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PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**March 6, 2018**

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**In Attendance:**

**Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for Canada  
Honorable Edward-Blake Rudkowski**

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe**

**First Minister, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell**

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

**Minister of Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Acting Minister of Education and  
Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable  
Tyler Edmunds**

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

**Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Honorable Jim Lyall**

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

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Jack Shiwak**

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

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

**Chair for Sivunivut, Mr. Derek Montague.**

**Director of Legal Services, Mark Gillette**

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

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

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

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

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

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

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

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings were recorded in Inuktitut and  
English.**

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**MR. PAMAK:** (Recites Prayer).

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. I'll call upon the  
President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe,  
to do the opening address.

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**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, Uhatik.* Four years ago Members of this Assembly stood in a moment of silence to honour the memory of Loretta Saunders, a young Inuk woman whose life was taken away in a brutal and senseless act of violence. While I wasn't a Member of the Assembly at that time, Mr. Speaker, the tragic murder of Loretta Saunders touched us all. It made all of us realize just how precious life is and how it can be taken away in an instant. Later this week, Mr. Speaker, I will be in Happy Valley Goose Bay to provide opening remarks during the Truth Gathering Process hearings as part of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. I will share my experiences, try and offer hope and lend my support to those impacted by all forms of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans, QTS community. In the end, it is my hope that the concerns of Labrador Inuit will be heard loud and clear by the inquiries commissioners, and that those concerns will be given full consideration in the inquiries final report. Mr. Speaker, I travelled to Ottawa to listen to Finance Minister Bill Morneau hand down this year's Federal Budget. As I sat in the diplomatic gallery, I felt a sense of pride knowing that all

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of our hard work, dedication and determination is starting to finally pay off. The investments announced in a budget will help us deal with our current housing crisis, improve the health and well-being of many of our people and create opportunities that will see our communities grow and prosper. While we await final details, Mr. Speaker, we are confident this budget puts us in a better position to deal with some of our most pressing issues. Some \$400 million will be invested into housing in Nunatsiavut, Nunavik and the Inuvialuit Settlement Area, and our \$82 million will be set aside with sustained funding of \$6 million a year to create a permanent Inuit health survey. As well, some \$27 million has been committed over the next five years to eliminate tuberculosis in Nunatsiavut and the other Inuit Regions. Mr. Speaker, all of this funding plus more will be Inuit-specific, Mr. Speaker, to be administered by the Inuit Regions by Inuit and for Inuit. As a government we have proven that we are responsible, open and accountable. That we are better positioned to administer federal funding directly to our people and to our communities. We know our issues and we understand our greatest needs. And we are pleased that the Government of Canada recognizes this.

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I want to thank all Assembly Members past and present, as well as our dedicated employees for the hard work, long hours, sacrifices and commitments in pushing our agenda forward and getting us to where we are today. Mr. Speaker, this will be the last time we will gather together before elections are held in May for Ordinary Members. For those of you seeking re-election, please accept my best wishes in your campaigns. For those of you not running, I want to thank you for the work you have done during your term in office and to wish you nothing but the best. It takes a tremendous amount of commitment and dedication to serve in public office and you should be commended for taking on that challenge. *Nakummek, Uhatik.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, President Lampe. Are there any Members who wish to recognize visitors in the gallery today? As I cast my eye up I see nothing but our own ever vigilant and hard-working support staff. So thank you for accompanying us on today's Assembly. Please be advised that the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mrs. Patricia Ford, has been properly excused from today's sitting. And I want to spend just a couple of seconds introducing our pages who have come from long and far away to join us on this weekend. Greg

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Langille joins us from Ottawa. Many people don't know Greg, but many people do know his grandfather who was a very significant figure in the formation of this very Assembly building, Mr. Sam Metcalfe. And I'm sure if Mr. Metcalfe was here today he would be heartened to see his grandson is serving in the building that he worked diligently to establish. So, Greg, thank you for joining us. Troy Obed, I believe he's coming. One second. We'll give him a bit of a grand notice when he walks in the door there. Anyway, Troy is the son of Dina Obed from Nain and also Bill Denniston. Unfortunately, both of his parents are no longer with us, but he does represent one of the many beneficiaries living in Canada who, for whatever reason, life has taken elsewhere and is in the process of re-connecting with his roots, and I'm heartened to see him here and thank him for the efforts that he made to voyage all the way from Toronto to accompany here at this Assembly. And just as a side note, one of the things that we've started doing as of this Assembly meeting is we started taking pictures of our pages and we're going to post them on the walls. So if you notice in the hallway you'll see pictures of both Greg and Troy and they will be there in perpetuity, and I hope that's a

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1 practice that will continue going forward. Onto item four of  
2 the *Orders of the Day*, "Minister Statements." Are there any  
3 Ministers wishing to make statements today? Just to revert  
4 for one second. Troy, we just talked about you and  
5 acknowledged and thank you for your presence. This is Troy  
6 Obed. Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable  
7 Kate Mitchell, First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

8 **MS. MITCHELL:**

9 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased to submit to the  
10 Assembly a brief update on the activities of my Department  
11 since the last Assembly Sitting in February, 2018.  
12 Implementation. The Implementation Committee will meet  
13 again in April. The parties are communicating on finalizing  
14 the Board's 2018-2019 Budget and Work Plans. We will  
15 have the 2018-2019 Board Funding Agreements ready for  
16 signature by the respective Ministers by March 31st, 2018.  
17 Public property. In regard to staff housing, Mr. Speaker, my  
18 Department has requested that funding be included in the  
19 2018-2019 Capital Infrastructure Budget for one additional  
20 staff housing unit. The DHSD building in Hopedale. In  
21 consultation with Department of Health and Social  
22 Development the design for the proposed new DHSD  
building in Hopedale has been completed and the

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consultants are in the process of preparing the construction tender documents. This building will have office space and programming space, a meeting space, a daycare facility and a walk-in Community Freezer. In order to fully accommodate the size of this large project, officials of the NG have been having discussions with agencies of the federal government on obtaining some additional land adjacent to the Nunatsiavut Government's property. We hope for a positive response in the very near future. We anticipate that the construction contract be awarded this spring in order that the contractors can begin to have materials delivered to the site when navigations opens. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to Illusuak, the substantive completion certificate for the building was issued by the consultant and the Nunatsiavut Government has taken possession of the building. Alliant is in the process of installing the telephone lines. We expect that Parks Canada will move into their offices in the Illusuak building by the end of March. The theatre, the exhibit and final landscaping will still need to be completed before we can have the official grand opening of the building. Work is continuing on these items and they are scheduled to be completed late in

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the fall of 2018. And the Nunatsiavut Government expects to have the grand opening before Christmas. The prototype complex in Nain. Mr. Speaker, the work on the prototype complex is nearing completion. The commissioning and final inspections have been completed and a substantial completion certificate is being issued. The wheelchair lift has to be activated by the supplier and inspected by Service Newfoundland and Labrador. We expect the Nunatsiavut Government to take possession of our building when that work is completed. In accordance with the *Housing Initiatives for Hopedale and Nain Act*, Department of Health and Social Development has prepared eligibility criteria and an application form for tenants, and has proposed a structure of a Departmental Administrative Committee to oversee administration of the program. We expect tenants will be able to occupy the building in April. And, Mr. Speaker, multiplexes in Nain and Hopedale. Work is continuing throughout the winter on the Hopedale multiplex, and the contractor expects the building may be ready for occupancy by the end of June, 2018. My Department applied to the Nain Inuit Community Government for a parcel of land at Alaakatik Road for the

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purpose of a new site for the Nain multiplex. On February 22nd, the Nain Inuit Community Government reviewed and approved the Nunatsiavut Government application for the site. Our plan is to have the site surveyed when the snow goes and the lot conveyed to the Nunatsiavut Government from the Nain Inuit Community Government. Our consultants will review the foundation requirements for the building on this site and we expect that construction will commence by mid-summer. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to housing. On February 27th, 2018 the Nunatsiavut Government received exciting news under the Federal Budget 2018. After years of lobbying and telling the Nunatsiavut story to everyone and anyone who would listen, the Nunatsiavut Government, in conjunction with Nunavik and Inuvialuit Region, will receive 400 million over the next 10 years to address the housing crisis. It was indeed a day to remember. At this point we have not yet received any information on the exact allocation for the Nunatsiavut Government, but will communicate it as soon as we do. In addition to this allocation, the Nunatsiavut Government did receive an additional \$1.5 million from the Government of Canada so that planning and purchasing

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could begin prior to the upcoming shipping season. This will be allocated to land/subdivision development, new housing units and to the continuation of our Home Repair Program. With funding procured from Canada and the Nunatsiavut Government contribution in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 the Nunatsiavut Government has repaired 66 homes in Nunatsiavut at a cost of approximately \$2 million. It's completing the prototype six-unit complex in Nain at a cost of \$3.2 million. Is completing a seven-unit multiplex in Hopedale and one in Nain at a cost of \$4.5 million. And has allocated funding to Torngat Regional Housing Association for one additional home in Rigolet in 2016, two additional homes in Rigolet in 2017, and is allocating funds for three additional homes in Nunatsiavut in 2018. Total costs of these six additional homes is \$1.2 million. And, Mr. Speaker, the 2017 housing repairs. Exterior work to homes included in the 2017 Home Repair Program has not yet been completed in all communities except Postville. Remaining exterior work will be completed when the weather warms up later in the spring. Interior work continues in all communities and is expected to be completed by the end of March. We expect all work to be completed by the end of

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July, 2018. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to seniors complex; the Nunatsiavut Government has submitted a proposal for funding through the Newfoundland and Labrador Affordable Housing Program for a six-unit seniors complex. The Nunatsiavut Government would cost share this project if Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation approves our proposal. The Nunatsiavut Government has land in Nain specifically for a seniors complex. And, Mr. Speaker, regarding our Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy. The Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy and a proposed draft bill for the new housing legislation is scheduled for review by the Housing Working Group which, in turn, will be tabled for discussion by the NEC in April. If approved by the NEC, the strategy and bill will be tabled in the next Assembly. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to transportation. The Department of Transportation and Works has confirmed that the Northern Ranger and the Astron will continue to provide marine service to Nunatsiavut for 2018 season. Transportation and works has confirmed that repairs will be done to the dock in Makkovik this summer, and officials from Transportation and Works will be travelling to Nunatsiavut to meet with the Inuit Community

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Governments and the Nunatsiavut Government officials to discuss these plans as well as plans for any other wharf repairs and plans for infrastructure development. Minister Crocker has announced that there will be changes made to the marine service for the 2019 season. So I intend to meet with him to discuss any proposed changes, and I intend to update the Assembly on any developments. And, Mr. Speaker, last, but certainly not least, the Nain Airstrip. In early February President Lampe and several Nunatsiavut Government officials met with four federal ministers. Minister Sohi, Minister O'Regan, Minister Phillpot and Minister McKenna, as well as a meeting with Premier Ball to discuss, among other issues, the specific issue of funding for the Nain Airstrip. On having these conversations, it appears that federal funding may be available. However, there is a disagreement between the provincial and the federal governments as to which level of government is responsible for the airstrip. We will continue to press these governments to resolve this issue in order to move the file forward and secure funding for the Nain Airstrip. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Mitchell. The speaker recognizes Honourable Jim Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LYALL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have only provided an update on the various files we do within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism a few weeks ago, I would like to take my time to highlight on some of the Department's accomplishments over 2017-2018 and our Department's aims and goals for 2018-2019 subject to the approval of the budget for this upcoming fiscal year. For 2017-2018 we saw the approval of the first Strategic Plan for the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism which highlights the goals for the Department over the next three years and its commitment to our beneficiaries. The Tourism Nunatsiavut Strategy 2014-2020 which includes our five strategic pillars for tourism, as well as a more detailed Implementation Tourism Plan. We have seen programs such as the Masters Apprentice Program and Labrador Kayak Revival Program really take off. We have seen programs continue build and grow. To name just a few, the Traditions and Transitions, the Hebron Archaeology Project, Nanilavut Project, IlinniaKatigennik and the arts and craft support. We have

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seen the return of the fully restored Model T Ford truck/snowmobile. We are nearing the completion of Illusuak and the Labrador *Inutittut* Training Program. These are just a very few highlights from the last fiscal year and, as in my last statement, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all my staff who, on a daily basis, are carrying out the directions of my Department and the NEC. As we look forward to 2018–2019, our Department is gearing up for another busy year subject to budget approval. Our mission, as outlined in our Strategic Plan, is to preserve, protect and promote Labrador Inuit language, culture and heritage. In 2018-2019 we focus our attention on our language, *Inuttitut*, an essential part of our identity as Labrador Inuit, and it is in crisis. We regard the preservation, protection and promotion of *Inuttitut* as vital to the future health and well-being of our people and the strength of our communities. And it is because of this the Department will have a very heavy focus on language over the next year. We look to continuing projects in 2018-2019 that we have started in the previous year, as well as the possibility of others. We continue to work with various partners, communities and beneficiaries to ensure the work we are

