the Trauma Team have been reaching out to family and friends for support. The foster home recruitment and retention social worker, Krista Mogridge traveled to Nain, Postville and Rigolet and partnered with Children, Seniors and Social Development to host Foster Family Appreciation nights. We are actively seeking new foster families as we work to have our Inuit Children back in Nunatsiavut. If you are interested in fostering or even providing respite or short-term care, please reach out. Mr. Speaker, we are actively working on the recommendation of the Child Youth Advocate regarding Inuit child welfare. They are prioritizing all the recommendations and developing work plan for implementation. Some of the recommendations can be achieved in short-term but others will take a longer-term approach. There are many challenges as we work to make systemic changes but we are really fortunate to have many Inuit social workers within our department which brings good energy, experience and passion to this work. Mr. Speaker, we still have not been able to recruit an Indigenous representative to meet the obligations of the new Child Youth Legislation. The Deputy Minister is currently fulfilling these duties, but we are working with CSSD on many cultural continuity plans for children in care, and these processes are very beneficial. Mr. Speaker, the emergency shelter in Happy Valley Goose Bay continues to be at over-capacity and we recognize that there are

many homeless individuals in communities as well. We are trying to work on short-term and longer-term solutions. The issues are complex, as we are not only dealing with homelessness, but in many cases, multiple issues - mental health, addictions, and past criminal behaviour. So solutions are not simple. However, one of the goals of the Regional Health Plan is reaching out to vulnerable populations so together with other NG departments we will work on solutions. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I'd like to take this opportunity to announce the retirement of Linda Pottle, team leader for Makkovik. Linda's 30-year career has been exceptional. Linda began work in December 1989 with Labrador Inuit Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program as a field worker. In November 1997 she became Team Leader in her home community of Makkovik where she remained until her retirement. It is a privilege to take this time to acknowledge her contributions and her dedication to her staff, her community and NG. Linda is one of our most experienced and respected employees. Her daily presence in the community office will be greatly missed. I wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life. I hope she'll enjoy her retirement to the fullest, spending time with family and friends and listening to country music. She has earned it and she deserves it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tony Andersen, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I continue with my update from different divisions within my department, I was asked three questions yesterday

and I think, Mr. Speaker, because the questions were pertaining to the report I gave yesterday, perhaps it would be a good time to answer those questions now. I know that at some point in time to our-, or the formal way we do business, that where the "Returns to Oral Questions" may come up in January, but perhaps, you know, the AngajukKâk from Rigolet mentioned yesterday about how formal we have to be and go on and on and on. Perhaps I could cut the corners and part of my report give answers to those questions right now.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I may allow a comment for that Minister Andersen. I would prefer to respond to those on Returns to Oral Questions. They-, would be answered today. My only reason for saying that is what we have a compressed period of time which we allocate towards Ministers Statements, so those Returns to Oral Questions, we can do on Item Five of the *Orders of the Day*, but they will be done today, just in a later part of the session.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, thank you Honourable Speaker. So then I will continue with my update from different divisions from my department.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Please do, and again, we'll revisit the Returns to Oral Questions on section five of the *Orders of the Day*.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Very much good, Mr. Speaker. In continuing, I'll give a brief update from our IBA coordinator. Mr. Speaker, the *Voisey's Bay Impact and Benefits Agreement* implementation is going very well. There have been a few issues in relation to shipping and employment, however both NG and

Vale are working together to ensure IBA and shipping commitments are being followed and adhered to. I was on break yesterday and I was asked by a representative from one community that I should be including numbers in my Voisey's Bay report. So here, I want to IBA update that currently with the Labrador Operations which is the ongoing operation at Voisey's Bay, Labrador Inuit working there are 213 out of a total of 539 which makes up for 40 per cent of the workforce. Along with the Inuit, 14 per cent, it shows that 54 per cent between us and our neighbours, the Innu and indicates, Mr. Speaker, a very good Indigenous complement to that workforce at a mine that can compare or exceed any in Canada. I believe that we've done very well. With the mine expansion, the numbers are not quite as good but this is to be expected in constructed phase as that the underground goes through the construction phase. We do have good numbers, 131 beneficiaries are employed at the mine expansion, but that's only to 14 per cent of the workforce that is at the Voisey's Bay Mine Expansion. Again, if you add those numbers together, 213 and 131, that's very high numbers for a little group, the Labrador Inuit, in such an operation. We do have, you know, more and more, dig deeper to find people to work and we are looking at different ways to attract more people to work at the Voisey's Bay site. Our IBA coordinator recently travelled to Postville and Makkovik with Vale and Labrador Aboriginal Training program staff to seek members of the public for Vale job readiness training program, LATP Training programs and to assist with resume writing if needed. Vale Aboriginal Affairs staff is currently

comprised of three staff people. Mr. Speaker, there will be Torngat Mountains National Park CMB conference in late November to determine when and where the next face-to-face meeting will be held. There's not been a face-to-face meeting of the Torngat Mountains National Park CMB since March. Finally, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the report from the IBA coordinator Parks Canada re-advertised the Visitor Experience Position for Rigolet due to lack of applicants. Again, they were hoping to have the position filled in the next couple of months. From Lands and Natural Resources, Environmental Division, Mr. Speaker, this fall, the Environment Division through partnership with Canadian Wildlife Service successfully ran two workshops in Nunatsiavut. The first was the Sea Bird Observer training workshop, in Nain with participants from throughout the coast including Nunatsiavut Government staff. The workshop taught participants how to identify sea birds according to Canadian Wildlife Service protocols and provided them with resources to ensure that knowledge, skills learned will be maintained. The second workshop was a Wing Bee that took place in Hopedale. Wings from birds harvested in Nunatsiavut are collected and stored in their respective communities, and then a workshop takes place where community members, NG staff and employees of Canadian Wildlife Service identify age, sex and species of the birds, based on their wings. We all know now what a Wing Bee is, eh? The Environmental Division has moved into the recently expanded Nunatsiavut Research Centre, allowing all staff to work in the same building. The internet system will be redone by Bell Alliant in the new

year so currently staff can be contacted at the Research Centre phone number until this is complete. Additionally, the expanded space has allowed for a dedicated office within the Research Centre for the Department of Health and Social Development which will enable effective research partnerships and important connections between environment and health. This has already led to the establishment of the Food and Environmental Skills program coordinator position at the NG to a collaborated funding agreement between the Departments of Lands and Natural Resources and Health and Social Development. From Lands Division, Mr. Speaker, the manager of Lands reports a total of 45 new lands use applications in 2019 that have been submitted to the Lands Divisions and are at various stages or processing. The GIS specialist in the role since the 5th of September, created 55 maps to support the application review process as well as five maps scheduled for approved application. Mr. Speaker, Lands Division staff also completed some training this fall. The Lands Manager added a link to a learning conference in Fredericton New Brunswick for Lands Managers and Economic Development officers. The GIS specialist completed training under Lands Administration system in Rigolet with the support of Bird's Eye Incorporated and the Manager of Lands. Mr. Speaker, work to undertake a comprehensive cataloguing and organization of existing files and databases is ongoing. The GIS Specialist also responded to ad hoc requests for support from colleagues working on policy, conservation, archaeology and renewable energy issues. Mr. Speaker, the Lands

Division has received a number of quarry renewal requests from Inuit Community Governments for quarries in Labrador Inuit Lands within their communities. We're in the process of reviewing the renewal requests, with assistance of the Non-Renewable Resources Division who have completed inspections of the quarries.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Minister Andersen, sorry to interrupt. The interpreters are giving me the heads-up just to lower-, slow down your cadence a little bit.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you. I'm finished anyway, Mr. Speaker, so very good. And I noticed, Mr. Speaker, just to say so that I noticed that Minister Asivak was providing a copy of his notes to the interpreters and that's a good practice that we should all follow and thank the Minister for showing us that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Well noted, Minister Andersen and *Nakummek* for your remarks. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tyler Edmunds. Are there any other Ministers-, my apologies, I thought you wanted to make a statement this morning. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item four of the *Orders of the Day*, "Members Statements". The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'll just continue on with my Community Report. Mr. Speaker, the construction season for the Nain Inuit Community Government has come to a close. A couple of projects were not completed this year with-, as everybody knows, the delay of delivery

of freight that we needed by the Kamutik W. Our Water and Sewage Separation Project was late getting started, once again, due to delivery and we attempted to do what we could with the equipment that was delivered. Three of the nine manholes will have to be completed next year because we're just not gonna get the work done 'cause it's too late now. The frost is on the ground and it was recommended by coordinators of the project that due to frost, we did not want to dig the roads up anymore. And the same thing has happened with our Husky Centre Upgrade that we wanted to complete this year. That has not even started-, did not even start due to frost, of course, which is a major factor, but also for the fact that once again, our equipment or the supplies that we need are sitting in dock in Goose Bay since September. And it's to this day, still not delivered. With the guarantee of the delivery of supplies to the communities, we expect that we start early next spring and have that project completed before the first boat arrives in Nain. I'm happy to report that our Winter Trail Project is on schedule. The Inuit Community Government of Nain and, I believe, Hopedale-, Nain has received two new snowmobiles with a drag for this project that's at no cost to the Community Government-, at the cost of the Provincial Government. This drag is going to ensure, you know, the trails from Nain to Natuashish is not gonna be as rough as it normally is, so that, you know, it'll smooth out. And we expect that trail to be used more this year because last year it was completed at the late stage and we found that late in spring that people were starting to visit our community. So we

look forward to that this year. Also two emergency shelters, if they are delivered, will be erected once the ice is formed. The first one is gonna be at-, for those who are familiar with it, by Tom's Rattle just past Ford towards Natuashish and the next one closer to Nain at Nukalik Island just before you come across to the ship track. Other than that, Mr. Speaker, I am-, that's the report I have. If I missed anything, Mr. Speaker, I apologize. And at this time, I'd like to wish all the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the staff here in Hopedale a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, 'cause I won't have that opportunity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes The AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll just touch on a couple of things here that's happening within the community, and before I do, and before I forget something I was supposed to do yesterday-, I always tell people, my memory's good but it's short. But we've all heard around the table this morning and yesterday, that Legal Counsel is retiring and I'd just like to wish her well and recognize this morning that, you know, the first time I ever spoke to Loretta was, I think 2010, when I got elected as Ordinary Member for Postville and, you know, it wasn't long before she became to know me real well, that, you know, through messages and many phone calls, so I'd just like to wish her well on your journey from here on in-, you and your family and I'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas, as well. I might not see you anymore. Anyway, Mr. Speaker, I was sitting back

there listening to the AngajukKâk from Nain with his Members Statement and I just was sort of, I guess, encouraged by what he was sharing with Winter Trails because one of the things I'm touching on this morning is Winter Trails and I guess it's for information for all communities, not just coastal communities but the Upper Lake Melville and beyond. Over the past couple of years we've had travellers, I guess, complaining about two shelters east of Separation Lake that were 13 kilometers in distance of each other, which travellers found very, very close to each other. So, how do you do this at wintertime, you know? The trail is way down there in the snow almost under-, the shelter almost under the snow. How do-, how is we gonna manage this? I guess in keeping my eyes open and our eyes open, as the ICG throughout the spring months and the summer, we found out that Aurora Energy happened to be coming into Postville Area in September month to do some groundwork in Michelin. So, in consultation with Chesley Andersen in Makkovik, we were successful in piggybacking a helicopter ride for two of our employees from Postville to get a ride into the site to jack up the shelter, to put it on a skid and we're hoping and praying for enough ice and snow for our big groomer and the shelter is ready to hook on and take over to the area that the travellers are-, would like to see the shelter. So, I'd like to say this morning, that we appreciate and we thank Aurora Energy for their air support to us. It would have cost us thousands of dollars that we don't have, so we took advantage of Aurora in doing that and it'll be for the benefit of everybody. Mr. Speaker, this morning, as I stand here, I think it was

