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In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Sean Lyall

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Sarah Leo

First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Darryl Shiwak

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

Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Richard Pamak

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

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

Ordinary Member for Postville, Tyler Edmunds

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake

AngajukKâk for Nain, Anthony Andersen

AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey

Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Community Corporation, Malcolm Winters

Chair Person for the Sivunivut Community Corporation, Edward Tuttauk

Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy

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

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

Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Dave Lough

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Carl McLean

Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen

Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

Absent:

Deputy Speaker, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Patricia Ford

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, Michelle Kinney

The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings

were recorded in Inuktitut and English.

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Ullâkut Illonasi, I'd like to call to order the 2nd sitting of the 3rd MR. LYALL: Assembly. I recognize President Leo to give her opening address. **PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, first of all, I want to thank everyone for being here and welcome you all back to Hopedale. It's always good to come back to Hopedale, and I think last night at our Open House it was good to see. Well, we didn't have too many of the Hopedalimuit here. We did have some great discussion and we had some great concerns brought forward and we got a lot of information out there, and I think that was good, and I want to thank the AngajukKâk for Hopedale and the Ordinary Member for Hopedale for welcoming the Executive Council and the Assembly as a whole. This is basically the first sitting, the first real sitting, for some of the newer members, and I think it's an exciting time. I think we have a lot of work to do, but I think we're going to do quite well over the next little while. As many of you know, within the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* there is a section that outlines a procedure to be followed to ensure gender equity within the Assembly. 231 of the Act states that if there is at least not one female candidate for an election in each constituency, then the returning officer shall immediately notify the president and the Nunatsiavut electoral officer in writing, and the president shall make reasonable steps to nominate a female candidate in each of the constituencies no later than 48 hours at the close of nominations. There was one

constituency, Postville, where no female candidate was nominated, but I also want to recognize that there was another constituency where there were no males nominated. So, you know, I think we do quite well. Throughout the election, whether through social media, Facebook, Twitter, our government site, or through media interviews, a real effort was made to encourage females, or women, to offer themselves up for election, and many women did that, as we can see in the nominations that were put forward. In advance of the close of nominations for Postville, it was apparent that it was unlikely any female candidate would come forward. Nain also did not have any female candidates. So what I did was I went to the media, I did an interview on OK specifically for that, and we put out ads, as well, encouraging women to put themselves up for election. This was done before the close of the nominations. I had consulted with legal, as well as the Nunatsiavut elections officer. In the section it says the president shall take reasonable steps as per the *Elections Act*, and we felt those were reasonable steps. We encouraged women to put themselves up for nomination. We specifically put media or ads out there specifically for that, and we felt those were reasonable steps to ensure that we had gender equity in our Assembly, and I think if you look at other governments, you look at other organizations, I think overall we're doing quite well. You look in the communities at a community government level; I

think we have strong representation of women within our governments. Now that's not to say that we're doing great, but we do have strong representation and I think for the most part we're doing quite well. And I just thought it was important to note that today. If I had, once the nominations were closed, gone ahead and appointed a woman to a constituency where there was no women nominated, then I would have had to make a special report, but despite that I figured it was important to bring that to the Assembly, anyways, today. Since our last sitting the Nunatsiavut Executive Council had an orientation meeting in Nain. This was an opportunity for each of the ministers to get up to speed on the issues within their respective departments. They were doing that anyways with their deputy ministers and their departments, as well as to get a better understanding of the Executive Council. When I was elected as President, Mr. Speaker, I made a commitment to improving communications by ensuring the Nunatsiavut Government maintain a high level of openness and accountability, and I think we've been doing a good job, although there's some still communication issues, and we're trying to work through that because we keep saying our beneficiaries are not hearing enough from us, and we've talked about what we are doing, and we're trying to figure out other ways to do it. We have the media releases out. We have interviews on OK, we have our Open Houses and our offices are very open. I like

to think that any beneficiary feels comfortable going in and talking to any of their elected officials. But certainly there's room for improvement, and while I say that I want our beneficiaries to feel that they can come in and talk to each of the elected officials, I think we have to ensure that they feel that way and that they are comfortable coming in and talking to their elected officials. I also made a commitment that the Executive Council would make a more concerted effort to hold more meetings throughout Nunatsiavut. To that end, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to announce the NEC has worked out a schedule for the next year, one that will bring us to every community within Nunatsiavut, as well as one in Upper Lake Melville. We've only gone, I believe six or seven months in advance, but we have a meeting scheduled for each of the communities, as well as Northwest River, and when the next schedule comes out, obviously, we'll include the Canadian Constituency and the other communities. Our next meeting will take place in Rigolet. I believe it's the week of the 9 of July. During the week of May 19, I attended the Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Round Table meeting in Kuujjuarapik, Nunavik to continue our efforts as an UPCART in finding ways to deal with the crisis facing the George River Caribou, the Leaf River Caribou and the Torngat Mountains Caribou Herds. While not all our aboriginal leaders attended, the meeting was still very productive.

We remain somewhat optimistic that both the Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador Governments will join with the UPCART in developing a long-term strategy or management plan to protect and preserve these vital caribou herds. As you know, Mr. Speaker, Nain played host to the Fifth Annual Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum last week. It was an excellent event bringing together delegates from all Nunatsiavut communities as well as partners and guest speakers from across the region and beyond. Feedback so far suggests that the many delegates emerge from the forum feeling motivated to continue work proactively and collaboratively to develop a long-term heritage strategy. In the end the delegates identified a number of important themes to ensure the success of that strategy. More particularly, that heritage be a driver for economic development, and from what I understand, the departments of Economic Development and Culture, Recreation and Tourism are going to start working together to make that happen. Also identify local heritage champions. We have many champions in our communities and we need to acknowledge the work that they've done in preserving our heritage, to work in partnership between heritage interests and to take advantage of more opportunities to learn about heritage. I should note that a sub theme of creating effective communication channels was also identified. Also during the forum the participants in the forum had the

opportunity to go up to Jens Haven Memorial School where Ms Joan Dicker and her experience with the classes, her involvement with the classes and her involvement as an *Inuttitut* teacher within our system was able to have the students of JHMS put on a performance for the delegates of the forum and, from what I understand, it was awesome. Unfortunately, I missed it, but I hear that it was very well received and the students did an amazing job so hats off to them and Ms Dicker. Mr. Speaker, the First Minister, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology will be accompanying me to the 12 Inuit Circumpolar General Assembly in Nunavut from July 21 to 24. As many of you know that have been around, the General Assembly was originally planned for Nunatsiavut. Unfortunately, we weren't in a position to host the General Assembly, either financially or infrastructure-wise, so Inuvik decided that they could host it, they were in a better position to host it. The General Assembly is held every four years at which time Inuit delegates elect a new chair and Executive Council. They develop the policies and adopt resolutions that will guide the activities of the organization for the coming term. The General Assembly is at the heart of the ICC providing an opportunity for sharing information, discussing common concerns, debating issues and strengthening the bond between all Inuit. And, Mr. Speaker, you mentioned yesterday how you felt the connection

amongst all Inuit when you were in Iqaluit, and certainly at the ICC, you feel that globally. I'm looking forward to engaging with the Inuit from across the circum-polar region to learn first-hand some of the challenges they are facing and how they are overcoming these challenges. We will also be sharing our challenges with the rest of the Inuit. I intend to share issues such as housing, for example. I raise it at every possible opportunity and to speak about the progress we have made on the road to self-governance. Before I conclude, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to note during the week of June 23 I will take part in the Joint Management Committee meeting. Generally, Isabella Pain, the Deputy Minister of the Secretariat, is the representative from the Secretariat the joint management, but I had met with the joint management shortly after I had been elected and I said I would be back, so this is my meeting back. It'll be good for me, as President, to hear first-hand where the communities are and what's happening and what their priorities are, and I'm really looking forward to sitting down and meeting with the AngajukKâk and learning about the issues, obviously, in their communities and, again, what their plans are. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:Nakummek, Madam President. Now the President will do a
presentation of two Inuit Tapirisat Kanatami awards.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. Last year the ITK held its annual general meeting here in Hopedale. Traditionally when they've held their ITK in a specific

region within Canada, they hand out certain awards to individuals or groups within that region on specific themes. When ITK was here last year, while we did a small presentation, we had a community feast and we did a presentation. They got their certificates, but they've since sent in an actual nice little award, I guess, for lack of a better word. So this award is for the advancement of women's issues, and the Hopedale Women's Group was recognized for their advancement of women's issues. It was important to recognize the Hopedale Women's Group because they had lost their women's shelter, but they managed to create an environment for women within the community and maintain women that needed help, their safety and security, in the absence of a building, and they worked out of their homes, and they continued to work finding a shelter for women here in Hopedale. And for their efforts and their commitment and their time, they were recognized for that, so I'm very pleased to have Sarah Jensen here and present her again with this award.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MS JENSEN:The latest thing on the shelter is that we have acquired funding,
tenders have gone out. The tenders will be awarded in about a week
and the building will start, and that's all.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

PRESIDENT LEO: So if nobody heard what Sarah had said, the tenders for the new safe house here in Hopedale, they should be out by the end of the week and construction will be starting. So well done to the Hopedale Women's Group. The next one we have is for a healthcare worker. I don't think you have to be in Hopedale to know how much Marjorie does in the healthcare field here in her community, and even when she's visiting other communities, I've seen first-hand the work that she brings when she's visiting Nain. So Marjorie was recognized for all of her work that she does, not only while she's in her job, but I think after in all the time she spends and the commitment she has towards healthcare of beneficiaries, again, not only in our community, but certainly in the other communities that she visited. So, Marjorie, if you want to come up. **ASSEMBLY:** [Applause] **MS FLOWERS:** All I wanted to say was thank you very much to ITK for this award. I feel really honoured to receive it, and I think I just come from a long line of people who like to help. It's in our family and passed

down through generations, but my promise to this Assembly is that I will do all I can to help our people wherever we are because we are all the same.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. LYALL: On behalf of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, I would like to offer congratulations to both the Hopedale Women's Shelter and Marjorie

Flowers for their awards. They're certainly well-deserved. Item three, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." For the information of the Assembly the pages are Tabea Onalik and Colin Hunter. The interpreter/translators are Rita Andersen, Augusta Erving and Wilson Jararuse. Andrew Hamel is the IT staff helping out for this Assembly. As well, we'd like to recognize the OkâlaKatiget staff, Simone Kolmeister and Johansi Tuglavina. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see Hilda Hunter. For the record, Deputy Speaker Patricia Ford has been properly excused from attending this sitting. We hope to see her at the September sitting. I would like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Any Member wishing to recognize visitors in the public gallery today? Item four, "Minister Statements." Are there any Minister Statements? I recognize the Hon. Daniel Pottle, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek UKâtik. Very briefly, I just wanted to give a brief update on finalization of the audited financial statements for the upcoming year. The Finance Division has been extremely busy over the last two months with our main focus on preparation and completion of the audit of the financial statements and a finalization of reports to the funding agencies. Audit teams, Mr. Speaker, from Deloitte have been on site at the Department of Health and Social Development regional offices, Inuit Pathways and at the Nain Administration Building and have completed all field work. We are currently on track to meet all reporting audit deadlines. Nakummek UKâtik.