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doing is to the benefit of our beneficiaries and to

Nunatsiavut. The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is looking forward to a very exciting year, and we look forward to doing all the work that is necessary. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Lyall. The speaker now recognizes Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll give two reports. One from Department of Lands and Natural Resources and, as Acting Minister for Department of Health and Social Development, I'll give you a separate report. Mr. Speaker, Renewal Resources and Fisheries. The Department is busy participating in DFO Science meetings for northern shrimp, snow crab, northern cod and Atlantic salmon. Attendance at these annual science meetings has changed from previous years, and participation in DFO science meetings is not only open to individuals approved by steering committee within Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Results of the latest scientific assessments for the various species will be released by Department of Fisheries and Oceans science in the very near future. We will be

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1 participating in the Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee  
2 Meeting in Montreal March 6th and 7th. This committee  
3 makes recommendations to the Minister on a total  
4 allowable catch in the various shrimp management areas.  
5 Mr. Speaker, applications to be designated in a 2018  
6 commercial fishery are now available and will remain open  
7 until April 6th this year in recognition of NG offices being  
8 closed for the Easter holidays at the end of March. The  
9 applications can also be available on the Nunatsiavut  
10 Government website. Wildlife, Mr. Speaker. The 2018  
11 hunting season for the polar bear opened on February 2nd  
12 and to date 8 of the 12 available licenses have been filled.  
13 Open season will extend to June 30th, if necessary, or until  
14 licenses are filled, whichever comes first. Beneficiaries are  
15 having good success with harvesting moose this year with  
16 30 of the 39 available licenses still to date. Lands Division,  
17 Mr. Speaker, will continue to utilize the GIS services of Birds  
18 Eye Inc. and will review options at the end of the fiscal year.  
19 The Lands Division is also working on schedule fees for  
20 access to and use of Labrador Inuit Lands. The proposed fee  
21 schedule was based on a nominal approach due to the  
22 relatively low volume of applications as opposed to a cost

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recovery approach. We will consider fees for all types of land uses. Impact Benefit Agreements. Vale has told us that their decision to want underground expansion project is still on hold. The detailed engineering work continues with the project team and procurement continues to be on hold. A committee meeting was held on February 8th where we discussed underground mine expansion project, winter shipping, information sessions, and action plan for the upcoming year. Vale staff are in the process of completing a Job Readiness Training Program roadshow in our five Nunatsiavut communities, as well as the two Inuit Communities and will hire a total of 12 people interim positions. The JRTP Program has been very successful in preparing our beneficiaries for permanent employment at the Voisey's Bay site. Mr. Speaker, the Torngat Mountains Co-Management Board had a teleconference on January 26th and received updates and Members discussed the agenda for the next CNB scheduled for March 13th to the 15th in Kuujjuaq. There were discussions on the economic summit, and there will be information on Torngat Mountains Caribou Herd report. Non-Renewable Resources Division, Mr. Speaker. The Division has been engaged in the

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following files and endeavours pertaining to mineral exploration and oil and gas. On the exploration front. Maximos Metals is currently planning to continue their drill program under property near Strange Lake, about 145 kilometres west of Nain. The property is located on LISA. They will continue to drill testing for potential nickel mineralization. The previous drill program intersected similar host rocks, trocolite is found in Voisey's Bay deposit and also trace amounts of sulphites. Nexmus will continue to pursue drilling until the current exploration expires on March 31st of this year. Work restrictions are applied to the drill program where they're exploring near critical caribou habitat. Mr. Speaker, still in mineral exploration, the Division worked with geological contractor Dr. Andy Kerr to develop a brochure report on Nunatsiavut resources and mineral potential. This short report will be distributed out to companies and prospectors at conferences and trade shows as an aid to attract and promote mineral exploration within Nunatsiavut. It is being used at this week's Prosecutors And Developers Conference PADC, being held in Toronto. Mr. Speaker, on the oil and gas front, the Canadian Newfoundland and Labrador Officer Petroleum

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Board, CNLOPB, received three proposals to update the 2008 Strategic Environment Assessment for the Labrador Shelf Offshore Area. Review of technical proposals and evaluations from working group is currently ongoing. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Division has made a few attempts to fill the mining analyst position, but due to the housing shortage, it's difficult to fill this position. Environment Division, Mr. Speaker. The Environment Division has partnered with First Nations from Northwest Territories to participate in a knowledge exchange related to moose and ring seal. The First Nation group will train individuals from all five Nunatsiavut communities and Upper Lake Melville on processing and traditional tanning of moose hides. In exchange Nunatsiavut beneficiaries will take the First Nations group on a ring seal hunt and traditionally prepare the seal skin. The meat will be prepared at the camp, planned to be set up on the land and served to the individuals staying at the camp. This provides an excellent opportunity for our beneficiaries to learn new skills while sharing their own traditional skills. This program is funded through our climate change adaptation funds and will be co-ordinated by our committee climate change liaison position

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which will be hired by early March. Mr. Speaker, in related climate change work, the Environment Division is in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Development is running a climate change workshop that will train community members on how to develop community-based projects. This workshop builds on the Climate Change Workshop that Nunatsiavut Government hosted in January, 2017, which identified concerns of the Labrador Inuit in relation to climate change. As part of that workshop, we committed to continuing to engage with our beneficiaries on the climate change file and continue to seek their support and input. The workshop will run from March 20th to the 22nd of May with travel and accommodations provided for those from other communities, and plans are for the 2019 Climate Change Workshop to be hosted in another Nunatsiavut community. The input we receive will be used to help develop our own Nunatsiavut Climate Change Strategy that is currently being drafted. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Environment Division continues to make progress in the Imappivut Marine Planning Initiative. Community engagement and knowledge sessions have begun the process of hiring Imappivut community co-

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ordinators in each of our communities as well as Upper Lake Melville. The goal is to have all of these positions to be hired by the end of March. Additionally, an external partner working group has been established which consists of representatives from multiple federal government departments, as well as the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador . The purpose of the external partner working group is to keep all levels of government informed of the progress of Imappivut and to provide a platform for discussion, and further their initiative while ensuring we are doing our best to meet the goals of our federal partners.

Mr. Speaker, Department of Health and Social Development, Jim Igloliorte and his team have been visiting communities to hear from the residential school survivors in documenting their experiences. They have been hosting a committee feast in each community. So far they have travelled to Cartwright, Hopedale and Postville and the visits will continue through March. Mr. Speaker, the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women's and Girl's Inquiry will be in Happy Valley Goose Bay this week, March 7th and 8th. There will be two commissioners available to hear from family members of missing and murdered women and/or

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women who have experienced violence. Nunatsiavut

Government has been collaborating with the inquiry staff to

ensure individuals, families, communities are informed of

the inquiry. The sessions will be open to the public, but

family members can also share the story in private with

statement gathered. Mr. Speaker, the applications for the

prototype units in Nain are now available. Three of these

units will be designated for youth, aged 18 to 30 years and

three units for seniors 55 plus. The application forms can be

picked up at any NG Office or the HSD Office. The deadline

for application is March 19, 2018. And, finally, Mr. Speaker,

the 2018 Youth Symposium was held in Makkovik this past

weekend and by all accounts was a success. The youth had

much valuable input for the Youth Strategy that is currently

be developed. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. The Speaker now recognizes

the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Human

Resources, Information Technology and Finance.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This morning I'll provide an

update from the Department of Education and Economic

Development. In terms of the Economic Development

Division, the Division is seeking to extend both federal

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contracts from ACOA and INAC as we were late in confirmation of these contracts and have had some minor administration roadblocks. We recognize the value of completing the deliverables associated with these work plans. To date the contracts have produced a supply chain analysis for Voisey's Bay underground, hired a Mealy Mountains business development officer, developed a Business Start-up Summit and provided joint venture business training sessions. These contract extensions will enable the Division to develop an economic monitoring system, provide business training and support and to continue developing business policy. The Division had approved three Inuit businesses to be added to the Registry with one additional application request to be reviewed. Assistance was provided to 20 business support clients. Between November, 2017 and March, 2018 there were no underground packages received, and 13 regular site operations were processed from Vale with our Division submitting 44 business nominations and 1 QBE nomination. Networking and education support was provided to three Inuit businesses to attend Northern Lights 2018, and a joint venture and partnership training session was offered to

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three Inuit entrepreneurs. The Business Start-up Summit.

Mr. Speaker, there have been increased business inquiries

that we should develop and offer a regional summit that's

focused on business start-up in Nunatsiavut. The event

that's taking place this week in Rigolet and that gathers 12

funding agencies and government representatives and 10

new or potential entrepreneurs for two days of hands-on

learning and networking. The event will provide Inuit

businesses with concrete skills in business structure, start-

up bookkeeping, social media use and direct access to

funding agencies and business reports. As community

development is directly linked to business success, the

summit planning focuses on eight key pillars which are

community engagement, supporting the community

identified issues, language use and retention, traditional

skills, promotion, local service development, cultural

industries, northern economies and supporting community

events. Mr. Speaker, we have launched resources and

services as of November, 2017 in Nain that include a

Nunatsiavut-specific female business tool kit, training needs

survey, mining supply chain analysis, Mealy mentors and

assessment, and a new website focusing on business

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promotion and user-friendly access and information sharing.

Furthering our evidence-based planning approach we have

begun a Community Profile Project. This is in partnership

with the Harris Centre of Memorial University and it will

gather economic and industry details on each of the

Nunatsiavut communities to serve as a resource for

assessing our economic growth, provide statistical

foundations for program decisions and serve as a resource

for the business, government and corporate sectors. The

Pilot Community Profile for Rigolet will be finalized late this

month with each community and an overall regional profile

created in the new fiscal year. The goal is to review these

profiles annually and update them as required. Smart Ice is

seeking to set up a social enterprise that would include a

production cite for the smart buoy technology in Nain. To

support this project we have recommended the Director of

Economic Development as a board member. Mr. Speaker,

continuing to partner with the Division of Tourism,

Economic Development has assisted in the Mealy Mountain

National Parks Reserve PIBA contribution agreement

process. Both Divisions are expecting to meet to discuss

project planning and delivery related to the PIBA budget in

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March or April. *Uhalitik*, Northern Lights 2018 was a valuable networking training and network training and business-to-business venue connecting opportunity for the Economic Development Division and registered Inuit businesses. The event allowed the hosting of a joint venture training session and generated 25 plus....