around 7:45 I made a call to my hometown, to my father in particular. He's celebrating his 81st birthday today and every year out of the only three children, I happened to be home, with the exception of one year. And I called and wished him a happy birthday this morning and it got quiet on the other end for a bit and I could only imagine what I would see if I was there standing there, that maybe he found it really difficult. I'm the only child living in Postville of the three of us and I happened to be in Hopedale for work purposes, which he understood very well, so I'm wishing my father a happy birthday today. Following that phone call, my phone rang and it was my Town Manager, Mr. Speaker in my community with the great news this morning that we do have police in Postville on the ground this morning as we speak. They were supposed to come in Postville November the 18th for a so-called regular patrol, which is to us, is 20 days per month. Apparently, she was told yesterday by the two officers in town, who went to visit the office-, they came into town on Tuesday which was the 19th. They're there until Friday, the day after tomorrow which is, they're calling right now, a short visit. And as Minister Mitchell mentioned in her report, she did write letters, or a letter to Minister Parsons. In addition to that, November the 12th-, I'm trying to be fast as I can here, but as November the 12th, that was supposed to go to...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I might interrupt. You are permitted two statements per day, so if you-, you can always, if you find yourself abbreviating you can always continue your statement in the second half of your statement.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: So there-, so you're permitted per day, a total of 10 minutes. So it's not necessary for you to gloss over anything or to miss anything that you'd like to say.

MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for notifying me. I guess, as of November the 12th I was supposed to go to St. John's with the-, in consultation with MHA Evans to meet with the Minister of Justice. Apparently, due to family problems, that was postponed till, I don't know when. So, that's just information for the Assembly and for Minister Mitchell. I have been talking to Minister Mitchell about it and messaging her and I will keep her informed as to any meeting that I will be involved in. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard. The Speaker recognizes The AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to acknowledge and welcome respected elder, Fran Williams to the gallery and Fran is also the first woman president of LIA, so it's a great pleasure to have you here, Fran, and welcome back home to Hopedale. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the pages, Laken Mitsuk is-, his roots are here in Hopedale. He lives in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, but I think if he had it his way, he'd probably be here. So thank you Laken and also to Eric Brown who I'm very proud to say is my step-grandson. Yeah, he's-, my son is married to his mom, so it's a pleasure to have him here and also Eric has Nain roots

and is actually relative to my colleague here. So it's a wonderful thing to see a circle of people and relations coming together at this Assembly and it's just noted that this Assembly brings more than just Members to the sittings. And I think they're doing a wonderful job and it's a wonderful experience for pages to be here. I don't think Tim is here, but I want to congratulate Tim McNeill on receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Law from MUN. It's probably the plane. I think he may be leaving, but congratulations Tim. It's well-deserved. And also to send best wishes to Loretta Michelin who is, I'm hearing, retiring. I'm sure it's not gonna be the end of her but I wish you well on your new endeavours and all the best with your family, and to thank you for your service. It's been wonderful working with you. And I also want to thank Tabea Onalik who's the Acting Clerk of the Assembly. She's doing a wonderful job and she's so suits sitting there. So thank you Tabea. She works hard. Just to add a little update on the freight service. I know that you're probably sick of hearing it but I think it's important just to say that there is freight coming in and there's lots of frozen product which we expected. So that's just a short update and I think we need to continue to lobby for changes for this service. I also want to bring forward today just a topic about wood in our communities, especially with Nain and Hopedale. It's been a very unusual year and very cold. Many people have used their wood supply and it's probably too late for this year, but I think next year, we as AngajukKâk who are involved with these wood shortages should really get together and make a plan of how we're gonna help our people

in our communities. And I am pleased to announce, too, that we as well as Nain have two new Skidoos and a drag for our Winter Trails Program this year, although we still haven't received them. I guess they're at the dock waiting to come, and I think it'll make a huge difference to the trails. In closing, I just want to briefly say, and bring forward condolences for the family of Tama Bennett who was found in a tragic-, and still, I think this day and age things are still going on and I hope that justice will be served for her as well as the young man in the penitentiary in St. John's. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanna wish everyone a happy Christmas and all the best in the New Year. It's been wonderful working with you all. Lots of changes going on and lots of hard work, lots of challenges, but everyone is sticking and doing their best and I want to thank and acknowledge everyone here for that. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I will do an update on the Max Winters Memorial Community Freezer. We received 2000 pounds of corned cod in September from southern Labrador, and 15 boxes of Arctic Char from the Nunatsiavut Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Education and Economic Development. I'd like to thank the two departments. The elders were very delighted with the two fish items, especially the char. They were waiting for that for quite a long time. With respect to fresh produce, we have received potatoes, carrots and

turnip. Once a month we partner with DHSD to provide outreach to Headland Apartments. It is going really well. We distribute Community Freezer items, play bingo or have another activity and a snack or a meal on special occasions. Having the ability to partner with DHSD is very beneficial as we have such a limited budget and we are serving the same people, the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries of Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Mud Lake. Mr. Speaker, the Community Freezer coordinator and I went to Mud Lake on November 8th to bring Community Freezer items to elders and to have an event. It was very well attended and the beneficiaries were very appreciative. In September, 121 elders and people with disabilities received items from the Community Freezer. October, 148 people, and as of November 14th there were 100 people. It is very well utilized, and the people who use the freezer are very appreciative. Mr. Speaker, we ran two embroidery courses in September and October, seven sessions each. The course was instructed by Karen White and everyone loved the course. We ran two net-making, mending courses in October and November which comprised of youth and Laken was one of them, women and elders-, they were instructed by Ray Oliver and assistance from Roland Saunders. I wanna thank Tom Gear for providing a space for the course at a reduced rate. Everyone was very delighted with the course and all finished their nets. We ran one Inuttitut class which ran for six weeks. Unfortunately, the numbers dropped off close to the end and there were only two people left. Selma Jararuse instructed the course and when time permitted, Julie Sheppard and IBED

graduate assisted her and we were very glad of that. We will be looking to offer Kamutik lashing course, slipper making as well as intermediate embroidery in the new year. We will be partnering with the Mealy Mountain School and the Labrador Inuit Society and Culture course teacher to bring in elders to teach traditional cooking and traditional crafts from time to time during their course work. And I understand Laken's in that course, as well. The Youth Shooting event sponsored by the Lake Melville Hunting and Fishing Association went very well. Five Nunatsiavut beneficiary youth were sponsored by NunaKâtiget. I talked to a few mothers after the event and they said their sons wished the course was every weekend 'cause they enjoyed it so much. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and the board of directors, we would like to send condolences to the following families and friends who lost loved ones. Cyril Pottle, Ruth Voisey, Marjorie Campbell, Raymond Best, and the Best family lost two family members within 10 days. Joanne Pottle, and a special prayer to Marjorie on the passing of her husband and the passing of Tama Bennett who passed away last week under very sad circumstances. We are very placed that the Nunatsiavut Government is asking for an independent police investigation into Tama's death. Tama's life mattered. We'd like to wish Loretta Michelin all the best in her retirement and she used to help quite a lot in us understanding our bylaws and whatnot. I wanna wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. I'd like to thank Laken and Eric for putting their names forward to be pages and I hope they enjoyed it and

NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation held it's Annual General Meeting on September 30th. The Audited Financial Statement for 2018 and the budget for 2020 was approved at the AGM. We have two new board members, Heather Barnes Bursey and Elizabeth Saunders.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Sivunivut is back in full swing again holding our weekly Senior's Craft Afternoons. This event is growing more popular with the elders as our numbers are up from last year. The women say they like to get out of their house and socialize with other residents in our community for a couple of hours in the afternoon, meanwhile making or learning Innu craft. Our ever-so-popular merchandise bingos are back as well. This event is open to residents 18 and up of Northwest River and Sheshatshiu, so we are doing our best to reach various ages of our beneficiaries. We would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government and Carla Pamak in Nain for delivering our char for the Community Freezer. The elders look forward to this each year and they truly appreciate it. We also bought some fresh, locally grown vegetables from Nature's Best Garden this month. The elders loved the fresh and high-quality product and we hope to do this again in the near future, seeing the positive feedback. We now also have capelin and various types of cod in our freezer. Our freezer has seen an increase of usage and now we are

serving an average of 40 elders each month. I am also happy to announce that Sivunivut is going to be hosting an Introduction to an Inuttitut course in the very near future. This will give our Members some basic knowledge of our language and we plan on holding more sessions with more advanced language material as well. We would like to thank Utittisigasualinnik-, and I apologize if I said that wrong, for the funding for this program. In early November, we had the pleasure of a meet and greet with Gerald and Marlene, our Ordinary Members for Upper Lake Melville. We had a great turnout with a variety of conversations and engagement from everyone who was in attendance. We look forward to seeing them again in the near future. This weekend, Northwest River held the Single A Regionals for volleyball. Both Girls' and Boys' teams won gold, so they have qualified to compete at Provincials which is being held in Gander from December 6th to the 8th. Grace Tuglavina and Kayla Bridge from Lake Melville School won MVP for the tournament. The team and parents have a lot of work to do as we have to raise over \$7000 in under three weeks. Northwest River is beaming with pride and the Lake Melville Titans are excited to represent our little town in a few weeks. We would like to wish all the best to Loretta Michelin on her retirement in the near future. We look forward to seeing you a lot more in your hometown of Northwest River. Merry Christmas and happy New Year to everyone. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Winters. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I'd like to send my condolences to Sybil Hunter's family. Sybil has lost two of her siblings-, her brother and sister, in the last three or four months and it must be very difficult for her, Mr. Speaker and I know they will be missed and I certainly knew her brother well and he will be certainly missed by his family and friends. And also, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to acknowledge my Aunt Andrea Flowers. Most of you know her as Aunt Joy. Growing up in Hopedale, she was, you know, right next door. I became very close to her family. I mean her brother's-, sorry, her sons were, you know, we were-, all hung out together and we lived the life of what you does in Northern Communities-, hunt together, fish together, wood together-, do everything together. Her husband was probably one of the biggest mentors in my life, and after he passed away, you know, Andrea also was, you know, we did a lot of seal skin cleaning and just chatting or whatever together, and, you know, I certainly miss her and I know the community of Hopedale misses her. And also, Mr. Speaker, just a, you know, not even a month ago, we lost Brian, who, you know, to me was like an older brother who-, we grew up together and done a lot of the similar things together, and, you know, fished together and hunt and, you know, done everything together, you know, visit each other at the cabin with, you know, trapping. Everything was, you know, fine and now you have to find, you know, find the ways to go on and it's difficult, but, you know, you have to, you know, tell your-, find the ways to, you know, live and move forward, Mr. Speaker and, you know, he did a lot of work in this

community. He, you know-, you all know he was Property Manager for NG for a good many years and made sure that everything, you know, even in this building, he made sure that, you know, work was being done or find somebody to do work. And he also, you know, he was done at the Stone Plant. He worked for Nunatsiavut Group of Companies for a good many years and, you know, his heart was in Nunatsiavut also, Mr. Speaker. And that's the kind of people, Mr. Speaker that makes us who we are, the people that you live with and grow bonds with. So, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to say my condolences to these three families and we have to move on and support each other no matter where we live or what we do. With that, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to say to my good friend, Loretta Michelin, she's moving on and I only found out yesterday. I know, Loretta, you'll miss me as much as I'm gonna miss you, darlin'. So, take care of yourself and I hope that wherever you go, you find pleasure. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Flowers. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