MR. LYALL:Thank you, Minister Pottle. I recognize Hon. Patricia Kemuksigak,Minister for Education, Economic Development.

MS KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to give a brief update on the department. On May 29 the Executive Council approved the Eastern School District Labrador District Budget. So this budget covers *Inuttitut* teachers and life skill teachers and also a NAPE salary increase for them, moving the curriculum centre from Happy Valley, Goose Bay to Nain or Hopedale, a diploma incentive bonus for *Inuttitut* teachers, which is something that the former Ordinary Member for Hopedale lobbied hard at the Assembly for, so it's good to see that it's actually happening. And there are other programs and services that are offered that are over and above the provincial curriculum. So it's good to see that that is in place. And Postsecondary Student Support Program. This year the number of applicants meets the needs and the money that is in place for postsecondary. So all applicants that applied on time with postsecondary will be funded to go to school. So that will be 64 new full-time applicants and there's 75 continuing and 20 part-time. Our staff has been really busy working on the Inuit Bachelor of

Education program that is slated to start in September in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. This program will also pilot the Culture, Recreation and Tourism's Labrador Inuttitut Training Program and will be part of the program throughout, and it will be 9 to 12 hours per week. So we're very excited about that, and there are 42 modules in the program. There are 24 eligible applicants, who applied for the Inuit Bachelor of Education Program, and we're still waiting for one more budget and we will send it to the Executive Council for approval. So we're still hoping that it will start in September. There has been a draft document created to set up a memorial scholarship in honour of Loretta Saunders. We will now discuss with the family to get their viewpoints on how best the scholarship should be implemented. Mr. Speaker, with the Labrador Aboriginal Training Program, there has been a number of short-term training programs taking place, and the Construction Craft Worker Program started in Nain yesterday, and three weeks we'll be in Nain and three weeks we'll be in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Last week there was the graduation of the Tower Assembly Construction course, and several weeks ago there was a rebar graduation and there's a new Rebar Program that started Monday as well. So that's a positive step. Inuit Pathways. They have many more applicants than there is funding that was received from Service Canada with their assets program, and also with the ABE Program in Nain and

Hopedale. Now that it's gone to another service delivery model, the tuition is very high, which makes it difficult. However, over the last couple of years we were able to give some money through our department budget to help offset and fund more students and we're hoping that we'll be able to do that again this year. Mr. Speaker, in Economic Development the Economic Development Program Committee has approved several projects within the communities. On April 30 to May 2 there was a regional training program that was brought in from the Harris Centre to work on economic development and sustainable communities and that was very well received. Brent Denniston has been hired to work as a business development officer to help people start up new businesses or expand and provide support and counselling. Josh Pamak is our procurement specialist and he helps business get contracts with large companies such as Voisey's Bay, the provincial government, federal government, et cetera. And we just hired Nicky Okkuatsiak as a youth ventures co-ordinator, and he's situated in Nain. He'll be working in all the Nunatsiavut communities and he will help young people start up businesses. All the economic development staff took part in the Train the Trainer Program, and they did networking facilitation skills, developing business plans, and it was a very worthwhile training program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:Thank you, Minister Kemuksigak. I recognize the Hon. GregoryFlowers, Minister for Health and Social Development.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a few announcements today, Mr. Speaker. I would like to begin with announcing the Inuit Woman of the Year for 2014. This year there were ten women who were nominated to be recognized for their contribution to their families and communities. With the input of AnânauKatiget Tumingit, the Status of Women co-ordinator narrowed the ten down to three: Jessie Ford of Nain, Nellie Winters of Makkovik and Mary Adelaide-Dicker Andersen of Nain. I am pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's 2014 Inuit Woman of the Year will be Mary Adelaide-Dicker Andersen of Nain. Mary will be the second recipient of this award. This is what was written on the nomination for Mary. Mary has opened her home to many, many children and youth who were feeling sad, unsafe, or just wanted a good night's sleep. For some reason she had never asked for help and always put others before herself. She goes to clothing giveaways and would spend hours searching for clothes for children and youth who continuously go to her house. During the night Mary cares for her own children and family endlessly, and on top of that she takes care of her elderly mother daily who lives on her own. She currently has two foster children as well. Also when children and youth spend nights at her home she always makes sure that they are fed and gets

them up for school. She is an amazing woman, someone who I believe who is like every woman should be, but what our grandmothers were like, working hard, taking care of her family and even other people's children when their parents are unable to do so. Not expecting anything in return and never asking for help, feeling deeply for our community's children and doing her part as an Inuit woman. Congratulations, Mary. We are also pleased to announce that Stacey Shiwak recently completed her dentistry and will be providing dental service in the communities of Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet in the near future. Congratulations, Stacy and welcome. And also, Mr. Speaker, the Intergenerational Trauma and Addiction Team, along with two elders, recently facilitated a two-week program for elders in Hopedale and also training in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. The programs were positive and we hope to deliver similar programs in other communities in the near future. The team is currently in Roddickton, delivering a two-day training workshop for foster parents also, Mr. Speaker. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to once again talk a little bit about the closure of Newman's, Mr. Speaker. Many people from Nunatsiavut were displaced when Newman's closed, and Newfoundland Government assisted my office overseeing four support housing units funded by the province, a short-term solution. The province has now recognized that this assistance continue for the next six months until another group can

be supporting the housing model. The NG has stated clearly that the housing support model has to say that they must be established and funding within Nunatsiavut as well. Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to say we are working on that and hopefully in the near future we can bring some of our displaced people from our communities, our homeless people, back to our communities. That is our goal, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

- MR. LYALL:Nakummek, Minister Flowers. I recognize the Hon. Darryl Shiwak,Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.
- MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Renewable Resource Division. The commercial shrimp in the area of 2JS Crab Fishery are officially underway with the openings of the 2JHN Snow Crab and competitive and communal turbot fishery scheduled to begin in July. 2014 NG commercial fishery designate selections have been completed. Thirteen designates in total have been selected to harvest our snow crab, shrimp and turbot allocations. For the second year a salmonid tagging program will be conducted based out of Rigolet. The tagging program is due to begin in July and will run for approximately eight weeks. The English River Counting Fence near Postville will once again take place this summer, 2014. Mr. Speaker, the Labrador Aboriginal salmon fishery is a much-debated subject at the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization, or NASCO. Our deputy minister has recently returned

from this year's NASCO meetings as part of Canada's delegation. Wildlife. Mr. Speaker, from June 4 to the 10, 2014 a predator collaring program will be conducted on the George River Caribou Herd range based to assess the impacts of predators on the herd. Following this, an aerial census of the caribou will be conducted in July, 2014. Deputy Minister McLean, along with President Leo, who is Co-Chair, recently attended the UPCART meeting in Kuujjuarapik, Quebec, along with other Aboriginal groups. Discussions were advanced on developing a management plan for the George River Caribou. The Torngat Secretariat presented potential management plan considerations, and the Aboriginal groups each provided updates on their activities related to caribou and harvesting. We are pleased that through UPCART we continue to make real progress on this important file. The 2014 polar bear season was one of the most successful on record with all licences being filled by the month of March. While the Davis Strait's polar bear status is currently under review, the NG is working with all stakeholders to ensure our quota is maintained for 2015. Mr. Speaker, the Renewable Resources Division is having ongoing discussion with the federal government in an effort to identify options for addressing spring migratory bird harvesting rights in the Upper Lake Melville region known as Schedule 12-E. Our Land *Claims Agreement* states that the migratory spring migratory harvest in 12-E was in place for nine years after the effective date of the claim. These nine years expires this year. Non-renewable Resources Division. Exploration in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, it has been the trend for the last number of years, work plan submission has been in decline across LISA including Labrador Inuit lands. To date, the Non-renewable Resources Division has received three work plans for exploration projects to be conducted on LIL, this upcoming summer. As well, we provided comments for one work plan on LISA. The decline in exploration in Nunatsiavut follows the general decrease in activity across this province, as well as across Canada. The primary challenges for the exploration industry are the lack of available capital to finance projects and lower commodity prices and the volatility of the global mining economy. Increasing our understanding of the mineral potential within Nunatsiavut is important to preparing for resource development in the future. The division of Non-renewable Resources were working closely with other research and government agencies including the province's geological survey office to build our knowledge of mineral deposits in Labrador Inuit lands. Quarry Standards. Mr. Speaker, since 2010 the Nunatsiavut Government and the province have been in negotiations regarding the quarrying standards. As is with the exploration standards, once approved, the quarrying standards will establish a clear set of

procedures and regulations to quarry operators in the Labrador Inuit lands. The negotiation with the province is currently in its final stages. Once resolved, the Nunatsiavut Government will conduct consultations with quarry operators and the Nunatsiavut communities to ensure that the standards make sense from an operations and community planning perspective. Oil and Gas Exploration. Mr. Speaker, oil and gas exploration has been increasing over the past five years. Not since the 1980's has this amount of activity been seen. There's more exploratory work expected in the coming years. To date, there are four exploration programs planned for off the coast of Northern Labrador this upcoming summer and fall. Although none of these programs will enter the zone off the coast of Nunatsiavut, the division of Nonrenewable Resources has been meeting with exploration companies, as well as provincial and federal regulators, to express our concerns, or environmental impacts with seismic activity, particularly as it relates to the Northern Fishery. The division has been actively engaged with companies to ensure that Inuit employment and business contracts are maximized. We have seen positive steps in this direction. Lands Division. The GIS specialists work closely with the lands manager to fulfil and complete Labrador Inuit land applications. We have completed all GIS requirements for the Trent University project, Torngat Mountains Caribou Inuit Novelty Study.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform you that we have had recent discussions with Parrot Survey's Limited to develop a GIS mapping database of all surveyed lot, title information for each Nunatsiavut community. Once completed, this will be an invaluable resource to us in each of the Inuit community governments. The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism has been completing work regarding *Inuttitut* place names and has requested work with the GIS department to develop an *Inuttitut* place name database. This work is ongoing. Mr. Speaker, the Land Registry has received 18 applications since the beginning of January, 11 of which are for cabins, the rest range from mineral exploration to archaeology. Also 14 cabin leases were finalized and registered during this time. Our office continues to process certificates of title. Approximately a quarter of our backlog has been printed and distributed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Minister Shiwak. The Chair recognizes Hon. Kate Mitchell, First Minister.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Okay, I'll give an update on the different divisions in our department. First of all the implementation of the *Land Claims Agreement*. The Implementation Committee met on May 27 to 28. The 2014-15 board budget and work plans were approved and are now ready for signing by the ministers. The committee has set out a process and timeframe for the boards to