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Mr. Edmunds, if I may. Standing Order 29(2) allows 35 minutes for a completion of Minister statements. We've now reached that limit, however, Standing Order 16(1) allows us to waive that order with the unanimous consent of the Assembly. Do I have unanimous consent to proceed with Minister statements? Are there any nays? Minister Edmunds, please proceed.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. The Division also provided support for the Cain's Quest 2018 as it focused on community development, support tourism and marketing. I'd like to wish the racers well and encourage our communities to show their Nunatsiavut pride as they have shown over the last few days and hospitality throughout the rest of the competition, and congratulations to all involved in this valued Labrador event. As Minister Shiwak spoke to the Vale Underground Mine Development Project is still on

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hold pending a decision from the Vale Board of Directors in Brazil. The board is hopeful that that decision could come before the end of March so that work could potentially move forward this summer if approved. All underground project procurement is on hold, but again the intention is to continue the process with nominations which have already been put forward if and when that approval is granted. Training and federal funding is continuing with 23 students currently registered in trades programs, but training may be more limited in the new fiscal year if Vale does not soon give the project approval. A quick update from Inuit Pathways and PSSSP, Mr. Speaker. The Rigolet Creating Your Future Program was scheduled for this past month, but it did not go forward due to a lack of interest in participants, but plans will be made at a later time as to whether or not this can be re-scheduled if there is interest in the program. The extension of the assets has been officially declared and the staff is preparing annual operating plan submissions as required by ESDC and Service Canada. We are awaiting details coming back from the budget announcement for a successor program. Mr. Speaker, the children's book, "The Christmas Drop" has come back from the printers. This

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was the first book in the InukBook Series. We have decided to give a copy to every child from Grades K to 6 in the Nunatsiavut schools, and we'll be sending copies to daycares and schools to have those in their libraries. We'll also be sending copies to CNA Daycare, Pumpkin House, Aboriginal Head Start, Peacock Elementary, Queen of Peace School, Lake Melville School and Sheshatshui Inuit School. The copies will be made available to purchase as well directly from us for \$12, but copies will also be sold to craft stores and they may have a slight mark-up, and we are starting the process on rolling out the second book.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Edmunds. We're onto item 5 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Are there any Members who wish to make a statement today? The Speaker recognizes Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. To all women, "Happy International Women's Day." I would like to acknowledge the fine women at our table and all the women who are running our municipalities and governments. I also want to acknowledge those women who are in the work force and

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those who chose to stay home to raise children or to keep the home fires burning. You're all beautiful, strong women and I respect and honour you all. This morning on behalf of Hopedale Inuit Community Government I would like to extend sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to the families of the late Mike Dyson. Mike was a well-known and respected elder in our community who passed away suddenly in February. He was a quiet man who had a way of making others feel special. He acknowledged others by nicknames he chose for them and always addressed that person by their nickname. He will be missed very much, especially stories of his beloved dog team. And as I said countless times, our towns are small, Mr. Speaker, and when we lose one person, many stories and their history go with them. Congratulations are extended to another successful winter sports meet with the schools. Rigolet was the host community for the sports meet, and I thank the town of Rigolet for their wonderful hospitality. From the pictures and comments on Facebook, it looks like a great time was had by all. Students at ACMS participated in presenting their projects for the Heritage Fair. Kendra Winters and Cloe Dicker were the winners for this year's

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tryouts. Kendra presented her project on traditional lifestyles from one generation to the next and Cloe's was presented on women's suffrage. She focused on the struggle for women winning the right to vote. Both youth will travel to Goose Bay for the Regional Heritage Fair, and I'd like to congratulate them on their win and good luck to both talented youth at the regionals. We still continue to work with our auditors to complete the overdue audits. It certainly has proven to be challenging, time consuming, not to mention, Mr. Speaker, very, very expensive. The town manager position is still not filled. This is continuing to leave a huge void in running our office, and I still want to thank our staff for the extra work that they're putting into getting tasks done in the most timeliest fashion as possible. Our Wooding Project is going well and it's a huge benefit for our senior single moms and low-income families. Our SEED Project has ended. We employed five people who qualified for their employment insurance. I believe if this project could start earlier, it will be more beneficial to our towns in getting really good projects completed. Our water crisis continues to be improving with only one leak which was quickly found and repaired. Thanks to our good staff who

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found the leak and our new mini excavator and buster. This made the job of digging much easier in the winter. The water in the pond is much improved this year and because of the large amount of snow, freeze-ups are at a minimum. I'd like to end by a big shout-out to the Cain's Quest teams and the volunteers who are making the races truly enjoyable. It's a wonderful opportunity for each community to show their participation and really good to see volunteers coming out and welcoming the teams as they come through. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker now recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to start off to say that I'm very happy to announce that our pilot program, the snow clearing for seniors and people with disabilities will be ongoing for the remainder of this winter. This has been made possible thanks to a generous donation of \$3,000 from the Iliget Board using leftover funding from last year. With a lot of our population aging in Northwest River, along with many residents with health issues, this program has been proven to be very pleasing and we plan to keep this

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going into the years to come. The seniors have expressed gratitude over the help that this program has provided. I'm also happy to say that 11 residents in Northwest River now have their FAC's thanks to Sivunivut sponsoring a instructor to come down from Happy Valley Goose Bay through the College of the North Atlantic. We had 11 people sign up and from all the information I gathered, all 11 passed their exams. I'd also like to give a shout out to Team 78, Paul Cooper and Isaiah Crane. Unfortunately in Cain's Quest they had to scratch yesterday due to mechanical issues. From day two they had mechanical issues, but they kept trying to make repairs until they could do no more, and I think they showed a lot of heart and a lot of spirit by not giving up right away and to keep going. In February, right around the same times as the combined counsels, I attended a meeting held by Memorial University officials about the future of the pie farm in Happy Valley Goose Bay. It as a four-hour meeting where the officials wanted to know about potential activities from Indigenous groups to hook up and try to find a good use for the pie farm. From the meeting I've gathered that Memorial University has the funding in place thanks to donations to take over the lease, and from me and other

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members of the Nunatsiavut Government they wanted to know what interest there would be. I think that this is a great opportunity to help, at least in part, deal with food security issues. They want to at least use part of the farm for experiments and studies into soil in Labrador and how we could improve growing crops in the north. And from a chairperson's perspective who has a community freezer, I said that having more fresh fruits and vegetables on hand would be great for our Community Freezer Programs. It's only in the early stages, Mr. Speaker, and there's no time line yet, but hopefully the lease will be transferred soon and then we can look into how each community might be able to benefit from the pie farm. I'd also like to give a huge shout out to Lake Melville Schools under 18 girls volleyball team that went to Conception Bay South a week ago, and despite having to compete against much larger communities such as schools in St. John's, brought home a provincial gold medal, our first provincial gold medal in any sport in a long time at the high school level. They face many challenges, Mr. Speaker, despite going up against mostly high school teams. Due to the small school population we had some students who were only in Grade 8 playing minutes of

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volleyball against much older opponents. And, on top of that, in the final game they were once down 10 to 3 in a must-win game and rallied to score 12 straight points to eventually take the win. Sivunivut hosted a surprise party last week to honour and congratulate them and the town, as always, fills with pride whenever we have such a great sporting accomplishment. And I know I'm getting long-winded, but I have to go off script. I'd like to say thank you to President Lampe for reminding us about the unfortunate and tragic anniversary of the death of Loretta Saunders. I had no idea that it's already been four years, and I'd like to just say a story since I think keeping memories is very important.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Chairperson Montague, Standing Order 30, Part 3(a) limits member statements to five minutes. So if you can conclude it very quickly...

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Yes.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

...that'll be fine. If not, you'll have another opportunity to make a member statement tomorrow.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Be very quick. Appreciate it. Loretta was a personal friend of mine and I knew her in my teenage years, and we actually

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met at an LIA Youth Symposium in Postville. This was many years ago. It was still LIA at the time and she always was smiling, always smiled. Never ceased smiling and laughing and being friendly to everybody. She was very intelligent and Loretta asked me to hang out with her one evening just going around Postville, and I was on my billet's family's Bravo, Mr. Speaker, and I was so excited to get a chance to hang out with Loretta, I said, sure, just let me return my billet's snowmobile. I dropped the Bravo off at the wrong house in all the excitement and had to run back up the hill to get the Bravo back before somebody else might have claimed it for themselves. And Loretta, I will always remember her laughing and laughing at me as I ran up the hill to get the Bravo back. But it was all in good fun because she had such a kind heart. And she will be forever missed. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Chairperson Montague. The Speaker now recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek Uhalitik. Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* My statement today is just a brief one to report on the NunaKâtiget activities since our Assembly last month. We are very fortunate and

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well stocked at the Max Winters Memorial Community Freezer. At the present time our inventory consists of cod fillets, salt rounders, smelts, partridges, rabbits and moose as well as red berries, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries and frozen corn and peas, a very good selection. We were fortunate enough to get our two moose harvested in the last two weeks. I'd like to thank Joseph Townley for harvesting our moose at Double Mere and Terry Clarke and Wally Best for harvesting our moose in the Grand Lake zone. The Community Freezer Program is certainly a great help to the seniors and disabled persons who use it regularly to get a few meals of healthy, traditional foods on a monthly basis. Our stats showed that we get approximately 110 plus households per month who use the services of our Community Freezer. We are presently sponsoring a few cultural craft workshops. Right now we have a snowshoe making course on the go. We have an embroidery course. As well we have started drum dancing lessons for adults where a few adults have already signed up and are into it. As mentioned previously we will be looking at a net mending course later this spring. There have been a few extra duties come my way with the absence of two Ordinary

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Members. So it will be relief to get two new Ordinary Members elected to share some of the duties and responsibilities in Upper Lake Melville. I would like to make a comment here that with the resignation of the two Ordinary Members for Upper Lake Melville, I have not had one call or email from anyone to offer any support or assistance if I needed it. I have discussed some things with some members of the NEC regarding a few issues, but I would have liked to have had more communication in the absence of the two Ordinary Members and, you know, you felt sometimes on your own up there, but we have a great number of beneficiaries in that area. As you notice, I didn't have any social notes here to talk about milestones or accomplishments, and that's something that Roy used to do when he was gathering information for the Assembly, is always have these social notes to let you know who was doing what and what accomplishments or milestones or deaths or mercenary. So I'm sorry I don't have that, and it's because of the time that it takes to put together these things. And I'd like to commend the Nunatsiavut communities for their volunteer and support during the Cain's Quest. It's a big race to put on. Takes a lot of time

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and money, but it also takes a lot of volunteer work and support for these teams when they visit the Nunatsiavut communities after a tough ride over the terrain. So it's a great thing that the communities are doing, coming together to support that race to make it a success as it is. And I'd like to just thank Derek for bringing up the new stories of Loretta that's just happened because it's the time we should remember things like that, with the Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Conference Inquiry in Goose Bay. Something to keep on your minds that we do have to remember our people that have been taken from us that way. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. The Speaker now recognizes Mr. Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I just want to acknowledge the work of the inquiry into the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls. You know, it's great of them to come to Labrador so that the people of Labrador have their say, and I'm sure there are painstaking stories in Labrador as well as outside of Labrador with these women. And through the inquiry I hope people do find some comfort in that something is being done to help them. You know for

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me this should be a wakeup call. It should be a wakeup call to us as individuals that women are not mere objects to manipulate and use and discard. They are people. They are a part of us. I hope this inquiry is heard loud and clear and I hope that women that attend this inquiry will make their feelings and themselves known to all those who attend. And moving forward, let this be a wakeup call. Women are equal and they should be treated as such. There should not be a need for any future inquiries into missing and murdered and abused women and children. They are part of us. They are part of society. They are equal. Let's treat them that way. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Shiwak. The Speaker now recognizes Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of another one of our elders. Jacko Merkuratsuk passed away on February 22nd, 2018. Jacko was an elder that had a wealth of knowledge, wisdom, and kindness. Jacko and his wife, Minnie, played an important role in delivering many youth and elder programs within the Youth Division for many years. I and many others admired his strengths and had the utmost respect for it.

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Jacko was 84 years old. So sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Merkuratsuk family. Mr. Speaker, today, over the next couple of days, you know, this may be my last sitting as an Ordinary Member for my constituency, and maybe for others here today as well. And today I come to you all once again to remind you the importance of having a seniors facility within Nunatsiavut. One of my commitments that I made to my constituency is to advocate for a seniors facility for Nain. And in the past four years I have brought this forward. I just spoke of losing another elder today and another at the last sitting, elders that were placed in care. As of 1996 26 seniors and elders were admitted into care. Fourteen of the seniors have passed away in the seniors home or a health facility with two maybe passing away coming home from the facility. Twelve seniors continued to live in long-term care in Goose Bay, Mary's Harbour and elsewhere in Canada. I'm truly intrigued as to how many seniors are in care from all of Nunatsiavut who are away from their homeland. Mr. Speaker, housing is the hub of a healthy community. I truly recognize all that's being done to make my community a healthier community. I recognize all the work that NG has been doing in advocating with

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other levels of government for housing initiatives. And I just want to give you a few examples. The Martin-Martin Group Home provides foster care services for children placed in care by CSSSD. And they are in discussion with CSSSD and provincial administrators to increase capacity to take in more children, foster care being funded by the provincial government. The Nunatsiavut Government, as a result of the closing of the Newman's Place in Goose Bay, now administers supportive living arrangements for special needs in two Nunatsiavut communities, Nain and Hopedale, and a number of units in Happy Valley Goose Bay, programs offered by the provincial government. The Nunatsiavut Government continues to contribute annual funding to Torngat Regional Housing Association for new homes and repairs in all communities. A program that is offered by Torngat Regional Housing Association that is based on fixed income. The NG, with funding from the federal government, is continuing its efforts in repairing homes with plans to build apartment complexes in Nain and Hopedale for families at risk. It is my understanding that Key Assets Program, that will be funded by the provincial governments. Soon NG will be providing housing and a new prototype for

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1 elders and youth, a great initiative. However, this housing,  
2 but it's not healthcare as a seniors facility would. We have a  
3 broad range of housing initiatives, but very little, if any, for  
4 our seniors. I am truly pleased and encouraged to hear that  
5 another application has been sent to the provincial  
6 government for affordable living with Newfoundland and  
7 Labrador Housing for six units in Nunatsiavut. When the  
8 Labrador Inuit ratified the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims*  
9 *Agreement* it gave promise of a brighter future, and we are  
10 seeing brighter days. The *Agreement* gave us the ability to  
11 develop and expand on existing legislation held by other  
12 governments and the ability to take down services from the  
13 federal and provincial governments. I'm not here today to  
14 ask to develop legislation, to take down transportation  
15 services. I'm not looking to take down the education  
16 system. I'm not looking to take down the entire healthcare  
17 service, but looking to you to take down a service that is a  
18 huge need for our communities. Mr. President, I asked a  
19 question of you in the absence of our First Minister, Kate  
20 Mitchell, to see if discussions are being held at NEC...