MS. WHEELER:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would like to send well wishes to our clerk, Mary Sillett as she recovers at home for the next few months. I'm glad to hear that she's doing well and resting. I would like to send out thoughts to the community of Mud Lake as they had to deal recently with the loss of some of their community members. This community has many strong people who have overcome many challenges before and I know they will continue to support each other. I would like to send congratulations to

beneficiary T.J. Gear who recently competed at the 2019 Commonwealth Championships and brought home four medals, three gold and a bronze. I also attended some of the Labrador Creative Arts Festival and enjoyed some great entertainment by our young beneficiaries from various communities at the Labrador's got Talent session. And I know they have a bright future ahead of them. I also attended the Remembrance Day parade with my colleague, Ordinary Member Asivak and we laid a wreath in memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We continue to work with beneficiaries who need assistance in regards to education, employment or housing. I would like to welcome our pages, Eric and Laken. They're getting a few shoutouts today, so that's great-, who are here from Upper Lake Melville. I'm happy to see them here and I truly hope they are enjoying their experience at the Assembly. And I know she didn't want any recognition, but I'm gonna join everybody and would like to wish our Director of Legal Services, Loretta, a happy retirement. Although you have no immediate plans for your free time, I know you will enjoy your time relaxing with a good book in your home and hopefully finding a way to get your creative juices flowing and we will certainly miss you and your extensive knowledge. And I know you didn't want a big fuss but I think we you deserve it. And in closing, I would like to send a congratulations to Dr. Tim McNeill, Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, who last month received his Honorary Doctorate at Memorial University. Like hundreds of other former students, Dr. McNeill helped me when I started my education journey many, many

years ago. He is always helpful, positive and truly believes that nothing is impossible. I know he will continue working with various partners and educational institutions to ensure our beneficiaries will be able to access education for years to come. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On October 25th the Speaker, my colleague, Edward Blake-Rudkowski attended the opening of the Mamisarvik Healing Centre in Ottawa. The Mamisarvik Healing Centre is the brainchild of Tungasuvvingat Inuit which is headed by a beneficiary, Jason Leblanc. Mamisarvik represents years of work, planning and building.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Roland, did you-, Ordinary Member Saunders, Tungasuvvingat is the proper...

MR. SAUNDERS: Tungasuvvingat.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Yeah.

MR. SAUNDERS: There you go.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I apologize for the interruption.

MR. SAUNDERS: You can say it like, yeah.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Tungasuvvingat.

MR. SAUNDERS: Mamisarvik is a treatment facility for Inuit dealing with addiction and offers its services both on an in-patient and out-patient basis. It is unique, in that it offers a place where Inuit can feel surrounded by the

culture and connection while they work on dealing with their addictions. At the moment, 10 clients can be housed on an in-patient basis but it is hoped to be able to increase the number in the near term. As we all know, the demand for treatment facilities such as Mamisarvik far outstrips the supply. The opening of this healing centre does represent a step in the right direction and I certainly hope that a facility such as this can be opened in other centres to address the dire need for treatment programs in the Inuit community. I want to congratulate these beneficiaries who have put so much time and effort into it; Jason LeBlanc, Valda Ford, Kelly Morrissey, Zippie Nochasak, Susan Gear on the work of TI and for doing such important work in the Inuit community. Thank you, and Happy-, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes The Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, the other Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Condolences to Happy Valley, Goose Bay families on the passing of their loved ones. The family of the late Ruth Voisey, the family of the late Hazel Williams, the family of the late Joanne Pottle, the family of the late Cyril Pottle, the family of the late Raymond Best, also to the family of Marjorie Campbell of Mud Lake. Big congratulations to one of our own, Doctor Timothy Laverne McNeill, who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa from Memorial University on Thursday, October 17, 2019. I had the fortunate

privilege of obtaining five and a half years of post secondary support program funding to obtain two college diplomas and two university degrees with the hopes of obtaining a Masters Degree in the near future. The glow in Tim's eyes and passion for our people to exceed in secondary, post secondary and employment is a high standard. He is a fighter and made many significant life changing dreams come true for many. Hats off to Tim. You deserve the proud achievement you have earned. Hear, hear! I had the honour of attending the Remembrance Day ceremony at 5 Wing Goose Bay Commonwealth Cemetery. It was a cold morning. Many people braved it to pay their respect to our veterans. My college, Marlene and I also attended the Royal Canadian Legion Ceremony and laid a wreath on behalf of NG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek Ordinary Member Asivak. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to acknowledge, once again, the great work that the Department of Health and Social Development does in our community. They look after our residents well with their programming and wonderful community events. We are grateful to have the opportunity to eat some delicious cooked meals prepared by their staff. In a place where there are no restaurants, a prepared meal is always a nice welcome. In September, the DHSD staff held a four-day grief workshop to give support to residents dealing with grief. After our community's loss I am sure it was much appreciated by all who availed of

this service. In October, staff of DHSD posted a public notice stating that they had received fresh produce to be distributed to all households in our community. What a wonderful surprise it was for all. On top of that, they started a new program where healthy lunches are prepared and distributed to students at NLA. Most recently, last Thursday, they held a supper to raise awareness of diabetes and held a clinic where you had opportunity to get your blood pressure and blood sugar checked. Thank you to the whole staff of the DHSD who provide services for daycare, homecare, public health care, health care in general which includes dental, eye, mental health and addictions, cooking demonstrations, community shed workshops, Christmas events and much, much more. Their work in our community don't go unnoticed. Also, congratulations to Kirkina House staff for holding another successful "Take Back the Night" Event in September. Staff of the local safe house had offered community members a chance to craft their own red dress to raise awareness of missing and murdered women in our country. They held a walk to raise awareness of violence against women which was followed by a roast over the firepit. Everyone was invited to enjoy chili, rolls and baked goods. To end the evening, staff held a giveaway of donated items to the community. It was an enjoyable evening, thanks to the Kirkina House staff for bringing all those important issues to light. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Palliser. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be very brief with my statement this morning. It was something I overlooked yesterday. I just wanted to update the Assembly on the Breakwater Project that was ongoing in Makkovik. It's pretty much nearing completion now and it's, in part, I think to the efforts of NG who allowed the Federal Government to build a breakwater within Nunatsiavut Labrador Inuit Lands. It's a benefit to the community. People are using it already this fall since the flooding nets were put out and we're getting a lot of good feedback from that project. Also the Makkovik Harbour Authority Wharf in Makkovik is nearly complete. The power is now there at the wharf so next summer hopefully when the crab fishermen and the turbot fishermen arrive they will have shore power and the comfort of not having to have your generator running all night long or whatever in port. They will be able to connect to the shore power like they did in the past and have a little more comfort with the wharf, a little more safe, to be tied up too as well with the bigger fenders in place. So I just wanted to bring that forward to the Assembly as well. Thank you, very much for the opportunity.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKatti. Mr. Speaker I do have a bit of a formal statement that I had prepared, but I just wanted to start out by, I guess, thanking all the participation from the Assembly during the last couple days, yesterday and today. You know, I think that the calibre of the statements that are being offered have been pretty high and, you know, in the last,

you know, five years and a bit, that I've been here it's been interesting to hear some of the reports coming from the ICG's as well and I think that, you know, we're seeing a lot more initiatives coming forward from the communities and implementing your Self-Government model. So I wanna commend you on that. Mr. Speaker, I'm certain that a key motivation for the founders of our Labrador Inuit Association, the negotiators of our *Land Claims Agreement* and those who voted to ratify the agreement has been the idea of recognition. What preface us sitting in this Assembly was a stand and a fight to have a nation recognize that there is a distinct group of people in Northern Labrador and to have others know for themselves what we've always know, that we are Labrador Inuit. Today, we are still battling for recognition, but it's not convincing other Governments and agencies that we exist, but a battle to have others recognize and understand-, truly understand, the realities in our Inuit communities. We are at a critical juncture in the history of our people. Slowly the world is recognizing the realities that have been created in Indigenous Communities, and recent events which President Lampe has addressed with respect to systemic issues and the treatment of Inuit. It is clear that we need to be vigilante in ensuring that we are treated as equal and our voices are heard, that we deserve the dignity and respect that every human being should be afforded. We are a self-determining Government, giving us the power to have greater control over our future and to create our own path forward. Every official around this table has a part to play. We are the instruments of self-

determination. The voices of our communities, our departments, the voices of elected boards and councils or the voice of the Assembly itself, Mr. Speaker. We have a privilege to sit here and we have the power to speak to issues within these walls and outside. The rights that we are granted to speak on behalf of our communities and our respective bodies is how we will ensure that our Government is able to recognize how best we address the issues in our communities and to create realities where our people will be safe and connected to the culture and land. My call to the Assembly today is for each of us to remember that we are key in the implementation of our self-government models and that we recognize that we are the voice in the continuation of self-determination.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek for your heart-felt words, Ordinary Member Edmunds. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Everything I was gonna say is already said, like thank you for the food for the freezers, and Merry Christmas, good wishes to Loretta. But I really wanna say something about Tama Bennett. My life has been fighting violence against women and I'm really, really happy yesterday when Isabella called me over and showed me the press release that came from Nunatsiavut Government to try to get a proper investigation into why she died. And I think that we should-, I wanna see us continue to push for that, to not stop until we have the answers that

her family deserves. We just finished an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and no, we don't know the cause of her death, but that still tells me that we've got a long way to go. You don't just dismiss a 23-year-old woman found dead in a community. You don't dismiss that. You gotta do a proper investigation and an autopsy and find out what really happened. I'm-, and like I said, I'm really glad that Nunatsiavut took it up to-, took up the cause to try to find out what happened and I hope we continue until we find out and get the proper reasons. And thank you to Tyler for all his-, you know, a lot of us has been here a long time and this is a really good thing to see that we've got our chances now to make things right for our people. This is what we fought for. We were years-, 30 years, sitting around making 30 bucks a day sometimes, you know, like-, and our intentions were to make life better for our people, and I really think we've come a long way. But we shouldn't forget the reason why Nunatsiavut was formed in the first place. It was to make a better life for our people. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Are there any other Members wishing to make statements? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for-, one of the Ordinary Members for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a couple of things I'd like to raise. First of all, the Jens Haven Memorial School volleyball teams last weekend, for a community of your size and the regional playoffs in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, golden in both boys and girls or young men and young women, should be said. Certainly, I think that in our little communities, Mr.