submit their budget and work plans in the fall in order that the funding agreements can be approved and signed by March 31 each year. Consultations with the Torngat Secretariat and the board chairs regarding their renewal of the ten-year implementation plan are concluded, and a report has been submitted to the Implementation Committee by the Torngat Secretariat for consideration during the implementation plan, renewal, and negotiation process. The implementation plan negotiators are scheduled to meet on June 25. Mr. Speaker, in regard to the enrolment of beneficiaries, the enrolment of beneficiaries and appeals processes is ongoing and there are currently 7,220 beneficiaries enrolled on the register. The Registrar's Office Membership Committees and the CLO's met in May to review the draft regional membership list. Sheila Angnatok, the co-ordinator, has done a good job and the regional membership list is getting closer to completion. The Registrar, Don Dicker Sr., is planning to schedule another workshop for the Membership Committees, Inuit Appeals Board and CLO's for this fall. Public Property and Infrastructure. We're in the process of issuing a request for proposals for the design and consulting services for a six-unit staff housing complex in Nain. Our plan is to contract the consultant who will prepare the complex design then issue the tender for construction. The NG will select a successful contractor and ask

that materials be delivered to Nain 2014 and that the construction be completed in 2015. A contract for design on consulting services was awarded to Atsanik Consulting Limited for renovations to the office building in Rigolet. Atsanik Consulting has visited the building with their electrical consultant and met on site with our public property manager, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, and other Nunatsiavut government staff to discuss the appropriate renovations. When the design is completed, Atsanik Consulting will issue the tender for construction and work is expected to be completed this fall. The Nunatsiavut Government is in the final stages of a construction management contract to procure the services of Nillik Construction, NGC, for construction of the Illusuak Cultural Centre. The work will be done in phases and we hope to have Phase I, which is the site work, and break water this summer. Mr. Speaker, in regard to housing. The NEC has approved an approximate \$2.4 million budget for Torngat Regional Housing Association for 2014-2015. This funding is for housing construction and repairs. The Housing Needs Assessment Strategy. The Nunatsiavut Government Departmental Housing Working Group is scheduled to meet in Nain on June 17 to discuss and advance the draft housing needs assessment strategy and determine the next steps to advance the process. Our consulting and engineering firm, FGMDA, has completed their first report from the

community consultation process and a report was filed with the Nunatsiavut Government. The first round of community consultations regarding the housing protocol type was completed in Nain in late May. They are still on schedule for construction of the first multi-unit dwelling in Nain this summer. Emergency Housing Repair Funding. As the Assembly was informed, the province and Nunatsiavut Government have allocated \$700,000 to a housing repair fund for 2014. We are still trying to confirm a face-to-face meeting with NLHC to discuss the eligibility criteria, determine what homes will receive repairs and who will actually do the construction work. In preparation for this meeting the Nunatsiavut Government Departmental Working Group has scheduled a meeting with Torngat Regional Housing Association Board of Directors in Nain on June the 18. This meeting will discuss Torngat Regional Housing Association's current policies and Torngat Regional Housing Association's construction process and plans. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to marine transportation, the latest update on the Northern Ranger is that the new cylinder blocks are being installed on schedule and the latest possible date set by the province is that the vessel will be ready for service no later than July the 15. However, the province is still hoping that the Astron commences the freight service to Nunatsiavut, that the vessel may be ready for service as early as the end of June. If the Northern Ranger is not

ready for service when the Astron commences the freight service to Nunatsiavut, the province will put in place an air service for passengers until the Ranger is ready. The Astron is ready to assume the freight service from Lewisporte to Nain via Goose Bay; however, the province cannot establish a start date until Transport Canada determines that the ice conditions will allow the Astron to navigate safely within Labrador. Immediately upon approval of ice conditions from Transport Canada, the schedule for the Astron and shipping dates will be announced. One clarification I would like to make is that the Northern Ranger is owned by the province. The province sets the schedules and freight rates and Nunatsiavut Marine has a contract with the province to operate the vessel subject to schedule and conditions set by the province. There is severe damage to the dock in Makkovik, which will affect the ability to vessels to dock safely. The damage was caused by severe ice conditions. We have alerted the province and we are told that a crew from Works and Transportation will be in Makkovik this week to assess the damage and determine the repairs. I intend to meet with Minister McGrath at his earliest convenience to discuss these issues as well as seeking information on the request for proposals for a new vessel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Hon. First Minister, Kate Mitchell. At this time I'd like to call for a break and we shall reconvene at 25 minutes time, so 20 after ten. Thank you.

(Recess)

- MR. LYALL:We're back in session. Now we're to item five, "MemberStatements." Are there any Member Statements? I'd like to callOrdinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Patricia Kemuksigak.
- MS KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Northwest River United Church for their generous donations to Hopedale for used clothing and personal care products. I would like to thank Philip Earle of Air Labrador for their donation of reduced fare or free air flights for people to attend funerals. That was happening a lot in the last little while. I would like to commend Northwest River Heritage Society for their work in preserving the heritage of Northwest River. I would like to thank the Department of Health and Social Development for assisting in setting up for displaced Newman's Boarding House residents. And I would like to thank the Labrador Friendship Centre for setting up assisted living arrangements for the former Pine Lodge residents after the Pine Lodge closed. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.
- MR. LYALL:Thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Patricia
Kemuksigak. I recognize Dan Pottle, Ordinary Member for the
Canadian Constituency.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek UKâtik. On behalf of the constituents of Canada, both Patricia Ford and I would like to offer our condolences to the family and friends of RCMP Constables Fabrice Geraudan, Douglas Larche and Dave Ross, who were gunned down in the line of duty last week in Moncton, New Brunswick. We also wish a speedy recovery to the other two officers who were also targeted by the gunman in this tragic incident. We would like to say Nakummek to all the RCMP officers who provide policing services to the citizens of our great country. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to, on behalf of the Canadian Constituency, send my condolences to the communities and families in Postville and Rigolet as you grieve the loss of the late Dylan Pottle. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Nakummek UKâtik.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I'd like to recognize Hon. Greg Flowers, Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

MR. FLOWERS: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to once again congratulate Marjorie Flowers and Sarah Jensen for their continuous work in our community. These two women show great leadership and hard work in our community, and not only what they were recognized for today, Your Honour, but also for the ongoing effort that they do in our church. They really, I must say, do a lot of work, especially during the winter months when they have to go down and get everything ready for services and stuff. I'd just like to say once again that it's really appreciated in this community. And also, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to say as Ordinary Member for Hopedale, I've been negotiating with Marjorie on a van for the seniors of this community. We're looking at, this summer, starting a seniors van up for the community with the day care van, which will be vacant for the rest of the summer after our day care is out. So we will do a pilot on that one, and the seniors, I hope, really appreciate it there. They've been asking for this for some time, and to just let them know that we are looking for funding. We will be submitting proposals for funding so that we can get our own van and then look for a driver full-time so that we can offer this service and whatever else that our seniors are asking for, which would help them greatly for things that they need in the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I'd like to recognize Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to try not to cry. I rise in this Honourable House today, first of all and foremost, to thank, on behalf of my family, to thank everyone for their support and prayers in our time of need. I'm not going to mention people, but there are a couple of organizations that I really want to mention. Nunatsiavut Government, especially the Department of Health and Social Development and the Department of Education, Philip Earle and Air Labrador and Aurora Energy. There's many, many more, but I just wanted to point out that. Secondly, I want to congratulate the two students who graduated from Northern Lights Academy this year; Shanae Dicker and Destiny Shiwak and to wish them well in their future endeavours. And, thirdly, to announce to this Assembly that this will be my last Assembly. I am stepping down as AngajukKâk for Rigolet, but I would like to thank all the Hon. Members of this House for their support and guidance over the last four years. And, lastly, I'd like to thank the residents of Rigolet for electing me to represent them. I really enjoyed the last four years. I'm a politician at heart and I will miss some parts of that part of my life, but I've accepted a position with AnânauKatiget Tumingit. So I don't think this is the last you're going to see of me, as my other passion, and some of you would probably say my biggest passion, is working with women and children to help improve their lives. Thank you all and Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I'd like to recognize Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to take a minute to acknowledge our youth who have made the milestones in their education this year. Hard work and determination is what got them to where they are today. They are our future and they should be recognized for their accomplishments. First of all, congratulations

to our two JCM high school graduates, Scott Wolfrey and Jake Basto. To our university graduates, Andrea Andersen, who received her Bachelor of Arts degree in kinesiology. Very proud to say that Andrea graduated with honours and receiving a scholarship from Memorial University and plans to return to school, and after completion of her degree that she'll be returning to Nunatsiavut to work with Nunatsiavut, to Matthew Winters, who earned a degree in Bachelor of Science majoring in marine biology from Memorial University, Jenna Andersen, who earned a degree of environmental science and outdoor recreation and she graduated from the Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Congratulations to Matthew Hans Winters, Dave Evans Dyson and William Nochasak, who were successful in receiving a diploma in rebar training, to Paul and Jake Andersen for receiving a diploma in steel tower assembly at CONA sponsored by LATP. Congratulations to Brandon Pardy who earned a diploma in carpentry. To Nathan Broomfield, who earned a diploma in cooking. To Jordan Broomfield who earned a diploma in video game design and also to Paul Mitchell and Jerry Ford who earned an electrician diploma at CONA. And they both made the honour roll. Good luck to each and every one of them. Secondly, I'd like to recognize a resident of Makkovik, Ivy Strangemore, who just recently retired from her position. Ivy has served our communities for quite a number of years. She worked

with Child, Youth and Family Services, and I'd like to just wish her the best in her future endeavours. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I recognize Diane Gear, AngajukKâk for Postville. **MS GEAR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to give the Assembly an update on the work that's going on in our community on our community centre. As most of you know, we started doing a community centre last year in November. We're doing it on the project management and that means that it's being mainly constructed by the Postville Inuit Community Government. Work is progressing very well. It started last November and now the windows are all in the building and the siding, some of the siding is being put on, and we had workers on all winter despite the very cold temperature. So I think the workers, we have seven workers; I think they need to be commended for working out in the cold all winter. I think they may have had one day off. So we're very, very pleased with the work that's going on there. Also at the same time I'd like to send my condolences out to Gloria and her family and also to Charlotte and her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I recognize Ed Tuttauk, Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation Incorporated. **MR. TUTTAUK:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. As many of you know, I will not be