21 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Ordinary Member Pamak...

22 **MR. PAMAK:**

...with respect to the evolution....

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1       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Ordinary Member Pamak. I'm obliged to give you the same  
2       message I gave to Chairperson Montague, you're  
3       approaching, you've reached your five minutes. So if you  
4       could please wrap things up and, again, I remind you that  
5       you have another opportunity to make a member statement  
6       tomorrow.

7       **MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll do it as quickly as I can. Yeah, I  
8       did ask a question at NEC. Certainly we were reminded and  
9       certainly not privy to the discussions that was held at NEC,  
10      but you did inform us that you have an understanding of  
11      what's required to start a process to do so. You still had  
12      members within the Nunatsiavut Government and legal  
13      resources at arm's length that negotiated *Labrador Inuit*  
14      *Land Claims Agreement* and with your understanding of the  
15      process and a great team behind you, I am sure this  
16      government can develop legislation to meet our growing  
17      needs in care for seniors. Mr. Speaker, we have all the  
18      resources available to us today. We have an Education  
19      Department that delivered a nursing, the group program,  
20      the social work program, and now offering a Bachelor of  
21      Education Program. Programs that have proven to be very  
22      successful. We have very qualified educators and

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administrators with Nunatsiavut with equivalent work experiences. We have certified chefs unemployed. Certified cooks working as an agent, and I'm sure that we can develop a program that will certify personal care attendants to staff a seniors facility. I truly believe that we have financial means to build and operate such a facility. We have a very healthy government with assets of nearly half a billion. We see increase annually of unspent surplus dollars from overall operating NG budgets and we carry forward a portion of that surplus.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. Again, I am...

**MR. PAMAK:** I have one more minute, if I may, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I've already exceeded the allowance. If you can pledge to wrap it up in a very timely fashion, I will allow them to proceed.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** But otherwise I would ask that any remaining comments to roll them over to your member statement tomorrow.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll leave that paragraph out then and that one. Mr. Speaker, I think the time is now. This

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1 opportunity may never again. President Lampe, Johannes,  
2 I'm not here to ask what are your next steps, but more a  
3 plea to you to ensure that a seniors facility becomes a  
4 reality.

5 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

6 Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. Thank you. Onto  
7 item six, "Returns – just a quick note of housekeeping.  
8 Tabea Onalik who typically serves with us during Assembly  
9 sittings has had to leave for personal reasons. If there are  
10 any questions surrounding logistics for the remainder of this  
11 day and perhaps as tomorrow as well, I would encourage  
12 you to address them to Dawn Rose Winters. Onto item six,  
13 "Return to Oral Questions." At the February, 2018 sitting  
14 Mr. Derek Montague, Chair of the Sivunivut Corporation  
15 asked the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler  
16 Edmunds, what the amount of \$37,000 on the *Tasiujatsaok*  
17 *Trust* paid to Heather Igloliorte was for. I'd like to recognize  
18 the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds,  
19 to read his response for the purpose of the Hansard.  
Honourable Minister Edmunds.

20 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

21 *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Again, I know the response was  
22 shared to the Assembly and the response is as follows:  
Given that this is a question related to the *Tasiujatsaok*

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1 *Trust*, it is more appropriately directed to one of the  
2 trustees who will be presenting later on during the sitting. I  
3 can confirm that the line item raised by the Chairperson was  
4 issued to support the Nunatsiavut art project, SakKijâjuk. If  
5 the member requires additional clarification around the line  
6 items presented from the *Trust*, you may raise that at the  
7 appropriate time with the *Trust Deed*. Thank you.

8 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

9 *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Edmunds. Also at the  
10 February sitting, the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard  
11 Pamak, directed the following question to the Minister of  
12 Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl  
13 Shiwak. "We understand over the past five years that the  
14 Nunatsiavut Government has been in discussions and  
15 consultations with other Aboriginal groups within Labrador  
16 and the Province of Quebec regarding the George River  
17 caribou herd through the Ungava Peninsula Caribou  
18 Aboriginal Round Table, UPCART. In late October UPCART  
19 signed a historical agreement among the seven Indigenous  
20 nations under preservation and management of the Ungava  
21 Peninsula caribou. Honourable Darryl Shiwak, are you able  
22 to provide a copy of this historical agreement outlining the  
recommendations for the preservation and management of

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the George River caribou herd to the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly? Furthermore, are you available to hold an informal discussion with Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for discussion and update on the agreement in the near future? I'm looking for a copy of the *UPCART Agreement* as committed at the last sitting." I now recognize the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak to read his response.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On February 14th, 2018, I provided a link to a copy of the Nunatsiavut Government or the UPCART Strategy. It was posted on the Nunatsiavut Government website. And a copy of that link was provided to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Members. As I responded to the Ordinary Member in that sitting, we would be available, or we would be available to hold informal sessions with the Assembly, whether as a group or individually. This is something we haven't set up yet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. And finally at the February, 2018 sitting the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, directed the following question to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall.

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"During the March session in 2016 I submitted a written question regarding the Hebron and Nutak plaques to commemorate the families that were relocated. Or in particular of names of families that were not placed or recognized on these plaques. A response was provided on March 21st, 2016 by then Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, stating that actions will be taken in 2016 to ensure that the plaques in both Hebron and Nutak accurately lists the relocates as approved by the residents themselves through the relocation communities. I asked Minister Lyall what actions have been taken to ensure that all families relocated from Hebron and Nutak are placed on the respective plaques?" I now recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall, to read his response.

**MR. LYALL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, for his question regarding the plaques in both Hebron and Nutak. Since the time of the original submission in March of 2016, there has been a change of staff with the Deputy Minister and Ministerial levels. The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism will review this file and determine they're

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going forward on ensuring that this issue is resolved.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Lyall. There are no more returns to oral questions today. And before proceeding onto item seven, I want to call just a 10-minute recess so everyone can attend to their bathroom needs and other such things. We'll reconvene at noon.

(Recess)

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Onto item eight of the *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions today? "Oral Questions," pardon me, oral. Any oral questions today? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, Uhalitik.* My question, Mr. Speaker, is to the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell. In her report she mentioned that NG met with four federal officials along with the Premier and his delegation with regards to what's going on with the Nain Airstrip. My question, sir, is when will the Nunatsiavut Government and the provincial government sit down and meet to decide what's going to be happening next with regards to applying for the process to get money

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1 for the Nain Airstrip? In the interview that was aired  
2 yesterday morning by MP Jones, she said that money from  
3 this budget is available, and that it was now up to the  
4 Newfoundland Government and the Nunatsiavut  
5 Government to sit down and talk to see how the process is  
6 going to be started. That's my question, Mr. Speaker.  
7 Thank you.

8 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes  
9 Honourable Kate Mitchell.

10 **MS. MITCHELL:**

11 Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk from  
12 Nain, for your question. If you recall, when I just made my  
13 minister statement, one thing that I mentioned was after  
14 the meetings with the Federal Ministers, and I was not party  
15 to it because I did not go up to the Northern Lights. But one  
16 thing that was made clear was that there was a  
17 disagreement between the provincial and federal  
18 government as to who actually is responsible for the  
19 airstrip, and my understanding, the outcome of those  
20 meetings were that Premier Ball would clarify with the  
21 federal government exactly who are responsible for the  
22 airstrips and then we would then follow up and get a  
meeting because there's been a number of years now that

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1 we've been – and what we were told is that it is a provincial  
2 government who has to apply to the federal government for  
3 funding. We cannot apply because it has to be made a  
4 priority of the province in which the airstrip is to be  
5 constructed. So, therefore, the province had the  
6 responsibility of applying to the federal government. But as  
7 soon as we get any further updates, and we're hoping to  
8 meet with the Transportation Minister to find out if there's  
9 any updates and, if we do, then we'll certainly pass it on.  
10 Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Mitchell. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you  
12 have a supplementary question?

13 **MR. DICKER:**

Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker. With regards to the Minister of  
14 Transportation, I believe that he's doing his minutes  
15 sometime soon, according to what she told the combined  
16 counsel's last month. My question is to Honourable Kate  
17 Mitchell is, is there any scheduled meetings arranged or  
18 made so that, you know, you have a definite date or specific  
19 date that you will be sitting down with the Minister of  
20 Transportation to address this issue which has been going  
21 on now for over 30 years? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you again, AngajukKâk Dicker, for your supplementary question. No, there are no scheduled meetings, but we have been in contact with them and we're hoping to get a meeting scheduled. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Mitchell. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a second and final supplementary question?

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When you do get that scheduled meeting, a date put to it, would you please inform the Nain Inuit Community Government so that I'm aware of it. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Do you have a response, Minister Mitchell?

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, again, AngajukKâk Dicker, for your supplementary question. Yes, we definitely will keep the Inuit Community Government of Nain updated on anything that's happening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Mitchell. The Speaker recognizes Mr. Gary Mitchell, Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation .

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Darryl Shiwak. I'm not sure if you mentioned it in your minister statement 'cause sometimes I miss things just because of my hearing. Salmon quotas for 2018 for food fishery, is there any change that you anticipate this year, or will the numbers for the food fishery remain the same, especially for the Community Freezer? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. We have yet to come to an agreement on those numbers yet with the Department of Fisheries and Ocean, so I cannot say if those numbers will change for this upcoming, and to your last part for the, especially for Community Freezers, we haven't made those plans or haven't come to that agreement yet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Chairperson Mitchell, do you have a supplementary question? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Honourable Minister Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Can you, Minister Shiwak, please tell the Assembly what the future of UPCART is now that the Innu Nation seems to have walked away from the group. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. I do believe the Standing Order speaks to having a reasonable expectation of being able to respond to a question, and I'm not sure that Minister Shiwak possesses a crystal ball which enables him to pontificate about the future of something which we are only but one participant. With that being said, I'll let you respond should you wish. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker. You're absolutely correct. UPCART is right now six member nations, and it would be up to those nations and ourselves to determine the future of that. So predicting that is uncertain. Having said that, we

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1 still very much believe in the strategy that UPCART  
2 designed. We believe that it is the best way forward for the  
3 George River caribou. It is our intention to work with the  
4 other members of UPCART to ensure that that strategy is  
5 still implemented. Like I say, it's very uncertain what that  
6 means, but we still believe that it is the right direction. We  
7 are actually calling for a meeting of the UPCART members so  
8 that we can discuss, okay, where do we go from here?  
9 Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

10 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Minister Shiwak. Do you have a supplementary  
11 question, Chairperson Montague?

12 **MR. MONTAGUE:**

13 Since our last meeting in February, Minister Shiwak, has  
14 there been any discussions in that roughly month or so  
15 period between Nunatsiavut Government, the Innu Nation  
16 and/or the provincial government about the George River  
17 caribou herd and trying to sustain the population? Thank  
you, Mr. Speaker.