Speaker, can see that through hard work from our people that we're starting to become recognized not only political, but sports-wise and cultural-wise across the province, across that nation that we are something, Labrador Inuit. I want to as well, Mr. Speaker, compliment Gerald, my colleague, Ordinary Members for Upper Lake Melville for bringing to light their Ordinary Members constituency meetings. Myself and my colleague Ordinary Member Jim Lyall for Nain recently held one in Nain, was the first one and talking later, our only regret was that we waited a year and a half to have one. I think that our people want to be heard and people want a chance to address their Members. So I certainly do encourage other Members to take advantage of that constituency allowance and to organize and give people an opportunity to speak to their Government Members. I also want to say that it's not only Government that speaks. Our people speak. And gathered on the dock in Nain a couple of evenings ago, Members from my constituency organized, and I say this, a peaceful protest, because we certainly don't-, our Government doesn't support violent protests or civil disobedience. But we recognize when there is peaceful protests and I, again, just to compliment what the AngajukKâk from Rigolet said, last night I thanked the people who gathered in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, who were vigilante for Tama and to again, to compliment the words of President Lampe yesterday, justice-, justice for Tama, justice for Indigenous women, murdered and missing and justice for Indigenous people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Andersen. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none, I just wanna echo Ordinary Member Edmunds statement. I think the calibre of the statements this morning has been outstanding. People clearly have their-, they truly have the best interest of their constituents at heart and people have been well-prepared, well-spoken and truly heart-felt in the comments they've made here this morning, and I personally, find that very refreshing. Just as a reminder to the Assembly, the section of the Standing Orders under Members Statements does not impose a time restriction, so there's always-, the only restriction is each Member is confined to 10 minutes, so there's always ample opportunity to bring forward your opinions, your concerns and your thoughts to this Assembly Chamber, and I would encourage everyone to do that. And again, I'm encouraged by the calibre of the presentations I've heard this morning. With that, we'll take a 15-minute recess and reconvene at 25 to 11:00.

[Recess]

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Welcome back. We finished off under Item four, "Members Statements". We'll move on to Item five on the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions". Yesterday we had the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers asked the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen if she could-, if there was access to the report produced by Ground Truth Exploration and was that report available. I call upon the Honourable Minister to provide his response.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and yeah, I'm pleased to respond to that question and to inform the AngajukKâk and certainly the House, Mr. Speaker, that Ground Truth Exploration will be in Hopedale. We don't have a guaranteed date yet but it will be in December to do, once again, a community presentation for the benefit of the people in Hopedale to explain their exploration work this summer as they search for gold in the Hopedale area, and that the-, we expect that we will have a technical report, my department by at least by the end of January. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I hope that answer is the right one.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. Also, yesterday, we had two questions coming from the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak. And again, both questions were directed to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, specifically, first question was, "Would the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation freezer have access to any of the meat coming from the Gros Morne Harvest"? That was question one. Question two was, "Would it be possible for the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation to secure an additional tag to harvest moose for their Community Freezer"? Again, I'll call upon the Honourable Minister to provide his responses.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and certainly I am now ready to answer both questions respectively. The sharing of the meat from Gros Morne-, the meat will be shared between all the five Nunatsiavut communities as well as Upper Lake Melville. So, in fact you will receive meat at the Community Freezer certainly as well for the Northwest River also. With

respect to the second question, regarding extra moose tag from Nunatsiavut allocation, because they did not receive a tag this year from the province, Mr. Speaker I want to inform the Member that the allocation for tags this year has already been assigned to communities and Upper Lake Melville, so in order for us to provide an extra tag at this time, we would have to take one back from somewhere that's already been assigned. At this time, the Department does not want to do this but later in the season, if some tags are not used, then certainly, we'll keep in mind the Chair's request. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. Also, while we appreciate the promptness and the efficiency of your department for giving such a quick response, also, I would ask that you provide a written of response saying the same thing, just for the purposes of our records and one that can be-, so a written response can be circulated to all Members for the purposes of our packages. Thank you. That concludes Returns to Oral Questions. On to Item six of the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions". Are there any oral questions this afternoon? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is for Minister Asivak. Can you provide an update on the number of children that have left the Lands Claims area in the past year through Child Youth and Family Services?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Minister Saunders. I don't have the exact number to date for the number of children who left the Land Claims area who are in care of CSSD. My most recent number that I have is 161 total children in care, but I cannot break that down specifically right now so I will get back to the House with the number of children in care who have left Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, I do. One thing to Minister Asivak, can you provide an update on the number of children that have been returned to the Land Claims Area from off the Island? Has there have been any children come back into Labrador Land Claims Area through foster care or any other organization?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Saunders. That's also a number I don't have at this specific moment but I will get back to you. One of our programs, the Family Connection program including the liaison social worker, foster home recruitment and retention social worker, as I noted in my Ministers Statement yesterday, we are improving and working diligently for our children and families within Nunatsiavut to improve the numbers. But we are steadily increasing and returning children to their families and their homeland so I will get back to the House with the numbers at your request. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a second and final supplementary question?

MR. SAUNDERS: No, I don't. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Honourable First Minister Kate Mitchell. When we passed the *Housing Act*, this spring, there was gonna be a commission formed and also a director hired and that director was supposed to negotiate with Torngat Housing on the impacts and the transition of housing from Torngat to Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. Could she-, could you provide, Minister, an update on that for me please? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you AngajukKâk from Nain for your question. As per my update this morning, one of the things I updated on is that the steering committee has been established with the Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Deputy Minister of the Secretariat, and the Deputy Minister of Finance. And they will start the process of putting in place this Housing Commission, and I think one of the-, according to the directive that I signed off just last week, they would start the process of hiring the director of housing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I asked that question, Minister because the funding for the Torngat Housing is gonna be ended in 2021, I believe and it takes time to-, through processes, to hire people to be placed and it takes time to negotiate. That was my concern and I was wondering how soon or what-, how long do you expect that process to take so that this negotiation can start to make sure that the impact of Torngat transitioning their duties or their responsibilities, I guess of housing to Nunatsiavut.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and once again, thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker for your question. If my memory serves me right, I think it was, we were looking at 2021 with the possibility of an extension but I'm pretty sure that, you know, once the steering committee is in place and they get the Director of Housing, that we'll certainly keep this Assembly updated on the process and where it's at and ensure a smooth transition because that is one of our greatest concerns is that we do not want any interruption in our, you know, transition from the agencies we have in place now, to a Housing Commission. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a second and final supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this

morning? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Minister Andersen. Would you consider increasing our salmon bycatch tags? We are very thankful for what we get, but we have 160 to 170 elders or people with disabilities who access our freezer every month and we get 150 tags. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for the question. Certainly it is something that we would consider. I must inform the Member that it is not the Nunatsiavut Department of Lands and Natural Resources that makes allocation of Atlantic Salmon to anyone. This is something that we work with the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans so provide the bycatch as it's known, to our communities. But certainly, Mr. Speaker, I will bring the Member's request forward and I certainly do think that it is worthy of consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

No, Mr. Speaker. I just wanna thank the Minister for answering the question. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Ordinary Member Saunders, I did see your hand there but I'm just gonna canvas the room and let everyone have a first go-around before I revert

to you. Any other Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Minister Asivak. There-, with little to no space available to rent in our area for projects or programs, we are wondering if Northwest River could access funding or be able to have a Community Shed? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

That has to do with property, I would assume. I'm not sure Minister Asivak is the appropriate person to direct the question, but I'll let you redirect, should you require. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Chairperson Winters. For the program aspect, I can answer to that. Right now we receive Federal Program Funding for this program. There is no available funds for the community of Northwest. Also, this is temporary funding, so even in our other communities, beyond this fiscal year, we have no guarantee that this project will continue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. Do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WINTERS:

No, I don't. Thanks.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Economic Development. I think this is who I address it to. I'm

not quite sure. In my statement this morning, I mentioned about the difficulty in wood for our communities, particularly, Hopedale and Nain. My question is, would you be willing to meet with us to talk about this issue and maybe help coordinate something for next year. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for the question. I certainly would be delighted to help the AngajukKâk for Hopedale in doing whatever we can to help with trying to get the wood for our seniors and our people that are struggling to heat their homes. So I certainly say, "Yes" to the request of the AngajukKâk.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Flowers. AngajukKâk Flowers, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. FLOWERS:

No, I don't. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Nakummek, Uhalitik. And my question is for Honourable First Minister, Minister Mitchell. I'm wondering how much does it cost to build like the multiplexes?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister. Now, it should be recognized-, are you comfortable fielding that question? I understand this may be a little complicated one? Are you-, in the form-, oral form? Please proceed First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you AngajukKâk from Rigolet for your question. I can't tell you the exact amount but it is within the range of 3 million from when we have to do the groundwork and the preparation to make sure that the, you know, the land that we put the building on can be totally supported and we won't run into problems later on. So right now, I'd just say about average of about 3 million. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, First Minister. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY: Yeah, I asked my first question, so I could get into two supplementaries. And is that more efficient than building houses?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers *[sic]*. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Wolfrey for your question. Yes, to us, for a lot of reasons, because if you look at a multiplex and if you like the look at then a single unit, right now, just to develop the land, it costs them \$275,000 to \$300,000 and our multiplexes, we're looking at seven units. So if you take just the land itself, the amount of land that you need, and, you know, the thing about it is not everybody needs a three-bedroom home or whatever. And to us, like it's not-, and when we build those multiplexes or whatever, they're, you know, most energy efficient. We're making the best use of our land and things like that. So, yes, you know, for the type of housing that we

need, like-, and we're looking to meet the needs of all our beneficiaries, yes, it is more efficient to build those multiplexes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a second and final supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, yes, I do. What about like storage for people's snow machines or their boats or anything like that when they got those multiplexes? Do you-, is that like an issue that you gotta deal with or is it mostly going to people who don't have, you know, who don't go out on the land or, or what?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and once again, thank you AngajukKâk for your supplementary question. I know in those units, there is a certain amount of storage and when we build a unit, like we make sure that, you know, there's enough land around it to be able to accommodate like, you know, something-, but, you know, what we have to remember too, is like for these units that we're putting up, what we're trying to cater to, to those, are people who would not be able to maintain or take care of a home themselves, so for a lot of them, you know, they might not be able to, you know, have the boat and stuff like that. But we're hoping then that the space we provide will be enough and that there will be other, you know, within the community, like if they have boats and things like that,

you know, there'll be other spaces to take care of that. So, we are definitely trying to meet the needs of our people, and that's one thing we will always take into consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters Wheeler.