running in the upcoming election. Over the last seven years I have

encountered many wonderful people, including civil servants, nongovernment and government officials and constituents from all communities. I would like to thank the people of Northwest River for having the faith in me and supporting me for the past two terms. I am truly humbled. I would like to thank each of you for taking the time to open your hearts and speaking with me, whether it's on Assembly business or just conversation. Lastly, I would like to thank my family for supporting me over these nearly seven years. As politicians, sometimes family life gets put on the back burner, and I think all families should be acknowledged. I wish you all the best in the future and I'm sure our paths will cross again. Nakummek.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I recognize Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MR. BLAKE: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. One month ago eight beneficiaries were listed as homeless. Currently, there are five that I'm aware of in Upper Lake Melville, based on statistics provided by Scott Hudson, the housing support worker at the Labrador Friendship Centre. This information came to me recently through advocating for an Upper Lake Melville beneficiary facing a homeless crisis. Along with this statistic, there are many more who are sleeping in tents, sheds, couch surfing or sharing accommodations that may be overcrowded, undesirable or unsafe. It is crucial that we continue to work together to address homelessness among our beneficiaries. In recent months, much has been accomplished through co-operation, commitment and compassion. The Nunatsiavut Government Department of Health and Social Development must certainly be acknowledged for stepping up and taking action in this matter. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I'd like to recognize Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I want to take this time to recognize a young lady, a mother, who will be attending the Algonquin College in Ottawa. For almost 30 years Nunavut Sivuniksavut has been offering college classes to Inuit students through the Algonquin College in Ottawa. The program is a unique eight-month college program. In combination with traditional and cultural teaching, the program provides students with opportunity to learn about Inuit history, organizations, land claims and other issues relevant to their future in Nunavut. Students enrolled in the program also gain a valuable life experience by spending eight months in an urban setting moving their own as independent adults. The program was only offered to Inuit from Nunavut until now. Ms Silpa Saurak from Nain has been accepted into the program. She's the first Inuk from Nunatsiavut to be admitted. I'd like to wish her well at the college. Ms Saurak continues to work with us through the

Department of Health and Social Development as a youth outreach worker programmer, and she also helped us with the matter, apprentice course, as well. So I'm wishing her well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I recognize Max Winters, Chair of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation.

MR. WINTERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. President Leo, Ministers, Ordinary Members, AngajukKaat, chairperson, it is my pleasure and honour to speak to you today. First of all, I want to thank my wife, Mary, our children, Marlene, Maxine, Leanne, and John Paul for their unwavering support during my time as chairperson for NunaKâtiget. Without them, I would not have been able to do it. For that, I am forever thankful and grateful. Secondly, I would like to thank the Inuit people of Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Mud Lake who have also shown their tremendous support during my seven years as chairperson. I hope in some way we have together made a positive difference. Finally, but not lastly, I want to show my appreciation to my board of directors, Paula Saunders, Ruby Best, Sheila Saunders, Irene Bird, Ralph Tooktashina and Leanne Hill. Their commitment and dedication to our mandate cannot ever be truly measured. From all the beneficiaries in Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Mud Lake, thank you. Just by way of my background for you new members, I first moved to Goose Bay in 1942 and stayed at

Otter Creek. We went back to our birth place of Makkovik in 1943 and came back to Goose Bay in 1947. Happy Valley, Goose Bay has been my home ever since. In all that time I have never lost touch of my Makkovik home. My family is there, my Inuit values and ties. As most of you know for the last few years I have been ill from time to time, but I am happy to report that I have been able to continue to hunt, fish and participate in our Inuit traditional ways. The very things that keep me close to who we want for those who went before us. One of the biggest accomplishments of NunaKâtiget, with the support of the Assembly, was the Community Freezer. This service is a wonderful success. It has always been our elders to have important traditional Inuit food. It has allowed them to eat the food that they grew up eating. It has also allowed the Inuit of Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Mud Lake to lessen the burden on their food finances by this program. I encourage the Assembly to continue to support such a worthwhile project. In closing, if I could leave you all with one bit of advice. Please seek the advice and input from our Inuit elders. Their wisdom, their knowledge, their experience, their basic understanding of complex issues should be respected and requested. I can almost guarantee you it will be helpful. Their generous knowledge of our culture must be sought and listened to, and please remember in order to

know where you are going, you must know where you have been. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I recognize Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville.

MR. EDMUNDS: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to everyone who has served the government in the last few years, last several terms, and I'd just like to let you all know that we heavily appreciate the foundations that you have laid for us. It's great to see you at the table, Max, and I very much appreciate your congratulations and kind words that you have extended. I do realize the large footprints that I will be following, which are heavily marked by my grandmother throughout the years, and I will continue and I will do my utmost to pay respects to the work and the views that she and the elders of my community expressed to me. Everyone here throughout the government and our communities are all sending condolences to the Pottle, Jacque, and Wolfrey families for their loss two short weeks ago. There has been an outpour of support for the grieving families, and even as we sit here, Nancy Hall's co-ordinating a benefit. I'd like to thank her for involvement and for her assistance. Dylan had a tremendous influence on many lives, and the ongoing support for the families is indicative of that. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. MR. LYALL: Nakummek. I recognize Tony Andersen, AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to very much thank the Torngat Regional Housing Association for inviting us once again to their annual Assembly that was held in Rigolet last year, and I would like to, Mr. Speaker, commend them on the fine job that they do. On a shoestring budget, and as we know and have been told, by Nunatsiavut through their housing survey, we are, in fact, a region in crisis, housing crisis. And an amazing job that they do. And representatives from the five communities, instead of fighting, they work together to provide the best possible options, I guess, to communities. And it was so good that we were able to get through a two-day budget in one day, not because there weren't things to talk about, but it was because of just the co-operation between the Inuit Community Governments and the representatives from the communities on the Torngat board and the delegates at the AGM. So I think from time to time they need to be acknowledged for the tremendous work that they have done over 30-odd years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: I recognize Kate Mitchell, Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I, too, would like to pass along my condolences to the communities of Rigolet and Postville. We all shared in your grief and with your sadness. And now I would like to acknowledge and congratulate some members from my community, and this is mainly in regard to the Lab Cup. Tom Evans, of Makkovik, he was the recipient of the Wayne Winters Lifetime Achievement Award, and this was sponsored by the Department of Justice, and this is quite an accomplishment because Tommy played in 31 of the 32 years in the Lab Cup when the Lab Cup was sponsored. So that is quite an achievement and he played this year with his sons as well. And also, too, the Makkovik ladies team, they received the most sportsmanship award and the MVP for the ladies was Jessica Winters from Makkovik, and for the MVP for the male, Trent Pottle from Makkovik. So I would just like to acknowledge those contributions from people from my community. Thank you.

- MR. LYALL: Nakummek. Item six, "Returns to Oral Questions." Are there any returns today? Item seven, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? I recognize Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.
 MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question's directed to the Minister of Lands and Resources. Just for the benefit of our plant workers in Makkovik, I'd like to ask you if you know what quota are we getting this year for our plant in regards to both species; crab and turbot? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
- MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks for the question. It's a very good one. As we know, that the fisheries are very important to the community of Makkovik and hopefully we have a successful year this year. For crab quota for 2JNH North, we have approximately

264 metric tonnes and for 2JS it is 71 metric tonnes. So you're looking at the north for the Makkovik plant for turbot. We have 189 metric tonnes of communal, but the competitive, we don't know that yet. That's depending on the draw and how that draw goes, and that'll dictate how much turbot quota goes in Makkovik. And the others for the crab. You're asking for the crab and the turbot, right?

MR. LYALL: Do you have a supplementary question?

MR. JACQUE: No, I don't.

MR. LYALL: I recognize Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville.

- MR. EDMUNDS:Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the
Minister of Education and Economic Development. CDLI has been
used as a way to overcome barriers in teaching in the province for
12 years, and the preservation of our Native language has been one
of the top priorities for our government. Just last night we discussed
that *Inuttitut* teacher availability will not match demand. Has using
distance education for the instruction of *Inuttitut* in our schools been
considered yet? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.
- MS KEMUKSIGAK:Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. One of the
areas that we're trying to help with the preservation of the language
is to include the Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program in the Inuit
Bachelor of Education Program. So we're hoping through this
program that people will have the language skills to teach *Inuttitut*
in the schools. We would also consider looking at the distance

education. That's something that I'm not sure if it was looked into in the past, but we can look at it in the future. Thank you, Ordinary Member, Edmunds.

MR. LYALL: A supplementary question? I recognize Wayne Piercy, AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

- MR. PIERCY: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister with regard to our shipping services. Transport Canada, when they get in contact with people with ice conditions, who is the go-to person for them? And I'd like the consultation in each of our communities because as you came in from south, as you could see, we could have the Ranger possibly come in, but what I'm getting at is, like, each year we're waiting on Transport Canada to say yes, the ice conditions are good. Ice conditions are bad. Ice conditions are blocked. So I just wanted to know. Where I work at the community office, Transport Canada has never yet consulted the Inuit Community Government about ice conditions.
- MS MITCHELL: Thank you, AngajukKâk from Hopedale. Well, to my understanding, I think how Transport Canada monitors ice conditions is they use electronic equipment, or whatever it is. I'm not sure what it is, but I think it's something to do with the satellites, or something, that they monitor the ice conditions. So, to my understanding, that's how it works and, as far as I know, they don't just go by asking people within the communities. If I'm wrong, I'll

check it out and certainly get back to you, but that's my understanding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. A supplementary question?