18 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. The Speaker  
19 recognizes Minister Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

20 **MR. D. SHIWAK:**

21 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regards to a meeting with the  
Innu between the last sitting and now is probably a better

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question for the President. Our Department has not had any meetings with the Innu Nation with regards to George River caribou. We do have ongoing discussions, our open dialogue with the provincial government with regards to caribou because it's very important that everybody work together, including Innu Nation, all members of UPCART, that we all work together to ensure that the George River caribou has a future, and it's there for, not just our generation, but for generations to come. We did request a meeting with Minister Burn with the provincial government, and due to some unavoidable circumstances we couldn't get that meeting done, but we will have a meeting with the provincial government in the very near future with regards to George River caribou. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Chairperson Montague, do you have a second and final supplementary question? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to forward my question to Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister. I guess it's just a follow-up question to AngajukKâk Dicker. I certainly recognize that, you know, the federal government provides

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funding to the provincial government for maintenance of the airstrips in Nunatsiavut, recognizing that, you know, there's funding in place at the moment, I'm not sure how much, for an airstrip in Nain. And it seems like that the provincial government do not want to upgrade the new airstrip in Nain. Was there any consideration at the NG level to maybe take down a service that could speed up the process in order for a new airport to be built in Nain?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question, Ordinary Member from Nain. Yes, this has been a ongoing issue, like, Joe said, some 30 years or something. So but we are finding out who, you know, is responsible so we can ask them if they can make it a priority and get the application in, but also I think under the Inuit Crown Committee we're hoping that they might be able to move things along for us as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Mitchell. Ordinary Member Pamak, do you have a supplementary question? Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. Are there any other oral questions for today? Before I entertain you, AngajukKâk Dicker, I'll just

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make sure that there's no one else who wanted to ask a question has not gone first and has had the opportunity and, if that's the case then, I'll proceed to the second round. Anybody else? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Honourable Darryl Shiwak. It's come to our attention that there is a company staking land for mineral resources just inside Kanagittuk Bay and to south of Nain. My question is what is the process of staking land, especially when it's very close to beneficiaries' cabins? Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regards to trying to get this right, LIL and LISA, there is a process for what we call the *Explorations Standards Act*. Within the process it lays out the process for what we allow companies to go in and stake the land, our land anyway. With this particular area I'm not quite sure what area it is, so it's probably best if we talk about it, then I can give you better information on what that, where that land is and what this company is if we indeed know what this company is. Right now it's a bit

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vague so it's hard to answer that question. But we do have an *Exploration Standards Act* in which companies must follow, and we do have a application process where a company must file a work plan with regards to what land they're going to be exploring, and we have to approve that. If there was an issue with cabins and Inuit land, we would identify it through that process. So again without actually knowing what this company or what, who this company is and where this area is, it's hard to answer that question. It's probably best to have a chat about it and talk about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Shiwak. AngajukKâk Flowers, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions from the first round of questions before I proceed to second questions? Hearing none, the Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, *Uhalitik*. My question, sir, is to Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Resources. As you recall, Minister, there was a town consulting or a town meeting held in Nain with regards to the char fishery out on the Nain area and the concern of all fishing in those two

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bays. Since that meeting I haven't heard any updates as to what has happened. My question is has the Nunatsiavut Government or your Department approached the Departments of Fisheries and Oceans regarding a study about the concern for the two bays used for fishing by the Nain fishermen and the beneficiaries? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you. *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I believe at the last sitting gave an update that the minutes from that meeting that we had held in Nain, and with the other partners at the meeting, the minutes were being put together so that we can do exactly what you're talking about, is to approach the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to determine next steps with regards to char fishing in the Nain Bay area and what should be done, if anything should be done in that area for the upcoming year. I would have to get back to you on if that meeting with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the other partners had taken place, and if they did take place, what has come out of that meeting, but I will

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get back to you with an answer on that. Thank you, Mr.

Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions for today? Hearing none, we'll move onto item number eight, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions today? Hearing none, we'll move onto item nine. Item nine, "Returns to Written Questions." On February 6th, 2018, Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, presented the Minister of Health and Social Development with the following written question. "On March 2nd, 2017, a letter from the President's Office was sent to the Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, regarding the issues and concerns raised with respect to Child, Youth and Family Services, CYFS, now called the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development, CSSD. A number of recommendations and options were put forward to work in collaboration with the DHSD of the Nunatsiavut Government on a Labrador service delivery model for CYFS. In March of 2017, members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, NA, met in an informal session to forward their respective concerns regarding CYFS with a

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commitment from NG DHSD to inform us of any updates.

Are you able to provide the Nunatsiavut Assembly with a detailed update as a result of the letter to the Premier and to inform us of any improvements made to date within CSSD on the recommendations put forward? " I now recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Acting Minister of Health and Social Development, to read his response.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. We have made considerable progress since the March 2nd, 2017 letter to Premier Ball.

We have actually had two face-to-face meetings with Premier Ball, Minister of CSSD and senior officials were present. We are pleased to say there has been much progress on this file. Below are some of the accomplishments. (1) The province has agreed to provide funds to Nunatsiavut Government for two social work positions to recruit, train and support foster parents. The funding will flow April 1st, 2018. (2) We submitted recommendations for review of the Child Protection legislation and made a presentation in St. John's which was well received. We have reviewed a draft new legislation and we are very pleased. The Premier is committed to have this legislation in the House of Assembly during this sitting.

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(3) The Premier has agreed to support a review of the Inuit Child Welfare in the province which Nunatsiavut Government has requested by led by the Child Youth Advocate's Office with an external consultant. The terms of reference have been developed and accepted. A consultant has been identified and the funds to proceed will be available in the new fiscal year. The review will include final review, interviews of the biological parents, children in care, foster parents, community member, elders, et cetera. (4) We are working with senior official within CSSD and the Innu to revise CSSD policies and include a preamble to better reflect Indigenous reality. (5) We have been part of a working group with CSSD to develop a Recruitment Retention Strategy for social workers within Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Shiwak. If there are no more returns to written questions, okay, we'll move onto item 10, "Petitions." Are there any petitions? If not, we'll move onto item 11. Item 11, "Responses to Petition." There are no responses today so we'll move onto item 12. Item 12, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." There are no reports today so we'll move onto item 13. I'm

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just gauging how much time this is going to take to get through the next few items. With that in mind, I will call a luncheon recess. I hear the grumbling of the stomachs from over here and it's starting to overshadow my microphone capabilities, so we will break for lunch and we will reconvene at two o'clock.

(Recess)

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Welcome back from lunch, everybody, and hopefully everyone's had something to eat and that keeps the grumbles and moans down to minimum. We'll pick up where we left off. We left off on item number 13, "Tabling of Documents." At this point I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. As required by the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, I am pleased to table the Nunatsiavut Government Financial Plan for 2018-2019.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. The tabled document will be numbered a 01-3(18). Are there any more documents to be tabled? Hearing none, we'll move onto item 14. Item

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1 14, "Notices of Motion." I'd like to recognize the Ordinary  
2 Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

3 **MR. PAMAK:**

4 Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on  
5 Wednesday, March 7th, 2018, that I will move, seconded by  
6 Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Gregory Flowers, the  
7 following motion. That tabled document 07-3(17) of the  
8 Assembly budget recommendations for 2018-2019 be  
9 referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration with  
10 Ms. Rexanne Crawford, the comptroller of the Nunatsiavut  
11 Government as a witness. And, Mr. Speaker, I will be  
12 seeking unanimous consent by requesting that the Assembly  
13 waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today  
under item 16, "Motions."

14 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

15 Thank you, Mr. Pamak. I'd like to recognize the Nunatsiavut  
Treasurer, Minister Tyler Edmunds.

16 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

17 *Nakummek, Uhatti.* I give notice that on Wednesday, March  
18 7th, 2018, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the  
19 Honourable Kate Mitchell, that tabled document 01-3(18),  
20 the Financial Plan for 2018-2019, be moved into Committee  
21 of the Whole for discussion in conjunction with Bill 2018-01,  
the Budget Bill 2018. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

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1 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Minister Edmunds. I'd like again to recognize  
2 the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds,  
3 to give another notice of motion.

4 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on  
5 Wednesday, March 7th, 2018, I move, seconded by the First  
6 Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly  
7 convene into the Committee of the Whole to receive  
8 presentations from the appropriate representatives of the  
9 *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims*  
10 *Implementation Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims*  
11 *Settlement Trust*. I will be seeking unanimous consent to  
12 deal with this motion today under item 16, "Motions," by  
13 requesting that the Assembly waive Standing Order 37(1).  
14 *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*. Do we have unanimous consent to move into  
16 Committee of the Whole? Are there any nays? Hearing  
17 none, Committee of the Whole. I'll rely upon the guidance  
18 of my predecessor in times of technical. Under advisement  
19 and with some guidance, I appreciate that, Minister  
20 Edmunds. That concludes notices of motions for today.  
21 We'll move onto item 15. Item number 15 on the *Orders of*  
22 *the Day*, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." I

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recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut

Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 7th, 2018, I'll move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, the first reading of Bill 2018-01, the Budget Bill 2018.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you again. Again I recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 7th, 2018, I'll move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that we go to the first reading of Bill 2018-02, a bill for an *Act* to amend the *Financial Administration Act*, CILF-1(09-06-2017).

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister of Nunatsiavut Government.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you., Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March the 7th, 2018, I move, seconded by the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, the first reading of Bill 2018-03, a bill for an *Act* to repeal the

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*Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act*, CILN-6(31-12-2012).

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. I do not believe that there are any more notices of motion for the first reading of bills today. We'll move onto item 16 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Motions." I'd like to recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Honourable Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today at tabled document 07-3(17) the Assembly Budget Recommendations for 2018-2019 be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration with Ms. Rexanne Crawford, Comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, as a witness. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Ordinary Member Pamak is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with this motion today. Are there any nays to proceeding to Committee of the Whole? There are none. Mr. Pamak, please proceed.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members. Whereas the Member Services Committee, as recorded by Section 81 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, has tabled the consolidated budget recommendations for the approval of

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the Assembly. Whereas the Assembly should consider the recommendations to allow the Member Services Committee to finalize consolidated estimates of the Assembly for transmittal to the Treasurer for inclusion in the Consolidated Financial Plan for 2018-2019. Now therefore I move, seconded by the AngajukKâk Joe Dicker, that the tabled document 07-3(17), the Assembly Budget Recommendation for 2018-2019, be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you. The motion is in order. Mr. Pamak, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. PAMAK:**

I have nothing else to add to the motion, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other member wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Nain wish to make final comment and close debate?

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't have nothing to add to the debate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? Motion is carried. We are now in Committee of the Whole, and I

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invite Ms. Rexanne Crawford, thank you, Rexanne , the  
comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, to open the  
discussions on the Assembly Budget Recommendations for  
2018 and 2019.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So there is a document which I believe the pages just  
handed around. It was tabled for the January sitting called  
the Assembly Budget 2018-2019. We're going to start on  
page 2. On page 2 there is a table which breaks down the  
main categories of the budget. It's consistent with previous  
year's budget in how it's laid out. So we have salaries and  
benefits of \$2.4 million. Travel costs of 232,000.  
Nunatsiavut Assembly Committees of 100,000.  
Constituency allowance for 113,000. Professional fees for  
87,000. Election costs, 139,000. And operating costs of  
134,000, which is a total 3,215,000 proposed for this year's  
budget. This represents an overall increase of \$132,500  
from the previous fiscal year. I'm not going to read  
verbatim from this document, but what I will say is that  
salaries and benefits have increased and, as we all are  
aware, it's an election year. So we have to take a  
conservative approach to budgeting. We have to assume  
that every Member that will be elected, either through the

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1 Ordinary Member general election or when the AngajukKâk  
2 and Chairs go through their elections, we'll have dependents  
3 and we take an approach of looking at an average of four  
4 dependents for budgeting for the travel benefit. There was  
5 also a change in how the salaries were established for the  
6 elected officials last year. So the salaries for all the elected  
7 officials were increased by CPI. So instead of the 75,000  
8 which was the salary for the current fiscal year we're in, the  
9 salary will be now \$76,050 for all the elected officials. And  
10 those two pieces are what's causing the \$35,000 increase in  
11 the salaries and benefits. Do we have any questions on that  
12 particular piece? Derek?

13 **MR. MONTAGUE:**

Yes. Just for clarification, for salaries and benefits, is that  
14 just elected officials, or is that other staff that is connected  
15 to elected officials?

16 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

It is all elected officials plus three and a half positions that  
17 are related to the staff operations of the Assembly. I have  
18 just one note, I've been asked by the translators to make  
19 sure we speak very closely and clearly just as a reminder,  
20 and as much for myself as I tend to talk very fast.