MS. WHEELER:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. This question is for, Honourable First Minister Mitchell. Membership in Upper Lake Melville continues to be a growing concern. At a recent meet and greet in Northwest River with my colleague, Ordinary Member Asivak, questions were raised regarding the length and detail in the application. It used to be a two-page application. It's now about a 16-page application, is my understanding. Beneficiaries are wondering if there's a way the application can be shortened maybe and condensed a bit? Sometimes the information requested may be repetitive and maybe hard to access. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville for your question. All changes to the application form have been legislated over the years as a result of the requests from the Membership Committees and the Appeals Board. In the Annual Meeting Workshops, the application form is always discussed and the committees and board informs legal counsel of the changes that are necessary in order for them to get a better understanding of whether or not an applicant meets the

criteria to become a beneficiary. I understand the application form asks for a lot of information, but it conforms to the information that the committee and appeal board need in order to make a decision on whether or not somebody qualifies for membership. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? I'm just gonna go make sure I have first round first. Any other Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada who has headed for the second round.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This one is for Lands and Natural Resources. We're picking on you this morning, Minister. You made a statement earlier about Nunatsiavut Members-, you're looking for Nunatsiavut Members to work in Vale. Well, we have quite a few in Canadian Constituency that have asked me to find out why they can't get on there at all. That's the Canadian Constituency Members. They get an application, they send it in. Most of the times they don't even get a reply, whether it's yay or nay. So who do we contact so that they can get into working at Vale?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for your question. Certainly, we do encourage all beneficiaries to apply. With respect to your question on

who's best to contact, well, I think that there are some-, there's some different places that they can get information from. Certainly it can-, information can come from my department. It can come from the Department on Education and Economic Development who are involved in a lot of the training programs. It can come from the Vale-, I forget what their titles are but they do have Indigenous workers that are responsible for accepting and encouraging people to apply. I suppose, Mr. Speaker, since the question was asked of me, that I would say to the Member that if he's getting inquiries from Canadian constituents, tell them to call Lands and Resources, okay? And I can certainly give you a name to do that-, Theresa Baikie, the IBA Coordinator. Phone number 709 896 8582 and certainly, Mr. Speaker, myself and my number is 709 922 2942. I'm pleased at any time to speak to beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims* and to point them in the right direction to get the correct information. I hope that answers the question, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a supplementary question? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Minister Edmunds. If someone is completing an unpaid work term or practicum with the

Nunatsiavut Government, does the person have to have a *Certificate of Conduct*? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Uhalitik, Nakummek, Chairperson for your question. This obviously is a Human Resources issue but any time that any individual, whether or not they're permanent temporary employee or on a work term, is working with a vulnerable sector of our population, a *Code of Conduct* is required. So, if this individual is working with the vulnerable population, yeah, a Code of Conduct is required and I think the majority of the jobs that we put out now require a *Code of Conduct* anyways, so I would say yes, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? Once again, any other Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity. It's to the Minister of Health, Finance, Human Resource and Technology. Mr. Edmunds, my question is simple. Any employee that-, or any person that applies to become an employee of the Nunatsiavut Government works for a or is centred in a building that is accessible to the public. So does all employees have to have a *COC*, not just for the people working in the Vulnerable Sector? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, *Uhalitik*, and I may have misspoken or put misinformation there. AngajukKâk is correct. You know, all employees do require a *Code of Conduct* as you said. You know, it is public spaces and we need to ensure that our public is protected so, thank you for asking your question and giving me the ability to add some more clarification to that.

Nakummek.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question? Again, I'll canvas the Assembly. Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to the Item seven of the *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions". Are there any written questions this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Eight of the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Written Questions". And there are no returns to written questions. We'll move on to Item nine of the *Orders of the Day*, "Petitions". Are there any petitions this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 10 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Responses to Petitions", and there'll be no responses today. On to Item 11 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees". There are no reports today. We'll move on to Item 12 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Tabling of Documents". Are there any documents to be tabled this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 13 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion". And there are no notices of motion today, so we'll move on to Item 14 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion for

First Reading Bills". There are no motions for first reading of bills. On to Item 15, which is "Motions". At this time, I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Uhalitik. Whereas the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust, the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust, and the Tasiujatsoak Trust* wish to make presentations to the Nunatsiavut Assembly respecting their respective activities, and whereas the Assembly should consider the documents that have been Tabled at this sitting in Committee of the Whole with witness, now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly now convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Settlement Trust, Implementation Trust and T Trust. Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

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

MR. EDMUNDS:

Not at this time, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and conclude debate?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Only comment I'll make, Mr. Speaker, is that the presentations again, should be within Tab Three of everyone's binders behind the Audited Reports and again, I'm sure that we'll enjoy some additional information and presentation from the Trustees. *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

So with that, we'll conclude debate. All those in favour of the motion? Any opposed? The motion is carried. We'll now move into Committee of the Whole. We're waiting the arrival of our witness, Ms. Isabella Pain. I believe she's on the way in in one second. Welcome, Isabella. I know you're used to looking down upon us but now you're-, now you can look at us at eye level for a change. As always when we're in Committee of the Whole I will continue to act as Chair of the Proceedings. And I'll-, do you need a couple minutes to set up, Ms. Pain? Please proceed.

MS. PAIN:

Thank you. So we have, in your binders, there's three different *Trust* presentations. The first one that we're going to go through is the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. Some of this information, for those of you who have been here before, much of this will be very familiar. We have a standard format that we report to you in. So the background of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* is that it was created on March 1st, 2010 by a Trustee approved by this Assembly. The fund here includes the \$140 million dollars, and \$19.97 to be paid by the Federal Government as capital transfers under the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement which is chapter 19, "Dollars of the *Land Claim Agreement*", and it was net of negotiation loan payments. There is one payment remaining to date. The objectives of the *Trust* were to maintain, administer and invest the Chapter 19 payments and to distribute for the benefit of the beneficiaries in accordance with the following principals: To promote, advance, develop and improve the well-being of the eligible beneficiaries, to advance and develop Inuit

culture, to provide assistance and means to advance education of eligible beneficiaries, to provide financial assistance for the delivery of social, health, recreational and housing facilities, services, and programs for eligible beneficiaries or to provide financial assistance for the promotion, advancement and development of financial, business, entrepreneurial and employment skills of eligible beneficiaries. So who are the eligible beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*? The first is the Nunatsiavut Government itself. Another *Inuit Settlement Trust* and eligible beneficiaries, the beneficiaries (inaudible)1:54:55 as evidenced by inclusion in the register described in the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. We would note, as we did in our report to the Assembly last year, the trusted indenture is different than the *Tax Treatment Agreement* which notes that the following may also be considered: That an Inuit Community Government, any Inuk and Inuit and any registered charity or non-profit organization within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act*. And that directly, and indirectly, benefits at least one or more Inuit. During the first 11 fiscal years of the fund, no distributable cash flow was to be made to any eligible beneficiary other than the Nunatsiavut Government. So year 12 which is when the *Trust* deed says that other eligible beneficiaries, other than the Nunatsiavut Government can access the fund. Year 12 is in 2021. The Trustees have been reviewing the provisions in the Trust Indenture and we have started drafting documentation on the Statement of Principals, the distributable cash flow, calculations and an application process for eligible

beneficiaries to the fund. The current Trustees on the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, are myself, Michael Flatters, Rexanne Crawford, Daniel Bennett and Sarah Leo. The Investment Policy was amended in April of 2017 to comprise generally of-, I'm gonna talk about percentages and the categories of funds that we're invested in as of April 2017. We have equities. Equities are also known as stocks. Fifty-three per cent of our fund is in equities, 30 per cent in Canadian Equities which is managed by a firm called Beutel Goodman. We have 33 per cent in global equities. That is managed by Fiera Capital, Hexavest, Hillsdale Investment Management Incorporated. I'll make a note that Hexavest in this current-, in 2019 we picked them up under our monitoring-, our manager's monitoring policy and we're in the process of changing that investment manager. We have 20 per cent in fixed income, also known as bonds in the bond market. And that is managed for us by Fiera Capital. We also have allocated some funds to be put into a-, to the real estate fund. That's 10 per cent. Five per cent of which is in Canadian real estate and that is managed for us by Manulife. The Global Real Estate fund right now, we have five per cent allocated to Global but in the *Settlement Trust* we have no allocated that to a Global Real Estate fund at this point. The *Settlement Trust Deed*-, sorry, the *Settlement Tax Treatment Agreement* has a different allowance by the Federal Government into some of the fund types that we're allowed to be in. So we're working with Revenue Canada and Finance Canada at the moment to be able to find an investment that the Settlement Fund is permitted to invest in. It's a strict

test with the-, through the Federal Government. We also have funds invested into a category known as Infrastructure. We have five per cent invested there and that is invested with a company named Axiom Infrastructure. We also have seven per cent in private debt and that is managed by A&P Capital and also to be determined. We have established a monitoring of fund manager's process and we have a policy on that. Each quarter, the Trustees review certain standard information on each of our managers. Those things include the changes in the ownership structure, the personnel, the philosophy of the firm, their investment management process and their investment style. That's really important for us because when we hired the managers, we did it based on certain information they provided in these things, and if these things start to change, we need to understand why, and is there something that we need to be concerned about going forward. We also look at the number and size of mandates gained and lost by asset class during the last semester. So did they lose other clients? Have they gained other clients-, those sorts of things. How much money have they added to their portfolio or how much of their capital has been lost because people have left their firm? We look at the comparison of the assets under management by asset class at the end of the current semester and also at the end of the preceding one. We also look at the main characteristics of the portfolio at the end of the semester or term, in comparison with those of the market index. For example, we look at some things such as price earnings, ration, dividend yield, earnings

growth and average capitalization for equities, term structure of the portfolio, average term duration, allocation by sector and average quality for bonds. Those are really technical financial measurement tools, so some of them apply to certain categories of our investment. Some don't apply at all to other categories. It depends on the asset allocation you're looking at. We also look at any other event that could be relevant regarding a particular firm. So every year, the trustees, we have certain obligations and every year we meet annually with each fund manager face-to-face and we review the detailed performance with them. We look at their management style and we discuss that with them and we also look at the organization and any changes that they may have seen in the organization. When certain events occur, close monitoring will occur of the fund manager on a monthly basis. So if something happens that we are concerned about that either the performance is not as it should be or if we think that they're behaving in a way that we didn't expect them to, given certain market conditions, if we see other investors leaving them, we then start to look at-, we meet and we agree that we need to do extra monitoring and we expect to have them report to us on a monthly basis. And then, depending on the results of that monitoring, termination could occur. As I just mentioned, the *Trust* is currently in the process of terminating one fund manager and a new manager, Unigestion has been selected as a replacement. Yesterday, there was some discussion here about the negotiation loans and the repayment of those loans, so all of the loan payments came off the top of the fund that was

actually put into the *Settlement Trust*. So the Government of Canada will be imbursement approximately \$65 million over a five-year period. And that will begin in 2020, 2021. That amount is subject to an annual appropriation by the Federal Government through its budgetary process. So they've made the commitment but annually it has to be appropriated through their budget process. The last and the final payment that was due on the negotiation loan which was due-, is due on December 1st 2019, has been forgiven. So we will not have to make the last payment on the negotiation loan, and instead that-, those funds will remain in the settlement trust. It won't come off the top of the payment. The next slide is the financial update for 2018. So the table here tells you some of the values that we have in the *Settlement Trust* to date. We have two tables for you-, two columns there. One is the book value. One is the market value. So the value in terms of the book value, at the beginning of the period, so starting last-, in January 1st 2018, was \$144,654, 258. The contributions and transfers. That would be the payments made by the Government of Canada from the Settlement which was \$5.1 million. Our investment income earned in terms of book value is \$8.8 million. Our realized profit was \$400,000. The total receipts for that trust were 14 million and our value at the end-, our book value at the end of the period was \$158,681,117. In terms of market value, there's just a couple of different numbers. So the different numbers you'll see are the value at the beginning of the period in terms of the market value is \$175,519, 077. And then we had an unrealized loss of \$8.1 million but the value at the