MR. PIERCY: The reason I brought it up is, like, the past weekend here in Hopedale we were assuming we wouldn't get out in the boat until a bit later. Then overnight all the ice was clear, so if the Ranger actually had freight ready to come up we would have had it probably by Tuesday of next week, right? So just again, like, our traditional knowledge of the way, especially with climate change now, I think we should have some input from each of our communities on saying to Transport Canada, if it's all decided on from technology, a little bit of Inuit knowledge of saying yes, the tide's high right now so probably this evening the ice is going to clear out again. Nakummek.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. I recognize Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister
 Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. A little over a
 week ago Patricia and myself had a meeting with Carl McLean,
 your Deputy Minister, on the migratory bird spring harvest in 12-E,
 and we were informed that he's in negotiations with Environment
 Canada in this matter, and I'm wondering why the minister's not
 involved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. I recognize Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this point the negotiations or the terms and negotiations are what's running the meeting. We're trying to come to a common ground with Environment Canada to see if there's anything that can be done. As I said in my statement that the migratory birds harvesting ends this year after nine years within the land claims, and we're looking to find common ground with them, and that is left up the Deputy Minister and the Director of Renewable Resources to meet with the staff of Environment Canada. If there's ever a time that I need to meet with the Minister from Environment Canada, then I will do so, but I am not involved directly within negotiations of trying to come to find out if there's anything that can be done with the extension with the 12-E migratory bird harvest in 12-E. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just wondering if this is the procedure that you follow, that you don't get involved? Like the deputy minister is involved and you don't get involved until there's, I guess, an answer? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. MR. LYALL: That was your first supplementary question. I recognize Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. **MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, that is usually the case. When our

government works with another government, whether it's the federal

government or provincial government, our staff, whether it's the Deputy Minister or director, deal with their counterpart within that department within that government. That is the normal procedure and, like, I say, when it comes to a time when I, as Minister, have to be involved with their minister, I will be involved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

- **MR. LYALL:** Thank you. Do you have a final and supplementary question, the final question?
- MR. BLAKE: In saying that, Minister Shiwak, I'm not quite understanding when it's your time to be involved. Is it after negotiations are final, or do you get involved before this is final? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
- MR. LYALL: Thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I believe the question shall be answered by Madam President. The question has been deferred.
- **PRESIDENT LEO:**Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member Blake. I
just want to, I guess, maybe give you a better understanding. I can
kind of see where your question is coming from, and this is sort of a
government-wide, not so much, policy. We have our staff, our
Deputy Ministers, our Directors, and on down, who are the technical
experts when it comes to any kind of negotiation. They're the ones
that enter into, like, the Minister of Lands and Resources said, into
the discussions at the same level with the respective government
that we may be negotiating in. Now that's not to say, and I know in

my experience with the Minister of Lands and Resources and any other ministers that I've been working with previously, that while they are not directly involved in the discussions or the negotiations, they certainly are aware of what's going on and the government's input is presented at that table.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Madam President. I recognize Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I'm going to preface my question, though, by repeating something that Max Winters said; is before we know where we're going, we need to know where we came from, and my question is with reference to the evaluation or review or whatever it was that was going on with Voisey's Bay. I want to know where that is at. I asked a couple of Assemblies ago, I think, about that and it was ongoing at that time. And the reason I have a concern is because I was contacted by the person who was a part of doing that evaluation and I haven't had any contact since, and I was really interested. I'm really interested to know what we've done right and what we've maybe not done so right so that the next time around if there's some kind of a mine opens up, we can have that information and that review done and to guide us to maybe make better negotiations the next time. So I've got a couple of

supplementary questions, but I want to know, first of all, where that evaluation is at right now.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. I recognize Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently, that review is on hold. It was due to be complete at the end of this year, but we have put that on hold for the time being. And, again, as a government, we want the same thing. The IBA with Voisey's Bay is extremely important to us, extremely important to Nunatsiavut, extremely important to the beneficiaries of the Agreement, and we want to know what we did right, what we did wrong and how we can improve it in the future. That was the whole basis for the report and for the assessment or evaluation, but currently it's on hold, and we are looking to find ways to continue it and to move that report so we can come to completion and present that to the beneficiaries and to the government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. MR. LYALL: Thank you. I recognize Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY: Thank you. I changed my supplementary question. Why, why is it on hold? Can you give us the reason why it's on hold?MR. LYALL: Thank you. Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural

Resources.

- MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Specifically, I cannot give you the details of why it's on hold. It's on hold for administrative purposes within the government. Like I say, it's not on hold because we don't want to complete the project. It's on hold because of an administrative issue. We want to complete the project and make sure we get that issue to, again, to the beneficiaries and to the government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
- MR. LYALL: Thank you. Do you have a final supplementary question?
 MS WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do. I just wonder why, to this Honourable House, you can't give us the answer as to why it's on hold. Aren't we supposed to know those things? I don't understand why you can't give us that answer. I really want to see this done and I'm concerned about it. I'm not going to be here to ask again in September so someone else can take up my cause, but I want to know why we can't know why it's on hold.
- MR. LYALL: Thank you. Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.
- MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I understand the frustration that you may have and you wanted to see this done and wanted to know the specific reason why it's on hold, but there are issues within the department with this certain project that we are working through with the specific employees that we need to deal with first, and I can't, again, I can't release the details. I can't release personal

information before we deal with those issues within the department. Again, we want to get this project done. We're trying to get this project done, and it's for the benefit of everybody to get this project done. And, again, I apologize for not being more specific, but just to say that we're moving ahead and we want to get it done, and as soon as we can get something to this Assembly and to the beneficiaries of the *Agreement*, we will. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:Thank you. I recognize Wayne Piercy, AngajukKâk for Hopedale,
for your second and final question.

MR. PIERCY: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister Shiwak. I was having a chat earlier with Mr. Winters and I'm not too sure what my intent is for the coming fall, so this may be my last sitting too. So in saying that I had a chat there with Mr. Winters and we talked about firewood again. So last time around we brought it up and it was late in the fall, so with the chat that I had there's plenty of firewood up there where they cut the line. So firewood is accessible again and in better shape than what it was last time around, but the reason given to us last year was we had to wait until the NGC made a profit first. So even though they already have an operational budget, I was just wondering if we could go ahead and start the process of gathering the firewood to send to the communities on the north coast again and then hoping that NGC will actually have a profit. They're coming towards the end of the shipping season. Nakummek.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regards to the firewood, yes, you are correct. Last year it was Nunatsiavut Group of Companies that made the decision to bring that firewood in to Nain and Hopedale, and it was agreed. It was fairly late in the year. I cannot speak to how they make their decisions or why they make their decisions or when they make their decisions. The only commitment I can make to you here today is to ensure that your request is brought forward to Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, that the communities would like to see this action happen earlier than in the year, in the shipping year, rather than later so that the communities are ensured of getting that available wood that's up resulting because of the Muskrat Falls project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. Do you have a supplementary question?

MR. PIERCY:Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. From where I sit, I'm asking you and
requesting from you, where you're a member of the NEC, I request
that you, where you're a part of the decisions that come down
through the pipe, that you make that part of probably NEC's
mandate to ensure that the coast has firewood for the fall. Thank
you.

- MR. LYALL: Unfortunately, it's under Section 32(2). An oral question shall be concise and clearly put and shall refer only to a matter which may be reasonably assumed to be within the present knowledge of the president or the minister to whom it is directed, and I believe that was more of a statement than a question.
- MR. PIERCY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Concerning the beneficiaries in need of firewood, I would like to put it out there that we ensure that we have firewood for the upcoming fall, so all the members that's associated with it. Thank you.
- MR. LYALL:Again, that was a statement. It needs to be in the form of a question.I'd like to recognize Herb Jacque, for the second question,AngajukKâk for Makkovik.
- MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health. A concern and a question from an individual in the community of Makkovik. There seems to be a lack of homecare workers for our seniors, long-term, short-term. What's your intent, or how can we improve this service to our community? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: I recognize Hon. Greg Flowers, Minister of Health.

MR. FLOWERS:Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.As you know, I have a big mandate with the Department of Health.To be totally honest with you, I have not heard anything of thismatter in front of me at this time. So to answer you directly, I will

certainly look into the matter and see why there is a problem with Homecare Support workers for our seniors. And all I can say is that I'll look into the matter and I'll get back to with a written or answer by telephone, whichever you prefer and we can certainly go from there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:Thank you. Do you require a supplementary question? I recognizeCharlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. Northern Lights Academy has been notified that they've lost half a teaching unit, so there's, like, 6.5 teaching units in Rigolet. That includes the administrator. We're probably the first benefactor in Nunatsiavut of some of the cuts made by the new school board. Anyway, Rigolet, and this is with an increase in the school population from the year before last, and an anticipated increase in the population for this coming year, and I'm just wondering if you could try to work with us to try to lobby to revisit that decision that was made by the school board and to see if we can get our half a teaching unit back. There's not going to be any Physical Education teacher. The K to 6, or whoever it is, their teachers are going to take them in and teach them physical education and the other ones, junior and senior high, is going to be taught by the homeroom teacher. So, you know, that in an atmosphere where we're all encouraged to do more activities and

stuff like that. So I just wonder if you could try to work with us to try to get that reinstated somehow.

- MR. LYALL: Thank you. I recognize Hon. Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Education and Economic Development.
- MS KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. We will bring this forward to the English school board and the Labrador school district to try to advocate to keep that half position in place for Rigolet and also bring forward the concerns that the population is increasing for school, but the position is going down. So we will work to try to advocate and work with the Rigolet community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
- MR. LYALL: Thank you. I recognize Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville.
- MR. EDMUNDS:Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Hon. First
Minister. There are currently 57 low income housing solutions
provided by NLHC in Nunatsiavut. Each community benefits from
this, aside from Postville and Rigolet. Why is it that the NLHC fails
to provide this support for these two communities? Nakummek, Mr.
Speaker.
- **MR. LYALL:** Thank you. I recognize Hon. Kate Mitchell, First Minister.
- MS MITCHELL:Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your question, OrdinaryMember for Postville. I'm sorry. I don't have an answer for you

right now. It's something that I'll have to check out for you and get back to you. Thank you for understanding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. I recognize Tony Andersen, AngajukKâk for Nain.
MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. It was good to hear the minister talk about a pilot project for a seniors' van in this community and that, I think, is something that communities look forward to. I'd like to ask the Minister whether or not there is any intention that his department would, in the foreseeable future, provide transportation so that seniors and others can access DHSD programming within the communities.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. I recognize Hon. Greg Flowers, Minister for Health and Social Development.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk for Nain. Yes, I certainly will look into the matters and, you know the senior van is one thing and there are a lot of things that we need to work on with the seniors and the needy in our communities. So one of my things that I'm looking at doing is meeting with my Deputy Minister this week, after the Assembly, and looking at, specifically, things like what you're talking about because there's a lot of need for different programming and things in our communities, and I hope that, with input from people like yourself in your communities that, you know, you can come to me on a regular basis and let me move in our

department, find things that are needed in our communities and, you know, move it forward and it's always a challenge to try and bring things forward and money is always an issue but, you know, to look at programs or look at funding so that we can do other things in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. Do you have a supplementary question? I'd just like to remind the Assembly, each member is allowed two questions each day. Are there any other questions? Item eight, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions? Item nine, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns today. Item Ten, "Petitions." Are there any petitions? Item 11, "Responses to Petitions." There will be no responses today. Item 12, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." On behalf of, and as Chair of the Rules and Procedures Committee, I would like to report that the Rules and Procedures Committee met by teleconference on June 4, 2014. The standing orders guide the composition of the standing and special committees. The last Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol was composed primarily of AngajukKâk because it was felt that these issues affect all areas, but it does greatly impact the quality of life in our communities. If the Assembly were to accept the Rules and Procedures Committee recommendations for the name of the AngajukKâk in June, those names may or may not be changed after the elections in September. So we agreed that we

would deal with this matter after the elections at our September sitting. Because Standing Order 64(1) states that at its first sitting, after a general election, the Speaker shall name the members of the Standing committees of the Assembly on the recommendation of the Assembly, and we want to present names for people to sit on the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol at our September sitting, I, as Chair of the Rules and Procedures Committee is asking the Assembly if it would agree to waive Standing Order 64(1) so that this matter can be dealt with after the September elections. Does the Assembly agree?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

- MR. LYALL: Are there any nays? There are none? The committee membership of the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol will be presented by the Rules and Procedures Committee at the September, 2014
 Assembly Sitting. Item 13, "Tabling of Documents." I would like to recognize the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Hon. Sarah Leo.
- **PRESIDENT LEO:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. At this time I would like to document the

 Annual Report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly from the Nunatsiavut

 Secretariat.
- **MR. LYALL:** Thank you, Madam President. The document will be numbered as tabled document, 1-3(2). I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance and the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Hon. Dan Pottle.