21 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'm just going to interject for one second. So while we're in  
22 Committee of the Whole, the rules and regulations of the

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Assembly apply, so if there's a question to be asked, please address them to the speaker and I'll point them out in that regard. The Speaker recognizes Chairperson for the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Apologies again, Rexanne, for questions from the peanut gallery, but just to be clear, when it talks about benefits, that includes pension, health, dental, all conceivable benefits that Assembly Members get, correct?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Yes, it does. It includes your Labrador allowance, travel benefit, 13.5 percent of mandatory employment related credits, pension, any of those, health tax, those type of benefits that relate to employment.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question? The Speaker recognizes Gary Mitchell, Chairperson of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you. With regard to operating costs, this 134,000, what would the breakdown be for operating costs?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Gary, if I may just continue down by the categories and then get to your question when we get down. We've just started with salaries and benefits to explain the variance. I haven't given any explanation on the other ones yet. So I can jump

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1 ahead to operating costs, and then we'll go back to  
2 committee costs and constituency allowance and election  
3 costs. The operating costs include items such as stationery  
4 and supplies. They include insurance for the building. It  
5 includes heat and light. Costs for the pages. There's a small  
6 amount for staff training, for travel and, as you'll note in the  
7 chart, there's a \$10,000 increase. And the \$10,000 increase  
8 is proposed by an initiative to have the Nunatsiavut  
9 Assembly sittings live video broadcast. This results in an  
10 annual increase cost of \$10,000 related to the cost for Sliq  
11 Media and for the OK Society. So also built into the  
12 operating costs of the Assembly are the costs related to us  
13 to have the OK Society record all the sessions of the  
14 Assembly, provide DVD copies to the Assembly and to each  
15 elected official, as well as we have an annual subscription to  
16 Sliq Media, which is our provider for the audio live  
17 streaming of the Assembly, and there's also, I believe, a  
18 recording that's kept there from each session. So those are  
19 what compose of the operating costs.

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Ms. Crawford, are you ready to accept questions on these  
21 items? I'm just trying to manage the flow of information.  
22 So if you want to give your and then I'll invite questions

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from the floor. So Gary, do you have a supplementary question, Minister Mitchell?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So the Nunatsiavut Assembly committee costs. There is a \$9,500 increase and that, to be very honest, is a error in the spreadsheet calculation when should have been 100,000 in the past, the formula in the spreadsheet didn't pick up one of the numbers, so double checking and triple checking the numbers this year identified that one of the formula had missed a cell. So the Nunatsiavut Assembly committees, we budget for three Standing Committees of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The Member Services Committee, Rules and Procedures Committee and the Alcohol and Drug Committee. There is also an allocation in the event the Assembly has to strike a Special Committee or a Code of Conduct Committee during the year. Constituency allowances, there are no proposed changes. Professional fees, there are no proposed changes. And election costs had increased from the prior year. As we all know, it's election year so there are costs related to holding a general election. We've gone through the process, as constituted, that we involve the Nunatsiavut electoral officer. She's gone through the budget, refined it and given it to the

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Assembly for consideration and incorporation in our budget.

So those costs for running the Assembly would be her salary, returning officers, the cost of mailing all the ballots, printing ballots, et cetera, getting the voting ballot boxes between each community, those type of costs. And I've already gone through the operating costs of the Assembly.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any further questions? I believe Minister Lyall. I believe I saw your hand first.

**MR. LYALL:**

Are we correcting all the budget now, or are we going through each item first or salary and benefits or?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I think we're fielding any questions related to this section. So dealing with the section from salaries and benefits down to operating costs.

**MR. LYALL:**

I just have a question and a concern on the \$10,000 cost for live video stream for Assembly sittings. My understanding is that our internet service is really lousy on the coast. And I think we'll get good indication where we're meeting for a week maybe a time, but we're closing the whole community down and people won't be able to do what they normally want to do on the internet and watch their TV movies, or get their news or play their games or whatever. I think we

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1 should wait until such time as our internet service is better  
2 before even consider putting in \$10,000 for that. I'm all for  
3 making sure that our Assemblies are heard and people hear  
4 what we're saying and what we're telling the people, but I  
5 think we're also taking away from the community as a  
6 whole if we do this before we had the proper equipment to  
7 get it done properly.

8 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

9 I'm in an awkward position in that I'm the person who's best  
10 able to respond to that question. Do I have consent from  
11 everyone to respond to Minister Lyall's concern, just as I'm  
12 responding purely as the subject matter person. I'm the  
13 person who has probably most involvement in any of this. I  
14 am in no way trying to jeopardise or impinge upon the role  
15 of Speaker but, unfortunately, I am the person who is best  
16 inclined to deal with that question. So do I have unanimous  
17 consent to proceed as speaker and respond to the question  
18 as a subject matter expert so to speak? Are there any nays  
19 is a better way of putting it? Hearing none, I'll respond. So  
20 again I'm responding from the Speaker's office, but not as  
21 an adjudicator. I'm responding just because I have  
22 knowledge of the situation. So the upgrade to the video  
stream is dependent upon our hardware operating. So the

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1 video stream won't happen until the overall level of service  
2 is improved because with the current level of service, as you  
3 alluded to, there is not sufficient bandwidth to be able to  
4 permit it. So the video stream won't proceed until the  
5 overall level of service is improved at least to the Assembly  
6 building. This improvement should have happened by now.  
7 And again this is based upon my conversations with Frank  
8 Andersen of IT, but the aspiration is that within the next two  
9 months there'll be fibre optic capability within this building  
10 and several other buildings within the community itself. So  
11 that project won't proceed until such time as the  
12 infrastructure is upgraded because the project indeed is  
13 dependent upon the infrastructure upgrade.

14 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

15 If I can also just, so I think part of Phase 1 of the Labrador  
16 North Broadband Microwave Digital Upgrade Project is to  
17 run fibre optic cables. They're laid to each building,  
18 however, we've been exploring a process in the last week or  
19 so about trying to get fibre optic cables into the Nain  
20 Administration Building 'cause as Jim, I'm sure, himself, is  
21 very well aware, we, at the Nain Administration Building, it's  
22 very difficult to even access emails at this point. There is a  
cost and a significant increased cost to running a fibre cable

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1 into each building and I wouldn't be able to use it, so we'd  
2 have to look back. I don't think those figures are now  
3 incorporated into this budget. I think the other concern  
4 that Jim is having is that yes, we can, you know, as you said,  
5 there is a fibre cable that can come in and bring it out, but if  
6 everybody in all the communities start watching live, you  
7 may also draw down on the bandwidth available within the  
8 communities. I think there's a two edge. It's not just about  
9 the operations internally in this building.

10 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Minister Shiwak.

11 **MR. D. SHIWAK:**

12 Yeah, I'd echo the same thing with what Rexanne just said  
13 as well. When we sit, I know, in our small office in Rigolet  
14 we have our employees and they're probably listening to  
15 this now, who like to listen while work at the same time.  
16 That listening is not really breaking down the internet so  
17 much, but I think when you start live streaming, you could  
18 have employees everywhere and that's really going to slow  
19 down. You might even, without an upgrade to the  
20 communities overall, not just to this building, but to the  
21 communities overall, you will see a slowdown in the  
22 internet service, if you're live streaming from here, I think. I  
agree with Jim. I don't think the time is we're ready for this.

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I'm all for being accountable and putting Jim's pretty face on the internet and stuff, but we might not be ready with the service that we have right now, and one of the challenges we might face is some of our workers in the communities when they're doing work, who might not be live streaming here, but there are people that can get off this live streaming, this person may have a lot of highly technical work to do or that require a lot of bandwidth and you're saying, well, I can't do my job because so and so is downloading, or they're live streaming the Assembly, which is fine, but we've got to be very careful there. I agree with the concept. It's just I don't know if we're ready to do it.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other comments? Minister Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Yes, thank you very much, but, okay, the concern that I had, and I think it was covered very well by my colleagues, Minister Lyall and Minister Shiwak. And that was one concern that I have. We waited so long to try to get the internet and everything upgraded for our beneficiaries and, you know, we're still having issues in our communities. So, and like with same as them, I have no problem getting more information, whatever, to our beneficiaries, but I don't think we should do it at their expense by slowing down, you

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1 know, all the things that they want to do, and where people  
2 can't even, you know, do their banking and whatever  
3 because the internet is so slow. I think that, you know, I  
4 don't see anything wrong with it if it don't have any, you  
5 know, negative impacts on any of our communities. Thank  
6 you.

7 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'm just going to see if, Derek, before I proceed with you.  
8 Marjorie, go ahead.

9 **MS. FLOWERS:**

10 Yeah, thank you. I agree with my colleagues as well. I think  
11 that a live stream is a good idea, but not to the expense of  
12 our beneficiaries and students. There's lots of students who  
13 are doing online courses, and every time you do something  
14 like that you're taking away. So just even from working in  
15 our office here at HICG, it's been very difficult at times  
16 trying to download things, and I think if we don't have the  
17 right equipment this is not going to be beneficial to anyone.  
Thank you.

18 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any comments, concerns, questions? Derek, I'll  
19 allow your second question.

20 **MR. MONTAGUE:**

21 Yeah, I think my colleagues have stated pretty much what  
my initial concerns were about live streaming, but on top of

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1 the concerns about the beneficiaries' home use and how the  
2 amount of bandwidth required to live stream would affect  
3 them, in terms of the cost, as you said, Mr. Speaker, that  
4 this would be contingent on a necessary upgrade but, you  
5 know, there's still the possibility that the upgrade happens  
6 here for the Assembly building or Hopedale and it's still not  
7 enough for a live stream and, you know, it's who determines  
8 what's a good enough upgrade? Northwest River got a fibre  
9 op line from government funding. It would go from Lab City  
10 to Goose Bay down to Northwest River. We had an  
11 expectation of fast internet. We got satisfactory internet,  
12 but not what we expected, and I would argue that even in  
13 Northwest River, if we were to try to watch a live stream of  
14 the Assembly there'd be some buffering, as they say. So  
15 without the infrastructure I would agree that this would be  
16 a risky investment without the necessary infrastructure in  
17 place at the moment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

18 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

19 Any other comments, questions, concerns? Any other  
20 questions of other aspects, election costs, professional fees,  
21 any of that type before I move on? Before I let Ms. Rexanne  
22 Crawford proceed, I should say. Hearing none, Rexanne,  
proceed.

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**MS. CRAWFORD:**

I think we have gone through the entire budget and variance analysis. We've had all the questions on it, so I'm finished.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other comments or questions or concerns before we excuse Ms. Crawford? AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you. Rexanne, now that you've heard the concerns, I guess, put forward by the Honourable Assembly Members here, what happens now? Does that money that you budgeted for live streaming and that, what's going to happen to that? Are you going to take that out the budget and wait until later, or are you going to just keep it in the proposed budget as it is?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

If I can answer that 'cause that's a procedural question. What I'll do is I'll canvass the room to see if we want to proceed with the budget as presented, or if we want to proceed with that item struck from the budget, and based upon that vote, that show of hands, then we'll proceed with either the document as presented or an amended form with that one item struck out. I didn't hear any significant concerns about other aspects. That seemed to be the one point of contention, so that's the way I'm going to proceed and then Rexanne, you'll take direction from the Assembly

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1 in terms of how we proceed from there. Okay. Chairperson  
2 Mitchell, you had something to?

3 **MR. MITCHELL:**

Yes. Thank you. I'm not sure if this question's related to  
4 budgetary things or election procedures, but I'm going to  
5 ask about online voting. Has there been some consideration  
6 to move to online voting to save some election expenses,  
7 especially in Canadian Constituency area.

8 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

Gary, that would be a question, I think, for the NEO and  
9 their procedures. It wasn't brought forward to me by the  
10 NEO in their budget preparation and the document they  
11 presented to us. So I think, in my opinion, that's a question  
12 that the NEO would have to be asked 'cause they're the  
13 ones responsible for elections.

14 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

If I can be permitted to make just a quick comment on that  
15 as well. We have an upcoming Ordinary Member election  
16 and we're based upon that Ordinary Member election  
17 coming up, the current NEO will produce a very timely  
18 report, and my thinking would be that based upon that  
19 report then she'll be able to provide some direction as to  
20 whether or not she believes. But, again, those electoral  
21 reform issues are reasonably well entrenched  
22 constitutionally. I've had discussions with some of our legal

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people here about that in the past, but I think the NEO report for the upcoming Ordinary Member election will represent a good starting off point for that discussion. And I hope I didn't jump the gun because I don't believe that there was any discussion about that in this current budget, any discussion about online balloting in these numbers.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

There were no numbers budgeted for online voting and no discussion on online voting. It was just a discussion on the budget that she had brought to me.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

AngajukKâk Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to make a comment on the online budgeting. I know, I think in the last sitting the 2014 election report which is tabled and, you know, as far as I know, it's just tabled and that's – I don't know if anybody's seen, but there is a recommendation in that report with a quote from the *Constitution* that will allow online voting. So I just wanted to make that clear. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you for the point of clarification but just to keep everything on an even keel and back on the right tracks, we are dealing with the budgetary issue for the upcoming Assembly Budget, so they'll be another time and another

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place to discuss electoral reform. But it won't be here

today, but thank you for your comments nonetheless.

Ordinary Member Pamak, you had something to add?