end of the period was \$181,348,576. So just to be sure you know-, remember the difference between book value and the market value, the book value is basically the purchase price for which we stayed for the stocks, the bonds, the real estate, you know, the funds that were currently in. The market value is what we would get if we sold all of that today. Market value can change daily, monthly, depending on what's going on in the market. So that's just a picture-, it's a certain period of time that that's what you would get if you sold it. The payment made on the negotiation loan on December 1, 2018 was 4.2 million and an interest of \$412,000. I wanted to pick up on a question that the AngajukKâk for Rigolet asked yesterday in relation to the fund. I think when you were going through the statements of the Nunatsiavut Government, you did ask about the value and the loss. The *Settlement Trust* is one of two trusts that you see picked up in the Nunatsiavut Government statements. And so I think it's just relevant to talk about it here. You asked about whether or not the-, there was a loss in interest and investment income. It was saying that there was an unrealized loss of \$15 million in 2019. You asked the question about that. I just wanted to pick that up. I think the point is that you have to realize-, you have to crystalize it at a certain point for reporting, but in terms of something like the book and market value, it tells you the difference of what the-, what's actually going on in terms of the fund. So in relation to that-, the loss that you're saying that, you know, there was an unrealized loss, overall the *Trust* made money, but at a particular time, the markets go up and down-, at a particular

time when you're measuring it, all of our funds were performing well compared to the market. So the markets were down, so the values were all down. But in terms of what our actual portfolios were, we were still above, for the most part, of the markets. I think the best way to think about it and the numbers aren't correct, but if you think about it in this way-, because I just-, I said to you, we just-, we did have an increased value in the trust of \$22 million. If you think about it as if we invested a dollar, at one point during the year, we may have been up to \$150, one-, a dollar and 50 cents, on our earnings. What that unrealized loss is, is that it may have gone down to \$2-, \$1.40 instead of the \$1.50. So while it's an unrealized loss, we're still up compared to what we initially invested. So I'm not sure if that helps, but I wanted to explain that particular piece in relation to the *Settlement Trust*. So that is the report from the *Settlement Trust* and I'm not sure if-, it probably makes sense if I go through all three *Trusts* first, 'cause many of them are very similar, and then if we have questions, if that's okay with you, I can keep going on. The next *Trust* that we wanna talk about is the *Implementation Trust*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Ms. Pain, I'm just going to interrupt you just to invite questions on that first presentation before we move forward. Are there any questions on that first presentation before we move forward? Are there any questions on the first *Trust*?

MR. DICKER:

I thought she just suggested that we go through the three reports first before we take questions, 'cause I have one question if I may ask.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Go ahead.

MR. DICKER:

I just need understanding of-, in your investment policy, there's a policy there of private debt of seven per cent. Why would you use investments in a debt?

MS. PAIN:

That's a really good question because I asked the same thing when we first started to look at this asset class. The Trustees went through a process over at least a three-year period of trying to ensure that we're looking after the money that is Inuit money in the best possible way. When the *Trusts* were first established, and when the Trustees first started to make investment decisions, we had two asset classes, stocks for equities and bonds or fixed income, just two-, very, very subject to the stock market itself. In the investment world, there's lots of asset classes out there that are not as impacted by the daily ups and downs of the stock market. Some of those are things such as private debt. The private debt fund, we have. It is for people or-, we're into a fund, so we're not actually just looking at-, we don't sit down and say, "This person has debt that we want to acquire and make money on". We're part of a fund. They are very-, they're very specific and specialist in this field. And what they do is they-, somebody may come for-, they have a short-term need for cash, but they have assets worth a lot more than the actual cash they may need, and so it's-, you get a very high return on the actual rate. And highly qualified, really good credit options. Some of these individuals are high net worth individuals who have, you know, in addition to business who may need-, have need for a loan, some are-, we've seen some and we do get examples of this when they come to

report to us, they talk about some of the people who come. Some may be going through a divorce settlement and need cash immediately for something and within the settlement happening, it's fully paid back within 30 days. It depends on the terms but there is a real market out there for this-, very new to me as well, but that is an asset class which is proving to be very-, quite worth investing in. But it isn't-, it is-, it's a hard one to understand and the questions we asked were, if this debt was-, if it's possible to make money on it, how come they're not going to banks? Sometimes it's because they-, the banks are slower in other, you know, in other ways. They don't do it the same way. So the returns are good-, very secured by capital. So if they were to default, which I don't-, I think it's very rare that they do-, you would still have the capital that you could resell and get your money back.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any other questions before we...

MS. WOLFREY:

Sorry. I'm trying to wrap my head around that Isabella. So I gotta try to think of what you just told me. This-, I mean, are you making money from interest that they pay for the payback the loan? That's what it is, is its-, they got a loan of a million bucks. They pay you back a million and 50,000, let's just say, and you made the 50,000? Okay. Is that right? Am I understanding it right?

MS. PAIN:

Yeah, I think you're on the right road in terms of understanding how it works. So just as an example, one of the measurements we look at and one of the funds that we're in, in relation to private debt is UBS O'Connor and I just brought with me our Performance Monitoring Report for

December 2018. And we use a measurement tool called a gross internal rate of return. And in that particular fund in the fourth quarter which is September to December 2018, there was an IRR of 3.2 per cent. So for 2018 the gross IRR for the whole year was at 14.5 per cent which is, in the objective of this particular asset class, we would like to have a gross IRR of 15 per cent. So it's quite an attractive fund to be in. And some of these things are very hard to understand and it takes a long time for us to become-, it took a long time for us to become comfortable with some of these classes and I guess I'll just explain a little bit about what we do. So we have a consultant who is a-, he's a professor by training as well as an actuary, but he leads us in educational discussions, so he will bring in people who manage a particular asset class to start to teach us some of the basics about that particular asset class. So before we went into this fund, we had people come in to talk to us about what this asset class was, what you would expect in this class in terms of rates of return but also levels of security with your fund. So we took a number of years going through educational processes, talking to people, understanding this class. It is still difficult sometimes to wrap your head around the different ways in which you can actually get a return, in terms of a fund. The whole point, I think, about all of the trusts, which we'll get to the other two in a minute-, we were trying to diversify the funds, so having less volatility in relation to the stock market, so trying to not be so affected by the ups and downs of the stock markets, finding other asset classes such as real estate which will also increase your capital value, not just a lease

payment for example. So trying to really diversify and protect the initial investment, also grow the value of it and also increase your income level. So when we talk about all these classes, we think that, that's what those do. We actually have a measurement and I didn't get into it in our reports, but we look at every quarter-, one of our-, we look at whether or not what we're doing is actually adding value to the total portfolio by being as diversified or being diversified in this way, is actually working for us and we measure that as one of the standard things that we talk about.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any other questions on this particular fund? Go ahead.

MS. PAIN:

Okay, so we're gonna go to the *Implementation Trust*. And just a little background on this. The *Implementation Trust* was created on-, in May of 2007, and the objectives of that particular trust are to receive and invest the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, Chapter 23 payments. That is the *Implementation Fund and the Land Claim Agreement*. And the other objective is to create a capital reserve of 75 per cent of the amounts received from the Nunatsiavut Government. And as a note, all of the payments that were scheduled to be received from the Government of Canada in this particular-, for this particular *Trust* have been received from the Government of Canada. There is only one eligible beneficiary of this particular *Trust* and that is the Nunatsiavut Government. And the current Trustees of this trust are myself, Michael Flatters and Patty Dicker. Investment policy. So very similar to the *Settlement Trust*, we have again Canadian Foreign Equities of 63 per cent. Funds are managed by Beutel Goodman, Hillsdale Management, Hexavest and Fiera Capital. Again, fixed

income, cash and bonds, 15 per cent, and those funds are all managed by Fiera Capital. We have real estate of five per cent which is managed by Manulife Real Estate. We have infrastructure at five per cent managed by Axiom and private debt, UBS O'Connor and A&P Capital. I'm not gonna go through the slides on the Monitoring of Fund Managers. It's exactly the same process that we use for the *Settlement Trust* and also for the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, but if you have questions, I'll be happy to talk about those. I can talk about that again. We'll go to the Financial Update for 2018. So the-, I'm gonna talk about the book and market value. So the book value at the beginning of the period was \$226, 168, 622. The contributions to this fund were \$28,601,636. The Investment Income was \$12,411,380. The Realized Gains were \$4,631,130, to make for total receipts of \$45,644,146 and disbursements of \$38,449,542 for a book value at the end of the period of \$233,363,226. The value at-, the market value-, I'll just talk about a couple of the different numbers here. So the market value in January of 2018 was \$270,788,208. We had an unrealized loss which was \$13,512,327 for a market value at the end of December 2018 of \$264,470,485. The total increase in value of \$31,107,259.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Go ahead Charlotte.

MS. WOLFREY:

Isabella, the disbursements, the \$38 million went to Nunatsiavut is it? Is that what that is?

MS. PAIN:

Some of the disbursements did go-, well, Nunatsiavut Government is the only eligible beneficiary and so, yes, some of that would've gone to NG for its-, for the implementation. So we-, when you do the budget, every year,

there is an amount that will come from the *Implementation Trust*. I am trying to think of why this is at \$38 million, 'cause I know that's not what the actual number is annually. Can't give you a better answer than that, but I'll look it up and get back to you as soon as I can have a chance to look at my computer. But the only allocations that we actually make that we put out the door are to NG because that is the requirement and the Trust Deed. So I'll clarify that number for you and get back to you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Joe go ahead.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you. Isabella, there's lots of money here. Do we deal with just the one bank for all of this? Is the bank for the Nunatsiavut Government the Bank of Montreal or are there other financial institutions where we have-, work with?

MS. PAIN:

So it's a bit more complicated than just having one bank. So the money does-, we do have money in this *Trust* in the Bank of Montreal. That is our daily banker. But when we're managing funds, it's done through another institution who is our custodian of our money, so when we receive money, initially, it goes to RBC Dexia who is our custodian. And RBC Dexia holds money in between investments or if we're collapsing a fund. So let's say I just told you we were getting rid of Hexavest. When they collapse their fund, the money goes back to RBC Dexia who is our custodian who will hold the money until we tell them what next to do with it. So it doesn't actually come back to the Bank of Montreal, although we do have cash at the Bank of Montreal as well, who does some of our daily pieces. So we have BMO. We have RBC Dexia. And then the money goes out to all of these

investment managers. So these-, the 233 million isn't sitting in any one particular place. Some's in BMO. Very little is-, really should be in the bank in terms of cash. Some is at RBC Dexia, depending on whether we're collapsing or not. Some of the funds that I talked to you about, and I don't mean to complicate it but I'll just give you a little bit of-, a further explanation-, when we talk about infrastructure or private debt, we are-, we buy into a fund. And they don't get all of your money that you wanna invest in that class on Day One. We buy into a fund and they will tell us when they're ready for our money. So we bought into an infrastructure fund. We know-, they know what's out there in terms of infrastructure projects that they could invest in, but they look for the right ones and so they may call us up and we get these emails, sometimes weekly, sometimes monthly, to say, "We're ready for some of your funds, so please send to us \$20 million for your portion of the investment in this fund". We have a total amount we're going to invest. So until-, but we might not be fully invested for up to a year. So we will have, you know, cash at BMO, maybe some cash at RBC Dexia while we're waiting to get fully deployed, or if we're collapsing a fund, and then our dollars are actually in the actual asset classes. So with Beutel Goodman, with Fiera Capital, with A&P, with Axiom.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you. Just further that too, with all this money being invested, somebody has to get paid. Is it shown here in this reports, what percentage is going to, I don't know if it's the managers or how does that work, if you please?