- MR. POTTLE:Nakummek UKâtik. As the Minister of Finance, Human Resources
and Information Technology, I am pleased to table as per Part VI,
Section 58 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, The Annual Report
from our department for 2013-2014. Nakummek UKâtik.
- MR. LYALL: Nakummek, Minister. The document will be numbered as tabled document 2-3(2). I recognize Minister of Health and Social Development, the Hon. Gregory Flowers.
- MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the Regional Health Plan for 2013-2018 and the Annual Report for the Department of Health and Social Development for the year 2013-2014. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
- MR. LYALL: Thank you, Minister Flowers. These will be numbered as tabled documents 3-3(2) and 4-3(2). I wish to recognize the First Minister, the Hon. Kate Mitchell.
- MS MITCHELL: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to table the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs 2013-2014 Annual Report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Thank you.

MR. LYALL:Thank you. This will be numbered as tabled document 5-3(2). Iwish to recognize Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to table 36 letters from Inuit in
Nunatsiavut who recently expressed concern about the escort policy
of non-insured health benefits, who talk about the lack of medical

quality care that they have experienced and who talk about the racism that they have experienced in the health system. About the need for adequate interpreters will going on medical trips and a whole range of other health-related concerns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak. Thank you. The letters will be considered as one document and this will be numbered as tabled document 6-3(2). In future any letters being tabled in the Assembly will not be accepted unless they are signed by the person writing the letter. Are there any more documents to be tabled? If not, we can move on to item 14. Item 14, "Notices of Motion." Are there any notices of motions? Item 15, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices of motions for the first reading of bills today. Item 16, "Motions." Are there any motions today? Item 17, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. Item 18, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today. Item 19, "Assent to Bills." There are no assent of bills today. Item 20, "Adjournment." Before we leave, I have asked that a written brief be distributed on our recent Iqaluit trip with the Nunavut Legislative Assembly. You'll find them in the back of your binders. I would like to offer some final comments. The Nunatsiavut Assembly Delegation experienced a trip of a lifetime. The hospitality was outstanding.

The experiences we had were extremely beneficial, and the lessons we learned are summarized in the hand-outs that you received. I suggest you review them immediately. I wish to note that one of the actions we can implement immediately is that if a member wishing to excuse himself or herself from the Assembly meeting for a short period will bow to the speaker before leaving and before entering the table. This would allow the speaker to concentrate on procedures and Orders of the Day. Andrew Hamel is available to do individual computer training for members during this Assembly, and I would encourage all those who are interested to contact him directly. The Assembly is now adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow morning, Wednesday, June the 11.

MR. POTTLE: I know the Assembly is adjourned, but I just have one question on the process that you just outlined, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the Assembly Member potentially excusing himself or herself from proceedings. Will there be an amendment to the Standing Orders to reflect that? Nakummek.

MR. LYALL: After the Rules and Procedures meet. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LEO:And just this is completely away from anything else. The NEC will
meet at 1:30, but on another note, the photographers' supposed to
come in today. So this evening, if she gets in this afternoon, tonight
we will be doing the portraits of the new Assembly Members, as
well as we're going to hold off on a full Assembly portrait now

because, for the same reason, the Alcohol and Drug Committee wasn't appointed because in a few months, couple of months, we're going to have an election. Hopefully some of you will be back. If not, we'd rather get it with the new Members going into the next term.

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- MR. LYALL: Ullâkut Illonasi. I would like to call to order the spring session for the Second Session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly, and I ask Wilson Jararuse to say the opening prayer.
- MR. JARARUSE: [prays off record]
- MR. LYALL:Item two, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." I would like to
welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest
in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Any member wishing to recognize
visitors in the public gallery today? Item three, "Minister
Statements." Are there any minister statements? I recognize Hon.
Richard Pamak, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.
- MR. PAMAK:Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I didn't realize yesterday that I
had to raise my hand to give a Ministerial Statement to you, and I
thought Mr. Speaker was going around the table and singled me out.

So the next time I'll certainly raise my hand or give in a wink. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to report to the Assembly on the Fifth Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum held in Nain last week. Our distinct culture and heritage is why we have a land claims and why we are investing as a government in key areas of the Labrador Inuit culture. The annual heritage forum brings community delegates together with funding agencies and academic resource people. This year's theme, "Sustaining Traditions, Planning Transitions," saw discussion on our rich collection of historical material, including Moravian records, collections in key institutions like the Perry McMillan Arctic Institute at Bowdoin College, genealogy research which has a real value for our membership committees and how we can design our communities to reflect our identity. Each year connecting to the schools and local artists is an important part of the heritage forum, and I would like to especially mention the incredible performance put on by students of the Jens Haven School, the Nain Church Choir and the Nain Brass Band. It was a celebration of culture, traditions and clear evidence that Labrador Inuit have a rich and vibrant culture which is practised by all ages. The forum also was key in building a foundation for new initiatives, including the contact development phase for all cultural centre exhibits, development research priorities for all culture, research initiatives in partnership with Memorial University and, most importantly, supporting the

heritage and cultural work in each community. There's a lot of great work going on in our communities and the forum provides an opportunity to showcase it. We know that strong heritage and culture is part of healthy and sustainable communities. We also know that pride and celebrating identity is also key to healthy contributing citizens. The heritage forum is contributing to our government's vision, and I quote, "The vision of the Nunatsiavut Government is to have vibrant, self-sufficient Labrador Inuit practising their unique culture and traditions throughout Canada in healthy, Nunatsiavut communities and sustainable governments." To the many people who have participated in the 2014 Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum. I officially thank you for ensuring we sustain traditions and plan transitions, and I will present to the Assembly in the fall the official 2014 Heritage Forum Report. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the Torngâsok Culture, a division of Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism with the Nunatsiavut Government, is mandated to promote, protect, preserve and advance the culture and language of the Labrador Inuit. Established formally in 1979 work has been ongoing on a number of language and cultural programs. The memoirs of Titus Joshua and Joshua Obed stem from one such program. Rose Pamak, as Director of the Torngâsok Cultural Centre, through the funds from the Secretary of State and what was called the Department of Indian Northern Affairs Canada,

now known as the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, established a program where elders would record themselves on videotapes, telling of their life stories and history on the land that is now called Nunatsiavut. Fillipus Titus Joshua and Joshua Henoch Obed were two respected elders who were hired for this program. Joshua was born November 5, 1905 in Nain, and passed away Northwest River on September 27, 1980. Titus was born September 25, 1904 in Zoar, and passed away in Nain on November 24, 1972. While working on this project they would gather together, hit the record button and travel back in time as they recall stories of their youth. The wealth of information contained in recordings is a legacy to those great storytellers. The recording was completed for house at the Torngâsok Cultural Centre in Nain. Notable individuals who aided in making this project a reality include Gary Baikie, Director of Torngâsok from 1988 to 2002, Mary Andersen, Liz Semigak, Nancy Maggo-Winters, Rita Andersen, Harriet Andersen, and the late Mr. William Kalleo. The first edit of their memoirs was conducted by Bob Rupert, who, at the time, was a professor of journalism at the Carleton University and working as a consultant to OkâlaKatiget Society. Catharyn Andersen, Director of Torngâsok Cultural Centre, was integral in moving this book development forward as she completed the final edit of the English version of the document. The Isumatat

Committee comprised of interpreter/translators with the Nunatsiavut Government, along with David Kajuatsiak, completed the edit of the Inuttitut version. In 2005 tragedy struck. The Torngâsok Cultural Centre, which was housed in the same building as the OkâlaKatiget Society, burned to the ground. Not only the building was lost, but all archival material that had been gathered since the centre began were lost. Through generous donations, Torngâsok was able to acquire some materials that were lost and begin their collection once again. However, some things were lost forever. One item lost was the audio recordings by Titus and Joshua. As luck would have it, though, the hard copy of the transcribed and translated English text had been given to Tim McNeill, the Director of Education, and it was stored in his office in Goose Bay. In 2011 work began on inputting the English translation into an electronic document and then translation into Inuttitut. With translations completed and reviews of both the English and Inuttitut complete, funding for the development of this book was garnered through the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* and the Nunatsiavut Government. This collection of memoirs from two very respected Inuit leaders, is a tribute to the knowledge and way of life of Inuit and a true statement to the strength and resilience of Inuit in Nunatsiavut. With great gratitude we dedicate this book of memoirs to the late Mr. Titus Joshua and Mr. Joshua Obed. Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to add too that we will be formally

releasing the book, hopefully in mid-July in Hopedale, and certainly have presence at the release of the Philip Abel family from Hopedale the Abel family in Nain, which will be recognized as part of the release. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek, Hon. Richard Pamak, Minister of Culture, Recreation, Tourism. I recognize the Hon. Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Education and Economic Development.