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I guess I share some of your

concerns too about our current capacity with broadband

within Inuit communities, and I guess one of the things, as a

Member of the Service Committee, is that, you know,

guided by a Speaker was knowing that we have all these

improvements coming into Nunatsiavut, broadband, recent

ones and also upgrades into fibre optics into the offices, it

kind of led us to, you know, is a great opportunity for us.

Not just to audio stream the Assembly here, but to provide

a video stream to our beneficiaries, to have them see

exactly what the operations are during and when we're

sitting out at the Assembly. You know, the budget there of

\$10,000, it provides us to able to look at providing some

installation within the office and the administration here.

So by taking out that \$10,000 then you're basically saying,

you know, we will have to put this on hold. So I think it's a

great opportunity for us to still have this in a part of our

budget for us to prepare the Assembly here hardware-wise

and so forth in the event we do have the broadband to pass

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1 this out to our beneficiaries. So that's my comment, thank  
2 you.

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. Are there any  
4 comments related to the figures that Ms. Crawford put  
5 forward? Hearing none, I'm going to have to propose  
6 something here. I guess there's two courses. If you can just  
7 stay with us for a couple minutes more. There's two courses  
8 of action as I see going forward. One is to proceed with the  
9 document as proposed. The other way, a path forward, is to  
10 move forward with the video streaming struck from that  
11 Assembly Budget figures. I don't see – I haven't heard any  
12 other discussion about any other relevant item, so that  
13 seem to be the one point of contention. I'm going to take a  
14 recess for five minutes. And we're just going to try to figure  
15 out how we can phrase it in the form of a motion and to see  
16 how – but that's the two courses of action that I see and  
17 we're going to figure out over the next five minutes how  
18 we're going to do that. Five-minute recess.

19 (Recess)

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

We're back from our short recess. As we left it off, there  
21 was some discussion about the inclusion of video streaming  
22 in the Assembly Budget. At this point I will entertain a

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1 motion from the floor to proceed with the Assembly Budget  
2 with that item struck. Would anybody care to make that  
3 motion? The Speaker recognizes Honourable Jim Lyall.

4 **MR. LYALL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the  
5 Honourable First Minister Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly  
6 Budget recommendations for 2018-2019 be accepted with  
7 the exception of the \$10,000 for video streaming on page 3  
8 of the Assembly Recommendations for Budget 2018-2019.

9 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Minister Mitchell, you second that motion?

10 **MS. MITCHELL:**

Yes, I do, thank you.

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'll proceed by a show of hands. All those in favour of that  
12 motion, please signal by raising your hand? All those  
13 opposed? Motion carried. The Assembly Budget is adopted  
14 as presented with the exception of \$10,000 allowance for  
15 video streaming. And I at this point thank you, Ms.  
16 Crawford for joining us. We're now back in Assembly.  
17 Minister Edmunds, I understand you wish to proceed with  
18 the motion in which you gave earlier.

19 **MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I'm seeking unanimous  
20 consent to proceed with my motion today by requesting  
21 that the Assembly waive Standing Order 37(1) to receive the

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presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* into the Committee of the Whole for consideration. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with this motion today. Are there any nays? Is that a nay? Do you wish to state a point of order? Please use your microphone and address the Assembly in an appropriate fashion.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Just to be clear, are we skipping the second motion, NG Financial Plan into Committee of the Whole?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Further, are we still in the Committee of the Whole, or are we back in the Assembly?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Back in Assembly, as I stated when I started.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* The intention today I believe is to waive the period only for the Assembly Budget recommendations as well as the *Trust* presentations. We have given notice for the Financial Plan, but I'm not seeking to waive Standing

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Order 37(1) today. So I do not intend to have that for consideration today.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Just for clarification Chairperson, Montague. We will go into Committee of the Whole tomorrow to discuss the Financial Plan with the budget. That's not on today's *Orders of the Day*. I'll repeat. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Minister, please proceed.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My motion is as follows. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports from the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, and whereas the Assembly should consider the tabled documents in Committee of the Whole with witnesses. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. *Nakummek, Uhalitik.*

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order.

Mr. Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I have nothing in particular to add, but again there have been obviously concerns expressed over some of the reports and line items from the *Trust* presentations and again this is a great opportunity that we have. We try to get it each year so that the Assembly can get in detail answers from the trustees.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Do we hear any nays? Therefore, the motion is carried. We are now in Committee of the Whole and I invite Isabella Pain to join us in chamber. Just as a point of information, the documents were distributed by the Clerk of the Assembly to all Assembly Members at the last Assembly Sitting. I'm just going to use this opportunity to conduct a really quick and unofficial survey. Do any Members here require copies of

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those documents before we proceed on discussions? They were distributed last time. We did not distribute this package. So with my sincere apologies, we'll take another short recess which will allow sufficient time for our staff to provide copies and so that everybody can look at the documents as we go through discussion. We'll recess for 10 minutes until the documents are produced. Thank you.

(Recess)

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Now where we left off, we were in Committee of the Whole and remain in Committee of the Whole. So we have three *Trusts*, three *Trust* presentations to get through this afternoon. I think the way we'll do it is we'll let one of our two guests present each *Trust*, and we'll refrain from questions until the end of their presentation. Once they've complete discussing that particular *Trust*, I will take questions in the order that they're presented and everyone is allowed one initial question. At the conclusion of the first round, we can go on for a second round that is similar matching how we do when we're in normal procedure. So I'll let you decide which *Trust* you want to proceed with.

**MS. PAIN:**

Thank you. I think we're going to start with the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* and go from there. Some of this is very familiar

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because some of these slides haven't changed in any of the years because it's just describing the *Trust Deed* and some of the basic information. So the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* was created in 2002 as a result of the signing of the *Impact and Benefit Agreement* with Voisey's Bay Nickel Company, and it was established by the Board of Directors of the Labrador Inuit Association at that time. The objectives of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* are to receive and invest payments under the 2002 IBA, and also to disburse funds to enable Nunatsiavut Government to meet its obligations under the IBA. So all of the costs and obligations associated with implementing the *Impact and Benefit Agreement*. To assist the seven community volunteer centres to meet community needs, to reduce negative impacts of the Voisey's Bay Project, to promote social, cultural, educational, language and business initiatives. The eligible beneficiaries of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* are the Nunatsiavut Government, charitable persons with specific criteria as outlined in the *Trust Deed*, and we can get to that if you have a question on it, or a community or class of Inuit. So three eligible beneficiaries. The current Trustees are Michael Flatters, Sharon Pevie, myself, Frank Andersen and Tiffany Flowers.

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1 This is the interesting piece here. This is a new piece  
2 compared to what you've seen in previous years. It's about  
3 the investment policy. And in April of 2017 we amended  
4 the investment policy, and the investment policy, as it now  
5 stands, is to comprise generally of equities, 53 percent, and  
6 out of that we have Canadian equities of 30 percent, global  
7 equities of 33 percent. In terms of fixed income we have 20  
8 percent of our investments in fixed income, 10 percent of  
9 our investments are now in real estate, and of that 10  
10 percent, 5 percent are in Canadian real estate and 5 percent  
11 are in global. We've also invested in an infrastructure fund  
12 of 5 percent, and we've invested in private debt of 7  
13 percent. That is a new policy to add infrastructure, private  
14 debt and real estate. Those are new pieces for us.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Chairperson Mitchell, we're going to let the *Trust*  
16 presentation conclude. At the conclusion of the *Trust*, I'll  
17 entertain questions.

18 **MS. PAIN:**

In October of 2016 the trustees adopted an Investment  
19 Manager's Monitoring Policy. The purpose of the policy is  
20 to establish the approach that will generally be used to  
21 monitor the managers of the *Trust* funds, and also to define  
22 the events that will result in the closer monitoring of a

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manager, potentially in its termination, as well as the approach that is going to be used to perform this monitoring. I want to just talk about that a little bit. We had a situation where we had an investment manager that wasn't doing really well, and we realized we didn't have a policy in writing as to how to deal with that. We did address the situation, but after that situation, we actually wrote down our policy to say what we would do. Trustees will meet annually with each fund manager face-to-face to review its detailed performance, investment management style, and the organization. When certain events occur, closer monitoring will occur of the fund manager on a monthly basis. And then depending on the results of our monitoring, termination of that manager could occur. It occurred in 2015 with a termination of one of our global equity fund managers. Investment returns were still positive, however, the manager had changed the investment style and the returns were less than the benchmark. In terms of the financial update for 2016, there's a table that we have which sets out our value at the beginning of the period, which was a market value of \$198,648,275 at the beginning of January, 2016. We had

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investment income of \$23,243,590. We had a realized loss of \$5,161,706. We had total receipts of \$29,081,883. And we had unrealized losses of \$932,119.38. So with all of that, the value at the end of 2016, the value of the fund was \$226,721,279. The next table you see is an update for 2017. We don't have our final numbers in here for 2017 and we will put together a complete report like this for you for a following sitting which talks about all of our 2017 numbers. But you can see in here that as of the end of June, 2017 we had \$227,612,241. The *Trust Deed* priorities. The *Tasiujatsaok Trust* does make allocations two times a year, but there are some priorities as set out in the *Trust Deed*. The first priority is to cover the implementation budget. So Nunatsiavut Government submits to us, on an annual basis, a budget to implement the IBA, and that is the first call on any funds out of the *Impact and Benefit Agreement*. The next requirement is that we are required to put aside 30 percent of all capital receipts, and 10 percent of all net income to be set aside to a heritage fund. And the trustees are actually directed in the *Trust Deed* to consider the desirability of setting aside up to 50 percent of capital receipts and 25 percent of income each year. We also

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1 allocate \$100,000 to each volunteer centre annually, and  
2 there are currently seven volunteer centres; one for each of  
3 the Nunatsiavut communities, one for Goose Bay and one  
4 for Northwest River. So the funding that we make available  
5 is done on a proposal basis. We receive and review  
6 applications two times a year. The deadlines are September  
7 30th and March 31st. Since 2004 the *Trust* has made  
8 allocations valued at \$112,405, 120. We have a table in  
9 here, which is the last table, of proposals funded in 2016,  
10 and this is to give you an overview of the kinds of projects  
11 we've funded within the year 2016. As noted earlier, it is a  
12 proposal-based allocation, so these groups and  
13 organizations submit applications to us to be reviewed. And  
14 so in 2016 there was a total of \$4.35 million allocated in  
15 response to funding proposals to us. I won't go through the  
16 entire list unless you want me to. You've had it and you can  
17 read it, and I know there was already a question about one  
18 of the allocations, and so I'm assuming you've had time to  
19 look at that. And that's basically the end of the *Tasiujatsaok*  
20 *Trust* report.

21 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Isabella. At this point I'll entertain questions  
22 from the floor. The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of

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the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell. Go ahead, Gary.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

With regard to investment policy, I'd just like to know what the private debt is. It says 7 percent of the investment is private debt. Could you explain what private debt means and why a *Trust* would be involved with private debt?

**MS. PAIN:**

Thank you. I'll try to explain this. It's a bit complicated, and obviously this isn't our area of expertise, but I will give you the answer as I understand it to be. As you may or may not know, the *Trusts* have an investment person. He was a professor at McGill, who guides us and helps us as we learn about investments, because none of the trustees were trustees of a fund before we were all appointed to these *Trusts*. So we've had him on as our coach and instructor and teacher working with us for quite some time. Originally we were invested only in equities, Canadian equities, fixed income and real estate. We then further expanded out. Those are very standard things. We then expanded out to some global and US equities. And one of the things that we did after we became more comfortable with these particular pieces, Pierre advised us and we had some presentations and information sessions with balancing our portfolio. So if

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1 the stock market goes down, we needed to protect it in  
2 some other way, and so we looked at other kinds of  
3 investments to make that would try to either grow our  
4 capital, earn more income and to basically diversify so that  
5 we wouldn't lose everything if something happened in on  
6 area or another. So to get to your question about private  
7 debt, private debt is debt that is – people who are looking  
8 for an investment who are looking for a loan, looking for  
9 some kind of a fund and they will repay you at higher  
10 interest rates. It is a little more risky than some, fixed  
11 income, for example. But it is a very different kind of a  
12 investment than a fixed income piece. We have, I'm trying  
13 to look at, we have two different pieces. We have a  
14 company called AMP Capital that we use for one of our  
15 investments, and then the other one is UBS O'Connor, and  
16 I'm going to ask Rexanne if she wants to add any more to  
17 the private debt 'cause without getting into examples, I'm  
18 trying to figure out how else to explain it.