MS. PAIN:

Yeah, we do have to pay to have people manage our money. They don't do it for free. So each of the investment managers has a fee that they invoice us for regularly and that is probably some of the amount of the disbursements, but I can't tell you what the total disbursements are. They invoice us monthly for their management fees. Some of it is a set percentage, and then there may be a percentage depending on the return of that particular asset class. The fees that-, for service, we always look at those when we're hiring investment managers. That is one of the things we discuss with them is what the fees are, and we look at that compared to others in their asset class. So when we're hiring a manager, we may start with five people or five firms in that particular asset class. We will get them to give us proposals. We will have our-, the person-, the consultant who works with us, put together an analysis of each of the types of manage-, of each of the managers. We compare them across certain kinds of measurements, including how much they're gonna cost us. And then we make a decision based on that. And so, watching the fees is an important part, but they do invoice us directly. I don't have that here and I'm not sure if it gets picked up in our statements. Probably it gets picked up somewhere in the Consolidated Statements as well, but, yeah, we do pay a fee. If you wanna know what they are, I can get them for you. I don't have those numbers in front of me.

MR. DICKER:

I'm not too interested in a fee. I just wanna know how it works. So, thank you for that.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

My question is, if you decide to get rid of an investor, how do you decide that?

MS. PAIN:

So what we do is we get a quarterly report based on how our funds are doing and we also meet with each manager face-to-face once a year. But when we get our quarterly reports, we look at their performance. And if their performance is not true to their style or if they're losing-, if they're not-, if they're losing other clients-, if the ownership of the firm has changed-, if the key staff in the firm has changed-, all of those to us are saying, "Okay, there's something going on. We need to start to look at this more often". And we will have a more indepth look based on a couple of periods like that. Once we say as Trustees we'll look at these things and we'll monitor them-, we'll say we need to go to monthly monitoring. And if whatever the issue was is still of concern to us, we will then release them. And I'll give you an example. It's not as simple as saying, they're doing bad. It could be that they're doing bad for the type of market in which we hired them. So we've hired Beutel Goodman for example. They are in Canadian stocks. We've hired them because they will protect our money if the markets are going down. So you want to preserve your capital if the markets are going down. And if we start to see them making money-, or losing money when the-, losing more money than they should when the markets are going down, we're going to start to say, "What-, are they doing something different than what we hired them for"? If they start to make a lot of money when the markets are going up, we wouldn't expect that for them. We didn't hire them to make-, be in the first-, in the top when

the markets are going up. We expect them to make money but we don't expect them to be the best at that because we're hiring them to protect our money if things are going bad, right? They're gonna make us a few percentages but they're not gonna be getting us tonnes of money when the markets are up. So like you have to look at whether or not they're-, if they're managing the way you hired them for, because we've selected all of these managers to try to work together. We want people who can work when markets are going down, to protect your assets. We want people to make some money when it's going up. So it's a-, it is very complicated and that's why we rely on our consultants to do that detailed research. And so I have with me-, it's a 50 something page report that we get every quarter which is-, tells us exactly what each of these managers is doing. And we assess whether or not they're acting the way they should-, and also looking at their performance. So it's complicated but we start-, once we start to notice certain changes, then we will do more monitoring and more intense monitoring on a monthly basis. And if things-, if we're still concerned, then we will terminate. So we are going through a termination right now which is the second time since I've been a Trustee that we've terminated a manager's fund.

MR. RUDKOWSKI

Any other questions before we proceed? Go ahead.

MS. PAIN:

Okay, *Tasiujatsoak Trust* is the third trust. This was created in 2002 with the signing of the IBA, Voisey's Bay IBA and the objective of that particular *Trust* is to receive and invest payments under the 2002 *Impacts and Benefits Agreement*. Also, the objective is to disburse funds to enable

Nunatsiavut Government to meet its obligations under the IBA, to assist seven community volunteer centres to meet community needs, to reduce negative impacts of the Voisey's Bay project, to promote social, cultural, educational, language and business initiatives. Now this *Trust*, unlike the other two, has a number of eligible beneficiaries. The first is the Nunatsiavut Government. The second is charitable organizations who meet specific criteria and it could be a community or class of Inuit. The current Trustees are Mike Flatters, Sharon Pevie, Tiffany Flowers and I. I'm not sure if the-, this slide-, I had an error in the first one. I'm not sure if it was picked up, but if what I say is different than what you're reading-, what I'm saying to you is correct. There is one vacancy on the Trust Deed. If you require the *Trust* makeup we have to meet a couple of different standards. Some of them-, this year *Trust* requires that there are two senior managers from Nunatsiavut Government who are on this trust. When Frank Andersen resigned his employment with NG, he was no longer eligible to be a Trustee and so we have to replace him. The way the Trust Deed is set up, the current-, the Trust Deed requires that the NAC actually submits three names to the current Trustees who will select one of those three as replacement and the NAC has made a decision on who it's recommending to be the replacement Trustee. But the Trustees have not yet met to replace Frank, but that should be done very soon. The Investment Policy. I'm not gonna go through it again because it's the same as the *Implementation Trust*. We have the same managers and the same breakdown in terms of our fund-, our asset classes. The monitoring of the

Fund Managers again, is the same. And then we'll go to the Financial Update. So the value-, the book value at the beginning of January 2018, \$198,462,561. We had contributions of \$26.7 million. Investment income of 12.2 million, a realized loss of 45 million-, sorry, 45,000. What am I saying? 45,000. Total receipts of 38.8 million. Disbursements of 10.2 million and the value at the end of the period was \$226,103,836. The market value for this particular *Trust* at the beginning of the period was \$244,922,548. We had, in addition to the numbers I just went through, the difference is we had an unrealized loss of \$9.9 million for a market value at December 2018 of \$263,605,090. So we had an increase in value in the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* of 37,501,254 net of distributions. This here *Trust* as I indicated is a little different than the other two. This *Trust* does allow for allocations to other eligible beneficiaries of the Nunatsiavut Government. The Trust Deed priorities are to cover the IBA Implementation budget. So every year, annually, NG submits to the *Trust* what it requires to implement that IBA, so ensuring that all of the positions needed to look at hiring commitments, employment commitments, environmental pieces-, you know-, all those things that the NG thinks are necessary for implementation, we have to allocate that. The Trust Deed also says that 30 per cent of all capital receipts and 10 per cent of all net income have to be set aside into something called a Heritage Fund. And that is money that's to be kept for future generations. So that is a requirement but the Trustees are also directed to consider the desirability of setting aside up to 50 per cent of capital receipts and 25 per cent of

income each year. And every year, annually, every year, we have to allocate 100,000 to seven volunteer centres. The other types of funding that is available from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* is that the *Trust* makes available, funding on a proposal basis. And fund proposals are accepted two times a year, March 31st and September 30th each year. Those proposals are reviewed and then allocation decisions are made. To date, total distributions have been over \$122 million from that particular *Trust*. Your slide probably says 114 million. When I reviewed the slide, my Excel Spread Sheet didn't do the addition, the auto summing so I had-, it's different than what you have. So it's 122 million have been allocated since this *Trust* has started doing its work. The last slide is some proposals that have been funded in 2019. Sorry, that should be 2018. So again, we review-, it's proposal based, so where the funds go is based on proposals received by the *Trust*. You can see the 700,000 is allocations to the volunteer centres. AnanuKatiget Tumingit received 142,000. Each of the Community Governments has received various amounts of money depending on the proposals submitted and approved. The Native Spirit Youth Centre continued to receive allocations for the operations of the Native Centre in Rigolet. NunaKatiget received some funding based on proposals. OkalaKatiget has been a standard I think you'll see on all of our proposals that have been funded. We have to date I think annually made some allocations to OkalaKatiget. Makkovik Minor Hockey, the Makkovik Pantry and Woodbox, NiKigijavut, Hopedalimi has received some funds. ICG's, that's a general contribution to ICG's that things like capital works

that have gone to the ICG's. IBA Implementation were 328,000. DHSD-, NG DHSD received 24,000 for allocations of \$6.6 million last year. And that's it. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you. Just a clarification, Ms. Pain, under the Trust Deed priorities, could you explain to me what the Capital Receipts actually means, like 30 per cent of all capital receipts seems like a lot of-, 30 per cent of all that money there seems like a lot, if that's what it is.

MS. PAIN:

Yeah, that's a good question. So the capital receipts that we're talking about it, in the IBA and as part of the agreement, we receive monthly payments from Vale for the Impact and Benefit. And so the capital receipts are those funds that we're receiving from Vale. So on an annual basis the *Trust* is required to set aside 30 per cent of all that we're getting on a yearly basis, to set it aside in a Heritage Fund. So that's what we're getting from the company. When we talk about the net income to be set aside, so we look at what the income that we're earning on the money has to also be set aside. So it's not just what we're getting on a yearly basis. It's on the money that we're investing and generating income on. Some of that also has to be set aside in a Heritage Fund and the name really just means it's something that we have to establish and it's set aside. We don't make any allocations out of that Heritage Fund. And so it's-, so it's a two-piece thing. So one is what we receive from Vale annually and what-, 30 per cent of that, and then also the income also gets set aside.

MR. DICKER; If I may ask a little bit further into that question, could you elaborate a little bit more on the definition of a Heritage Fund. What does that encompass?

MS. PAIN: I can't be any more clear really, other than to say it's supposed to be set aside for future generations. It's not defined. If you don't mind, I'll just pull up the Trust Deed and see if there is a definition but it is-, it's-, the way we look at it, based on the interpretation of the-, of our Trust Deed which governs what we do, as it's set aside for future. So we don't get, as Trustees, to allocate that. It will be set aside for some future point to decide what to do with that money.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other questions for our guest? Charlotte? Can you search and answer questions at the same time?

MS. PAIN: Yep.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Go ahead, Charlotte.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you and I guess what you're saying in a Heritage Fund is that we're setting stuff up for our great-great-great-great-great grandchildren so that they'll have something left from what we had from Voisey's Bay. That's my understanding kind of, of it. But Isabella, I know like with Ivuttuk and Rigolet, that's our local fund of the \$100,000 like is there any way that, that can be increased into anymore because-, I mean it is distributed in the community for good things like-, for example our Community Freezer gets some money from there to operate the Community Freezer. I'm just wondering if there's any-, been any thought or any talk. I don't wanna spend all our money but I wouldn't mind for them to even have-, 'cause

that was in 2002 they had \$100,000. And if we had \$100,000 today it wouldn't buy what it bought in 2002 that's for sure, so that was one thing. And can you just tell me roughly how much money like, the *Tasiujatsoak* gets in a year from Voisey's Bay-, or I mean, I know it's different based on if De Boer is selling good or not good, but if there's an average of over the past from 2002 till now, an average of what it would've been a year?