MS KEMUKSIGAK: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to do a little bit more of an update on the Economic Development Division. Community Economic Development Program. Mr. Speaker, the CEDP Program Review Committee has received a number of projects for review. The committee has approved the following: 10,300 for the Makkovik Radio Society, 17,650 for the Makkovik Craft Council, 14,490 for the Rigolet Inuit Community Government for the exploratory mission to the Carino Newfoundland seal skin processing plant and 77,345 for the Torngat Arts & Crafts in Nain. The committee has also offered recommendations for the number of projects from Rigolet Inuit Community Government pertaining to both their tourism plan and the possibility of the Mealy Mountain Park Skateway being in Rigolet. Mr. Speaker, the Economic Development Division is involved in discussion with Vale to look at the business development opportunities offered by the Voisey's Bay Project now and when they go underground. Mr. Speaker, the

Women Entrepreneurs Summit. As part of this partnership with the Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs, or NLOWE, the Economic Development Division invited a delegation of seven women entrepreneurs and would-be entrepreneurs from Nunatsiavut to attend an NLOWE annual conference in St. John's on April 2 and 3. The Nunatsiavut delegation had a private meeting with the NLOWE board and staff to discuss the benefits of partnership before attending the conference opening reception. School Visits. The Economic Development Division, keeping youth in its focus, is currently doing school visits to promote entrepreneurialship. Josh Pamak and Nicky Okkuatsiak are both visiting high schools in Nunatsiavut this week to talk about the programs and services offered by the Economic Development Division, including its Youth Ventures program. The Economic Development Division is planning on working more closely with Culture, Recreation and Tourism for Economic Development through heritage and tourism opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:Thank you, Hon. Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Education,
Economic Development. I recognize the Hon. Darryl Shiwak,
Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Environment Division, the Lower Churchill Lake Melville project court dates for our judicial review regarding Muskrat Falls and the inadequate consultation and accommodation have now been set. The Provincial Supreme Court matter will be heard on September 22 and 24, 2014 in St. John's while the federal court matter will be heard on October 20 to the 22, 2014 in St. John's. This past fall we continued a field program for the Lake Melville Research and Monitoring Program. We continued to conduct work related to the downstream environment and will be publishing peer-reviewed papers and reports over the coming months, especially those related to mercury. With world class science and research we have learned a lot and fill a lot of knowledge gaps that were left behind by Nalcor as well as the provincial and federal governments. Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Inuit in the Upper Lake Melville and Rigolet area who have participated in our dietary survey work related to baseline work within human health risk assessment. It is incredibly appreciated and together we will protect their health and rights. The Sustainable Communities Initiative. We have held a housing risk assessment that has helped determine the root cause of some of the major chronic issues associated with housing. We have held a design Charrette for a multi-unit dwelling and now have limited design options. We'll be working with the government, Charrette participants and the local construction experts to refine the design and develop drawings for the multi-unit dwelling. We are

working with the Nain Community Government to find a suitable location so we can finalize the site specific designs of the building. Mr. Speaker, through the Sustainable Communities Initiative, we have also recently worked with the Community of Hopedale to amend the old community plan. We've also worked with the community to develop and new sustainable community plan that involved mapping of important cultural places, places of value, landscape hazards, snow and wind modeling and involved extensive consultation with the community and its council regarding a future vision for the community. We know that we cannot solve the housing crisis without looking at the community mapping and planning as well as energy security. So, first, we'd like to thank the AngajukKâk from Hopedale and his council for all their efforts in working with our team. We've also secured an energy security advisor that started preliminary work on energy, security strategy for Nunatsiavut that will have affordable home heating at its core. Mr. Speaker, we are also conducting work around food security. This includes an Arctic char social fishing program that happened in 2013 in partnership with Torngat Fish Producers Co-op and the Economic Development Division. This program is substantially cheaper than most food security programs operating in the north. And a final note, regarding food security, we are working with the Food Security Network of Newfoundland and Labrador

communities and Department of Health and Social Development to help develop food security programs and, ultimately, a food security strategy for the region. Mr. Speaker, we are also working again with the AngajukKâk from Hopedale to try to press the province to efficiently spend their next \$6 million towards the remediation of Hopedale and to have the province determine a public communique, the cost of a full clean-up in the community and harbour, as well as the length of time that will require a next step that's part of the community meeting. Impact and Benefits Agreement. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the new members of this Assembly, our IBA coordinator is Theresa Hollett. She's responsible for administrating, co-ordinating our responsibilities under two Impact Benefits Agreements; the Voisey's Bay Project and Torngat Mountains National Park. Under the Voisey's Bay IBA, my Deputy Minister and the IBA Co-ordinator represent of the Nunatsiavut Government and the committee which has representatives from Vale. This committee meets on a quarterly basis. One of the priorities in the near term is to advance the understanding of opportunities and requirements for procurement and training in anticipation of the decision by Vale to move the project to underground mining. Mr. Speaker, in regards to the Torngat Mountains National Park, Parks Canada and the Nunatsiavut Government, Makivik met in Dartmouth on April 2 to the 4 to discuss the closure of the

Archeological Collections Branch next year. NG and Makivik were not consulted by the closure and there are artifacts housed at Dartmouth from the Torngat Mountains National Park. Canada must consult with both NG and Makivik prior to moving artifacts as per the IBA. Discussions are ongoing on the issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

- MR. LYALL: Thank you, Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Item four, "Member Statements." Are there any member statements? I recognize Daniel Pottle, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.
- MR. POTTLE: Nakummek UKâtik. I have been informed by the lawyers for the Newfoundland and Labrador residential schools class action law suit that the trial will take place in November, 2014 in St. John's. For the interest of Assembly Members and beneficiaries, if you require further information on the class action law suit, or if you have any particular questions regarding this class action, please contact Steven Cooper by email, s.cooper@awoc.ca or Ches Crosbie at crosbie@chescrosbie.com. If any member would like the telephone numbers for Steven Cooper or Chas Crosby, I certainly would be happy to provide that to you as well. Nakummek UKâtik.
 MR. LYALL: Nakummek, Daniel Pottle, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. I recognize Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, since this is my final statement, I'm going to talk about some of the things, or some of what I see as things that need to change or be looked at for all of us to be more effective members. I think people heard me say before that after four years here I'm finally starting to get the hang of how things are proceeding and how I should be talking and when I should be asking what questions or whatever. It took me a long time now, but I noticed, though, that Roy yesterday, you wouldn't know, but you were here for a few years. So everybody might not be like me. You did really well yesterday. But, anyway, first, I think there really needs to be an orientation package for all new members. This package should include all the by-laws, all the laws and Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Members Handbook, etcetera, and given out all together in a package where we have orientation training sessions. And that the training sessions, I think, should be longer than they are. You learn a lot. I know it's information overload, but I really wonder if they should be longer than they are. These are my own opinions. And also I really feel that there should be orientation packages for the training of councillors at a community level. Like people come in, the councillors aren't given very much. They don't know that the Code of Conduct applies to them and things like that, so I really think that there should be something at a community level. Mr. Speaker, I also have an issue with the requirement to become an ordinary member, especially as it relates to AngajukKâk having to resign in order to run for ordinary members. I want to know, can this requirement be looked at to see if it can be changed? I feel that everyone should be treated equally, and if an employee of Nunatsiavut can take a leave of absence from their jobs to run as Ordinary Members, and members of the Assembly could take a leave of absence from the Assembly to run for offices of president, why can't the same criteria be applied to everyone? I really think that it should. And I know the answers that were given me from legal counsel and, for me, I am not satisfied with this. And I really think that if there's some way that this issue can be, for the lack of a better word, investigated, to see if it can be changed. If, indeed, that was the will of the Assembly or the will of the beneficiaries, I really think that this needs to be looked at and I'm saying this as outgoing. It's not with bitterness or anything like that. It's with what I see as justice for everyone. Like, you know, I think that everyone should be treated the same. And, lastly, again, I would like to wish everyone well and ensure you, though, from me, as a beneficiary, that I have every confidence in your wisdom and judgment to make lives better for all Labrador Inuit beneficiaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:Thank you, Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. I recognizeTyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville.

MR. EDMUNDS: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to recognize the efforts of Postville's DHSD Team in supporting the annual Janet Memorial Walk which we had three weeks ago, and we use as a rally for Cancer Awareness Week. It was a high level participation as our community members joined the walk, not only to fight against cancer, but to remember Janet's tremendous influence that she had in our community. She spearheaded many community programs, was deeply involved in the church, and was a strong leader for our community. E Women's Ministry Group has undoubtedly been inspired by her through the years and they continue to do the work that she's left behind. Three weeks ago they worked steadily to organize a farewell supper for our pastor. The food was delicious, the music was great, and it would not have been possible without their hard work. Tracy's involvement in the church and the community will undoubtedly be missed and we thank him for his efforts throughout the years, and we are hopeful for the appointment of another strong congregation leader before the summer ends. The Rosetta Stone Level II Inuttitut instructional CD has not been formally launched in Postville. With the guidance of Silpa Edmunds, our Community Liaison Officer, and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, we hope to have a luncheon next week for the public where they'll interact with the program, hear from Silpa, and hopefully be inspired to use the software as a useful

guide in their attempts to learn our language. This upcoming week on Monday, June 16, Aurora plans to do a community consultation in Postville highlighting their current and future plans just as they have done with the Nunatsiavut Government. Claude, our homegrown geologist, will be taking care of the community consultations, along with the help of Chesley Andersen. These consultations have proven to be useful in the past for creating solidarity with the communities, and if Aurora's operations are viable in the future, they will need to continue this communityoriented approach. Although a six-week program is a hard hit for those who depend on Aurora's Michelin Project, it's undoubtedly appreciated help, especially given the current price of uranium, which caused many other companies to cease their operations entirely. I'd like to thank them for accommodating me in the past, enabling me to work flexible schedules as I continued my studies. I wouldn't have done it without their support. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville. I recognize Tony Andersen, AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN:Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would very much like to
commend Roxanne Andersen, who, through her own time and effort
and resources collected from residents in Nain, and in some cases,
horror stories, of how people have to travel for medical reasons

without medical escort. Roxanne is a youth and recognizes very much that the problems, I think, some of the problems associated with our medical care in Nunatsiavut. I commend Roxanne for her research and also thank the Ordinary Member, a good friend, Richard Pamak, for tabling this document, and I truly hope that the Minister for Health and Social Development will ensure that his staff reads this document and that, you know, it simply won't die as a document in the back of our binders. And, again, let me say to Roxanne, thank you very much, Roxanne Andersen.

MR. LYALL:Nakummek, Tony Andersen, AngajukKâk for Nain. I recognizeWayne Piercy, AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

MR. PIERCY: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to congratulate the graduates of ACMS, Allan Jensen, Justin Tuglavina, Clara Lidd, Danika Winters and Natalie Lane, and a big thank you to them, and we had a wonderful graduation ceremony, and thank you to the parents and guardians of these fine children for 13 years of support, and thank you to Mr. Edmunds as well, as we had the opportunity to fire off some shot guns after church service. So at the church service we contacted the RCMP and four of us took our guns down to the wharf area and as the graduates threw up their caps we fired off a few rounds out of our shotguns and, again, thank you to the principal for setting it up. Thank you to the MHA for being able to fire off a few rounds; to Kelsey Hunter and to Ben Coombs as well but, most importantly, thank you to the parents and guardians of these fine children and congratulate them on their future endeavours. Nakummek.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek, Wayne Piercy, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. I recognize Darryl Shiwak, Ordinary Member for Rigolet.

MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the community of Rigolet I'd like to thank Charlotte for all her years of dedication, bringing your issues or the community's issues to this Assembly and working on those hard issues within the community and bringing the community forward. You have done an extremely well job and you will be surely missed. Charlotte, Max and Ed, you've indicated that you will not be with us in the fall, and anybody who might not be here with us in the next sitting, it's been truly an honour and a privilege to work with each one of you and to advancing this Assembly and growing this government and ensure that we move ahead for the betterment of everybody. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. MR. LYALL: Thank you, Darryl Shiwak, Ordinary Member for Rigolet. Item five, "Returns to Oral Questions." Are there any returns today? Item six, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? I recognize Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville. **MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health and Social Development. We've established social supports and

cancelling services in our communities under each DHSD Team,

programs which use culturally-oriented approaches and are vital for the well-being of our communities. Should a beneficiary leave their community for work or schooling for a prolonged period, what similar programs do we have in place should they need them? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville. I recognize the Hon. Gregory Flowers, Minister of Health and Social Development.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your question is a good one, Ordinary Member for Postville. Again, as you know that I am new to this position and I certainly, as you spoke, I am not quite aware, but I did have some preliminary talks with my deputy minister on the cases that you raise and, you know, I know that a lot of times some of our people, you know, want to advance themselves in different ways and try to find other things to help themselves so that they can come back to communities. Right now, I don't know what's in place, but I certainly will look into the matter and not only for you, for all of our beneficiaries that, you know, we had to look at what we can do in cases like you had raised. So, you know, give me a little bit of time. I am going to Goose Bay now on some matters and I certainly could discuss this and get an answer for you. And, furthermore, I'd just like to say, I know I might be out of order, but when the AngajukKâk for Nain was speaking, I certainly, you know, would have liked to have spoken to it because I...

- MR. ANDERSEN: Point of order. The Minister under the Standing Orders, the Member Statements, Mr. Speaker, are not debatable. Therefore, I don't think that the Minister has any opportunity to stand and speak to my statement. Therefore, I believe that the Minister is out of order. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
- MR. LYALL:The Minister is out of order. Please respond to Tyler Edmunds,
Ordinary Member for Postville.
- MR. FLOWERS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I understand. Like, I suppose
 I, Tyler, I concluded what I've got to say to you, but if, you know, I
 will certainly again I will be looking into the matter and I'm
 always approachable for you to talk to me in private. Thank you.
 MR. LYALL: Supplementary question? Thank you. Thank you, Hon. Gregory

Flowers, Minister of Health and Social Development. I recognize Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, I might be ruled out of order too. It refers to what I was talking about in my Member Statement, and it's to the first minister. To ask if there is any way that there could be a review of that piece of legislation that says the AngajukKâk has to resign their position in order to run for Ordinary Member. Can we look at that? Is there any way you can look at that? Thank you. MR. LYALL: Thank you, Charlotte Wolfrey. I recognize Hon. Kate Mitchell, First Minister.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you, AngajukKâk Wolfrey, for your question. In response, I would just like to tell you that that would fall under the Secretariat. So it would be the President's Office, and I'm sure that the President will be able to give you an answer to your question. Thank you.

MR. LYALL: I recognize the Hon. Sarah Leo, President.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk Wolfrey, for your question. With regards to a review, I'll answer your question in the sense that can - I don't know if you wanted me to answer can it be reviewed, but there's sort of a process that I need to explain and the answer will come out of that. Just to sort of give a background with what, and maybe somebody's going to call me out of order because I'm not really directly answering the question, but I'm giving the context behind the question. What the AngajukKâk from Rigolet is referring to, under the Constitution. In the Constitution it states that - if you already sit on a legislative council, another Assembly, you cannot run for Ordinary Member. So in the way that it's worded, if you are a member of another Assembly, say, the MHA is a beneficiary and he decided to run for Ordinary Member, he would have to resign because that's another legislative Assembly. The Inuit Community Governments are governments amongst themselves. When an AngajukKâk is elected, they're elected as a

member of the Inuit Community Government. They sit on the Assembly by virtue of their election on the Inuit Community Government. Therefore, they are representatives or a member of another legislative council. So because of the wording in the election, they would have to resign from their seat as a Member of the Inuit Community Government being a legislative council in order to run in our government as a member of our Assembly. Ordinary members, obviously, they don't resign because their term is up, and they just run. With regards to civil servants, or people that are paid under the Nunatsiavut Government, when they run for Ordinary Member, they have to take a leave of absence, they're just employees. But the reason an AngajukKâk has to resign is because they are a member of another government separate than the Assembly, so they have to resign from their seat in order to run just as an MHA or an MP would. Therefore, it's in the Constitution worded that way. A review of that clause would include a review of the Constitution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:Thank you, Hon. Sarah Leo, Madam President. Is there a
supplementary question? I recognize Charlotte Wolfrey,
AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MS WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wasn't talking about Ordinary Members running as Ordinary Members again, but I was talking about the other issue is that if an Ordinary Member wants to run for president

and they're still sitting as ordinary member, they can still run for president and take a leave of absence from the Assembly. And that's, you know, that's the part that I think is a bit unfair, but I didn't know it was a *Constitutional* thing. I thought it was in the *Elections Act.* If it's a *Constitutional* thing, then it certainly makes it harder to change, but, you know, there are things in the *Constitution* that I think we all need to look at anyway, and since our *Constitution*, I'm told, is more complicated than the *Constitution* of the United States of America, I think we've got a few issues with...

MR. LYALL: Point of order. Please state your question, madam.

MS WOLFREY: Okay, that's okay. I was just referring to the part where an Ordinary Member doesn't have to resign to run for president. So that's kind of a question. Yes, why is that allowed?

MR. LYALL:Thank you, Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. I'd like to
recognize Hon. Sarah Leo, President, Nunatsiavut Government.

PRESIDENT LEO:Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll just go back to the point of anyone
running, either for the President or a member of this Assembly, by
President or Ordinary Member, because the Ordinary Member and
the President are part of the same legislative council, being the
Nunatsiavut Assembly, an Ordinary Member does not have to resign
because they are part of that government. Am I explaining it? Do
you understand what I'm saying? Within this Assembly, actually,
we have two levels of government. We have the Nunatsiavut

Government, the Nunatsiavut Assembly, which is made up of the Ordinary Members and the President. The AngajukKâk and the community chairs that sit on the Assembly are here as *ex officio* members, but they have the same voting privileges and speaking privileges as Ordinary Members, but they belong to a completely separate legislative council, being the Community Corporations and the Inuit Community Governments, and that's why an Ordinary Member does not have to resign and they can take a leave of absence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

- MR. LYALL: Thank you, Hon. Sarah Leo, President, Nunatsiavut Government.Do you have a final supplementary question? Thank you, CharlotteWolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. I recognize Wayne Piercy,AngajukKâk for Hopedale.
- MR. PIERCY: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Mr. Shiwak, Minister for Lands. In July we've got an upcoming census on our caribou. So after we find out the findings of the census of caribou, I was wondering if there was any possibility that you would be in any position to look at the upcoming season to at least provide caribou for our Community Freezers? Nakummek.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Wayne Piercy, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. I recognize Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.MR. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, there is a census on the caribou in July, and indications are less. Census indicated there was over

19,000 caribou and indications are that may be below 16,000. I won't assume anything. We'll wait till that census comes out, but with regards to providing caribou from the George River Herd to the Community Freezers, that you are aware that there is a provincial total allowable harvest of zero in place. So it is illegal to hunt the George River Caribou for anybody. But, again, our position, and it continues to be our position with the provincial government is that the ban should only apply to non-Aboriginal groups. Leave the management of the George River Caribou and the other caribou herds up to the different Aboriginal governments and different Aboriginal organizations and we will continue to push that. And with that, we'll become, if we can get there, we will get a management plan in place and hopefully be able to look at different things for different communities in different regions. But as of right now, as it stands today, there is a total allowable harvest of zero in place by the province so it's illegal to hunt the George River Caribou. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

to our community and wanting you to come to our community and

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Hon. Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I recognize Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.
 MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My issue or question of concern is for the President. President Leo, a couple of beneficiaries approached me prior to this sitting and were concerned about the lack of visitation

visit and bring along your new Ministers with you. When, and will you do it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:Thank you, Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize
the Hon. Sarah Leo, President, Nunatsiavut Government.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you, AngajukKâk. And I guess I have to say I haven't been to the communities, any of the communities, as much as I would like to be. Unfortunately, I do a lot of travel, but very few of it is in the communities, and I really would like that to change. We do have a schedule and I, unfortunately, don't have it in front of me, but I will email it out to the other Assembly Members as to when the Executive Council will be in each of the communities. As I stated in my address yesterday that we had made a commitment to go into the communities. I do have it thanks to the Minister of Finance, the schedule. On the 7 and 8 of July we will be in Rigolet. The 5 and 6 of August, we will be in the community of Makkovik. In each of the communities we visit, we will be holding an Open House, much like we did here the other night. The 14 and 15 of October, we will be in Postville. The 8 to 10 of December, we will be in Nain, and the 9 of February, the week of the 9 of February, we plan to be in Northwest River. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LYALL:Thank you, Hon. Sarah Leo, President, Nunatsiavut Government. Irecognize Hon. Sarah Leo, President, Nunatsiavut Government.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you. I just sort of wanted to add something onto that with regards to community visits. I know there are a lot of the festivals and events that are going on in each of the communities. It would be good if some of the communities let me know when these are going on so maybe if I'm doing any travelling or can make some arrangements to be in the communities while these events are happening. Thank you.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Hon. Sarah Leo, President, Nunatsiavut Government. Item seven, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions? Item eight, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns today. Item nine, "Petitions." Are there any petitions? Item Ten, "Responses to Petitions." There will be no responses today. Item 11, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." I do not believe there are any reports today. Item 12, "Tabling of Documents." Does anyone wish to table any documents? Item 13, "Notices of Motions." Are there any notices of motions? Item 14, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices of motions for the first reading of bills today. Item 15, "Motions." Are there any motions today? Item 16, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. Item 17, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today. Item 18, "Assent to Bills." There are no assent to bills today. Item 19, "Adjournment." Nakummek. I would like to thank the Members for your dedicated

participation. I'd also like to thank the staff for their contributions, and I give special mention to the translators/interpreters, Rita Andersen and Wilson Jararuse, and the pages, Colin Hunter, Tabea Onalik and the assistant to the clerk, Hilda Hunter. And if any Members would like IT training, Andrew Hamel is available, and I would also like to thank him for the help with the audio equipment. Also, again, I'd like to thank OkâlaKatiget for the recording of the proceedings, and I wish all of you a fine summer. Remember why we're here. I'll see most of you again at the fall sitting. This Assembly is now officially adjourned until September 15 to the 19, 2014. And also Augusta Erving. Nakummek.