MS. PAIN:

I don't think I can look and talk at the same time, so I'll get back to you Joe, if there's a definition later, but in relation to your question about the Volunteer Centres, when we talk about the requirements and what the priorities are, those are required in the Trust Deed itself. The Trustees can make allocations based on proposals, I would say. And so if the volunteer centre wanted or needed or requested more money, they could apply to the *Trust*, I would say. But that doesn't make it a for sure thing. It would have to be proposal-based. But, you know, I would suggest that, that wouldn't be impossible in terms of a request. You know, it would be considered like other proposals. But that is a requirement. I guess the Trustees could look at it and say whether or not they wanted to add extra funds to that, but that would be up to the Trustees, I guess. The way we monitor the Volunteer Centres is that each Volunteer Centre has to submit audited financial statements or financial statements to the *Trust* annually so that the *Trust* can look at it to ensure that the dollars are going towards things that based on the bylaws, each of those organizations has submitted to the Trustees and so that takes place. Every year we look at all of those annual reports. But I would say that if there is a request, it could probably

come in writing to the Trustees to say, "Can there be consideration for an increase in allocations"? In relation to how much we receive, in terms of the *Trust*, it does vary. It changed. It started, as you recall, in 2002 we had a certain amount-, and these-, those amounts were set out in the IBA, but you're testing my memory and I'm not remembering exactly, but basically, the way that was structured was that there was larger amounts at the beginning. We started to decline on a monthly basis. But I could look it up and get you the amount of payments. I would just have to look it up. I think it's not huge at this point, although there are three streams of payment in the IBA, which we can talk about. And I'm being a little sensitive because the Financial Section of the IBA is confidential-, not to beneficiaries. We can certainly have this conversation with beneficiaries, but I don't know who else might-, anyway, we can have that conversation.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

It is worthy of note that anything stated in the Chambers is on Hansard which is a public document so to your point. Are there any other questions? Marjorie.

MS. FLOWERS:

You said, under ICG's the proposals funded Capital Works so would that be the money that's coming from Joint Management, that goes into Joint Management for Capital Works?

MS. PAIN:

Yeah, a number of years ago, the *Trust* made an allocation to the-, to all of the ICG's and it was administered through the Joint Management Committee. And so those-, you'll recall that when you-, when we go to JMC we see a *Trust*, there's a line for FFA dollars and there's a line for

Tasiujatsoak Trust dollars, and that's this amount. Yeah, we track it by both of those funds.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Marlene, I believe you had a comment?

MS. WHEELER:

Thank you. I'm trying to think of the clearest way to ask this question. So I noticed in the Investment Policy for the three of the *Trusts*, Hexavest is listed in all of them. And you had stated in the first presentation that we are-, that you-, the *Trust* is in the process of removing them as a manager. So would that work for all three of the *Trusts* or would it be just for that particular trust, like you said, if you're hired to do a particular job, or is an overall statement of we're just getting rid of them for everything?

MS. PAIN:

That's a good question. It is for all three *Trusts*. And I'll just explain a little bit about how the *Trusts* work. You'll note that on three of the trusts, there's two people, myself and Mike Flatters who are on all three. And then we have additional Trustees who join us for various-, who are appointed for other *Trusts*. So what we've done, simply because at the beginning, the amounts of money we were investing weren't huge to start with, let's say. The Trustees all meet together. We do our educational sessions together. We meet with money managers together, and so while there are different *Trusts* and the composition of each *Trust* may have some different people, we all meet as a group of Trustees together. And so when we've hired, and the way we've structured our portfolios, are for the most part, very similar. So we hire managers to do the same thing for each different *Trust*. And then how do we do this differently? Well, the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* can make allocations, so we need to meet separately as

Tasiujatsoak to make those decisions which are a part of the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* deed. When the *Settlement Trust* have to look at coming up next year, 2021 about allocations, the *Settlement* trustees meet just on their own to develop what those priorities are going to be and what that process will be. But in terms of managing funds, we meet all together, and so the basis of our investments are very similar and so, yes, Hexavest is being removed by all three *Trusts* and will be replaced by Unigestion for all three trusts. So interviewing managers, we all do all together.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Patricia, you had a comment?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you. I have two questions. Is there a percentage of the funds that are available for disbursement? And also, the Community Volunteer Centres, what may happen if one or two of them may be starting to experience difficulties? Thank you.

MS. PAIN:

And so in relation to the amounts that are available for allocation, what we look at is the direction we're given so that we are required to set aside 30 per cent of capital receipts and 10 per cent of all net income annually. So that is-, we sit down and we look at what our allocations are. We set that aside completely and then notionally, everything else is available for allocation. And it depends on the proposals that are coming in. And if we have lots of proposals we may not get to considered desirability of setting aside up to 50 per cent of capital receipts. So depending on what we get, we may say, you know, we really-, we're considering it but these proposals are good and so we can't set aside up to 50 per cent. Other times we say we don't have the number of proposals or the total request, value isn't

there to meet it so we can set aside more funds. So that's how we do it.

We first-, we get the number. We take off the requirement of what has to be set aside and then notionally, the rest is available for allocation. In relation to the Volunteer Centres, I know that there was an issue and we've had this a couple of times over a couple of years where various volunteer centres or people in communities where there are certain volunteer centres have experienced some difficulty. We-, the *Trust*-, we don't believe we should be in the middle of deciding who the-, who are on the boards of these. These are independent boards. They're registered as not-for-profit corporations with their own bylaws. We can't go in and tell them what to do, but what we do require them to do is they have to submit a copy of their financial statements to us, audited for those who do audited statements. But they have to have Financial Statements. So what we would do is look at whether number one, "Did we receive a statement from them to tell us what they've done in a year"? if they haven't, and they won't-, possibly will not receive the \$100,000 application because we-, the *Trust* needs to know that they're actually doing what they're set up to do, right, which is allocate money or to be able to identify what it is that they're doing with their dollars. Number two, if they haven't-, if they-, we've had conversations with some of the boards where they don't have a functioning board. We remind them that they have obligations. They have bylaws, they have to do these things. We're not gonna get in the middle of telling them how to do it but we would expect to receive financial statements which tell us what they've done with the allocations that they

receive annually. If that doesn't come, the \$100,000 allocation may not appear until we get the documentation required so that the Trustees are satisfied that the money and purpose for which it's being given is actually working.

MS. WOLFREY:

I'm gonna go back to *Tasiujatsoak*. And I don't know if I'm getting into our IBA or not. That, you know, so-, but anyway, you would think that will Vale going underground, they're gonna make more money and I noticed you said that the money is getting less and less. And I know-, I think I know the answer to what I'm gonna ask. Like when we negotiated the above-ground what do you call it-, infrastructure or whatever it was, to mining-, when we signed that IBA, did we sign it to include any underground mining in the future? Is that why we're not gonna get anymore money? And if we done that, I think we should take that into consideration for if they're gold around Hopedale for example.

MS. PAIN:

The question you're asking is more IBA focused than *Trust* focused. I will say that the original IBA was negotiated on the project at the time which allowed for provision under-, future underground mining. So when I'm talking about-, we were getting payments up here, like monthly payments, which were higher, which we've seen declining, it's because of the way we structured our payments. And I can talk more about that after if you like, but we are-, we will continue to receive payments even underground.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other questions of our guest? Seeing none, Ms. Pain, I thank you for joining us. So we will now exit Committee of the Whole and now we're back in regular Assembly and we'll continue on Item 16 of the *Orders*

of the Day, "First Reading of Bills". There are no first reading of bills today. On to Item 17. Item 17 being "Second Reading of Bills". There are no second reading of bills today. On to Item 18. Item 18 of the *Orders of the Day* is "Assent to bills". And there are no Assent to bills today. And we'll move on to Item 19 which is our "Adjournment". A couple of thank yous I wanna pass along before we adjourn. Katie Winters, thank you for coming down, Gus Semigak, as always. I believe Nancy Ikkusek is in there somewhere. I can't see her. She's hidden behind a pillar but thank you to our translation staff. Of course to Chas Evans is here-, give us an appropriate wave, and Peggy Andersen for joining us, Sarah Abel who's been doing it for 22 years, Sarah. Is that right? Twenty-two years? Johansi Tuglavina, thank you. And my personal thank you to Tabea Onalik who's done a very commendable and admirable job filling in on short notice for our missing Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett, and of course, we wish her all the best on her recovery. Again, one thing that may have got overlooked at the September sitting, we had our First Minister absent and I don't think that-, at least I didn't, express my personal condolences to First Minister Mitchell who unfortunately just left us, but I want to take this opportunity to express condolences to First Minister Mitchell on the passing of her sister which is why she was absent from the last Assembly sitting. As we leave us going into the holiday season, again, our sincere condolences and best wishes to Marjorie Flowers and to the Clerk of our Assembly. I wish you all a very safe, prosperous and successful holiday season. It has been a true pleasure of mine to work with this Assembly.

The dynamic is excellent. The way that business is conducted is efficient and everyone's oars are pulling in the same direction, and to everyone, I thank you for that. With that, we'll conclude this sitting of the Assembly. We are now adjourned. And I believe AngajukKâk Sheppard wants to make a quick statement. AngajukKâk.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Okay, thank you Mr. Speaker. I guess if I just think back on question periods in the House, I can't recall one where I never asked a question. During our break this morning, I received a phone call from home with some sad news of a young man, I'll call it, my age, who spent a lot of time in Nain, originally from Postville, this morning was pronounced diseased at the clinic-, at the hospital in Nain. I was very much looking forward to going up to Nain tomorrow on the flight. Anyway after consulting with the Speaker and making a few phone calls to home, that I made a decision as a friend of mine I grew up with all my life, went to school with, all his traits and his expertise, I seen examples of it in Postville and I heard examples of it in other communities as an electrician. At home-, and I think I heard from residents at Nain, he's known to be not just an electrician-, wasn't known to be just an electrician. He was known to be a jack-of-all trades. If you got a vehicle, he was the type of fella-, drag it up to his house. He'll fix it for you. If you got an appliance problem, give him a call. He'll fix it for you. Assembly Members from start to finish of this Assembly sitting, we've heard some happy stories. We've heard stories of success. We've heard stories of battles that's ongoing within our Assembly and some on a personal basis that's out around that you're dealing with that we don't

personally know about, and really it's none of our business. However, I'd just like to stand here and say that I will be going back to Postville on the afternoon flight this afternoon to support the family that's in Postville and more so, show my respect that as a friend, down through the years, that, you know, I do think a lot of you as a resident of Postville. Therefore, I will be returning to Postville. So at this time, I'd like to look around the table. I'd like to wish you, each one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may you have, you know, a prosperous New Year. We will be meeting again in January, but I hate to end on a sad note of an Assembly sitting like this but I thought it was important enough to bring it forward for information purposes of the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

And just one final thank you. I overlooked our pages. Laken Mitsuk, Eric Brown, thank you. You've done an outstanding job and you're a credit to your constituency. Thanks for joining us guys and thank you everybody else. Thank you.