19 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

20 So Isabella is right. Our whole approach as trustees, and  
21 this is the same for all three *Trusts* that are presenting here  
22 today is, as we all are aware, in 2008-2009 the stock market  
crashed, and I know there was a lot of talk in Nunatsiavut

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among Labrador Inuit that on paper we had lost \$25 million between the Trusts. So taking a really, hard approach and a long look at the goals and objectives of our *Trusts* and going through various exercises where we looked at, you know, we want to preserve our capital. We want to grow the money. We need to diversify and not be tied entirely to the stock markets, and that led us down the road of going into real estate infrastructure and private debt. Now private debt, I'm sure when you look at the words on paper you think that we're investing ourselves directly into a private individual or a private company. In this case it's done in the same manner as we're doing with real estate, fixed income and global equities. We are investing in fund managers. So as Isabella mentioned, AMP Capital and UBS O'Connor. Those are fund managers whose specialty is private debt. So their role in taking money from various *Trusts* and pension funds across Canada and across the USA is to take these funds in, they analyze other corporations or companies. In some cases, very, very extremely wealthy individuals who need money and are willing to pay high interest for the money, and there is a little bit more risky, but the chances of them defaulting on the loan are very

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extremely low. We went through all the numbers and various examples in doing so. So that's what private debt is. It's companies, but we're not ourselves having to assess an individual company coming and looking for private debt. We've gone out to a fund manager, and we went through a very extensive process in selecting the managers that the trustees invest in.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

A supplementary question, Minister Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

I will make myself believe I understood what you said, but you also answered another question which I was going to ask about, fund managers, and I think you've explained what that fund manager does or – thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions from the floor? I'm sorry. I didn't realize there was a second question. Was there a second question?

**MS. PAIN:**

He wanted to talk about fund managers. We'd just like to add a little bit to that.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

By all means.

**MS. PAIN:**

So we do have a process that we go through when we're hiring a fund manager. It's, you know, we don't figure out, pick out one and all of a sudden just hire them. We go

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1 through an extensive process of doing background research  
2 in terms of people who manage these types of funds. Then  
3 we meet with them, we interview them, and we look at all  
4 of their history. So we do an extensive search for fund  
5 managers of any of these kinds of things. So for equities or  
6 fixed income, we're using the same approach to interview  
7 people and to find fund managers for all of these. And then  
8 I quickly mentioned the monitoring policy which is then to  
9 follow up as these are, once we've hired them and are  
10 working for us, to ensure that we're monitoring them to  
11 ensure that they're still earning us money, or they're  
12 behaving in the way in under certain market conditions that  
13 we would expect them to behave in that condition. And so  
14 we've created a complex hiring process and also a  
15 monitoring process.

16 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I believe it's the turn of the Sivunivut Inuit Community  
17 Corporation to ask a question, Derek Montague.

18 **MR. MONTAGUE:**

19 Okay. Thank you very much for that presentation. As you  
20 probably already know, my question is in regards to the line  
21 item in proposals funded in 2016, and I was wondering if  
22 somebody could please explain what project was funded  
under Heather Igloliorte, 37,243. Thank you.

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**MS. PAIN:**

Thank you. Heather Iglooliorte applied for funding. This was a second phase of her funding request. It was for a project called SakKijâjuk, which is Inuit art and craft, and bringing it to broader knowledge and awareness. It started with the big launch of Inuit art the previous year in Goose Bay where they had found artists in all of our communities and other places who created and brought art forward to be considered to be a part of the art show. So that was the first phase of it. The second phase which is the 37,000 was 10 percent of the overall actual project that she had. So our portion was 37,000, which was 10 percent, and it was to bring that art show to the rooms, to the Winnipeg Art Gallery, to the Nova Scotia Art Gallery and to one in PEI. It was also under consideration as to whether or not it was going to go to the National Art Centre in Ottawa. I'm not sure if that piece got finished, and there was also the publication of a book called SakKijâjuk which had an artist's profile of all of the Inuit artists who produced and brought work to the project, SakKijâjuk. I think we have some in our offices if you're interested in seeing the book that was put together based on that piece of funding.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a further question, Derek?

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1       **MR. MONTAGUE:**

No. Thank you very much.

2       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions from the floor regarding this? I

3 recognize Joe Dicker.

4       **MR. DICKER:**

Thank you. I guess I'm a bit confused. The Bank of

5 Montreal. I know that the Nunatsiavut Government has

6 some money in there and this is a *Trust*. Is that *Trust* within

7 the Bank of Montreal in protection with the dollars in that

8 system, or is this a totally different type of money managing

9 that you're talking about here, 'cause when I think of BMO I

10 think all the money that Nunatsiavut Government earns or

11 invests in, goes into that bank. I'd like clarification.

12       **MS. CRAWFORD:**

Although I will say I am not a trustee of the *Tasiujatsaok*

13 *Trust*, I think your questions applies to all three *Trusts* that

14 are here today. The three *Trusts* do have a bank account

15 with the Bank of Montreal for a day-to-day money

16 transaction, whether it's the payment of investment

17 manager fees, travel claims, rental of meeting space, et

18 cetera. What the *Trusts* have their money in is outside of

19 the Bank of Montreal. We have them in fund managers as

20 noted in the investment policy, and there are quite a

21 number of them that the *Trust* have invested in. So those

22 are separate from the Bank of Montreal, and we do use the

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Bank of Montreal, but only for our bank account. The same as Nunatsiavut Government. We have a bank account where same as we all have our bank account for our transactions, our day-to-day transactions.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a secondary question, a supplementary question, to that, Joe?

**MR. DICKER:**

So our money is – when I think of Bank of Montreal then I do not think of all the money that's going in there is right. Okay. Thank you for that clarification. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions on the floor in regards to the *T. Trust*? Derek, I'm going to wait, just make sure everyone has their first time first before I go back to you. I recognize Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. I looked at the Nain Inuit Community Government and Hopedale Inuit Community Government and Rigolet Inuit Community Government. But it don't specify. Mostly everything else is, like, specified. Is it just the money – can I ask what the money was used for?

**MS. PAIN:**

I can't tell you off the top of my head without going back and looking at exactly what these were used for. The types

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1 of proposals we often get from the Inuit Community  
2 Governments could be for a recreation project. Rigolet  
3 sometimes has a few recreation projects that they might be  
4 looking for funding for. I can go and get the exact – if I had  
5 my computer I could pull it up and show it to you, but  
6 usually it's for smaller projects. Sometimes it's for fire  
7 brigade training, as an example. Sometimes it might be to  
8 purchase a piece of equipment. I would say looking at the  
9 amounts of these, it's probably either some recreation or  
10 maybe some fire fighter training, or something like that. So  
11 if you want, I can go get those, but those are usually the  
12 types of things we get from community governments other  
13 than for, you'll see closer ones to the bottom for a million  
14 bucks. Inuit Community Governments. Those generally  
15 might be to support some of the capital works pieces that  
16 we had allocated funds for.

17 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member  
18 Flowers? The Chair recognizes Ordinary Member Richard  
19 Pamak.

20 **MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It certainly sounds like the  
21 Nunatsiavut Government's got their own version of  
22 Dragon's Den when it comes to private debt, so knowing

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1 that you made a presentation on the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* with  
2 regards to private debt, I would think that would fall more  
3 under Labrador, LICST, when it comes to income earning.  
4 Would this private debt be all across the board with all four  
5 *Trusts*?

6 **MS. PAIN:**

Private debt as a type of investment is, you will find in these  
7 three *Trusts* we're talking about today, Nunatsiavut Group  
8 of Companies doesn't invest in private debt in this manner  
9 using an investment fund manager. So we buy into a fund.  
10 We're part of a fund. You won't find NGC or LICST in that  
11 kind of a fund at the moment. So it only applies to these  
12 three *Trusts* that we're going to talk about this afternoon.

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Secondary question?

14 **MR. PAMAK:**

Not a question, Mr. Speaker. More a comment. I wasn't  
15 referring to Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. I was  
16 referring to the *Trust*, LICST, in regards to private debt, and  
17 so by no means I was asking to see if Nunatsiavut Group of  
18 Company invest in something like this. It was more a  
19 reference to the *Trust* itself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

20 **MS. PAIN:**

And the *Trust* doesn't either, at this point, invest in any  
21 funds that we're talking about today.

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1       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**           Any other questions on the first round before I proceed to  
2   the second round? Hearing none, the Chair recognizes  
3   Derek Montague.

4       **MR. MONTAGUE:**           Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My first question would be just for  
5   clarification purposes. When we use the terms value at  
6   beginning of a timeframe and value at the end, is that value  
7   in actual money, or is that value as in like when people talk  
8   about like a market value, if you get my drift there. Thank  
9   you.

10      **MS. PAIN:**                The value that we're using in these tables is market value.  
11                                       So it's not book value. It's market value.

12      **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**           Anything else? And secondary question, Mr. Montague?

13      **MR. MONTAGUE:**           And with all these terms like realized gains, losses in value,  
14                                       just to make things clear and simple, can you tell us if the  
15                                       fund is growing or shrinking in terms of its value. Thank  
16                                       you.

17      **MS. PAIN:**                These *Trusts* are growing in terms of their value. You will  
18                                       notice in the table, I don't have pages on, but the financial  
19                                       update 2016, you will note that we had a line there called  
20                                       realized losses of \$5 million, just over 5 million, that is a  
21                                       realized loss. We mentioned that we had an investment

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1 manager that was performing below benchmark. Those are  
2 the kinds of things you monitor, and when you get out of  
3 that investment, you might experience a realized loss.  
4 There's also a one down below called unrealized gains  
5 losses. That money is still in the market so it has a chance to  
6 recover and re-earn, so it's not a realized or crystallized loss  
7 at that point. Yeah, we're still above book value in all of our  
8 investments.

9 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Second and final supplementary question, Mr. Montague?  
10 Are there any other questions from the floor? Mr. Mitchell.

11 **MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regard to grants for  
12 corporations, would corporations be eligible for grants from  
13 the *Trust* for special, specific projects?

14 **MS. PAIN:**

Possibly. I wouldn't say no. I think that if you are an  
15 eligible beneficiary, and we talk about those at the  
16 beginning, if you're one of three eligible beneficiaries, either  
17 Nunatsiavut Government, a charitable person with specific  
18 criteria as outlined in the *Trust Deed*, or a community of  
19 class of Inuit, you could be eligible. And then the question  
20 will be does your proposal fall in line with the priorities, the  
21 *Trust Deed* priorities, as set out in the *Trust Deed*. So I  
22 would say that yes, you would potentially be a qualified

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applicant of the *Trust*. I don't see a reason off the top of my head why you wouldn't be.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a final supplementary question, Minister Mitchell? Are there any other questions from this round? Hearing none, if again the floor will entertain me. I was hoping maybe this question would have come out during the course, but since it didn't, I'll ask myself, having some background in this field. The mix of assets that you have, we have an equity percentage of 53 percent which, as I understand, is significantly lower than it used to be, but still represents a reasonably aggressive investment structure. How is that 53 percent equity figure arrived at, and is it consistent with the goals of the *Trust*?

**MS. PAIN:**

We came to 53, which this is lower than it was originally. I think you need to step back a little bit and understand how and where we came to be as trustees. So they are appointed by the Assembly and there are originally two elected officials also on *Trusts*, and then three other trustees. When the trustees began they had really no investment expertise at all, and when using the advice and assistance of an investment expert, came to a standard of between equities and fixed income originally split of 70/30. Not a good

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investment approach but a staggered one because people were just getting familiar with some of the terminology, especially as you had rotating elected officials in and out. So we were constantly re-educating and re-learning. The Assembly made the decision to not have elected officials involved in managing the *Trusts*. And so we've had a stable complement of trustees for a couple of years now, and we have gone down the road of a lot more education and understanding, and that's why you're starting to see we're adding other pieces in. So going down the road of adding real estate as a component of our asset mix policy, infrastructure and private debt. I won't say that we're finished adding and diversifying yet. I think we're doing it as we become knowledgeable. I won't say experts, but knowledgeable in an area to understand it, and then we'll move into it, and so this is the current policy. We don't change our policy on a whim. We change it after we've done education and research and understanding. So 53 percent is still a bit high. It is still half of our asset tied directly to the stock markets. The diversification you'll see in there is Canadian and global. Again is still equities,

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though. So I would say at this point we're here for a little bit and we'll see where we go next.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I think Minister Flowers has something to contribute.

**MR. FLOWERS:** ....any more questions.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Well, again, it's a bit high. That's all I can say. It's, you know, for a *Trust* which was long-term goal is steady growth, that a 53 percent equity participation is not typically something you would. I make that as a comment as opposed to a criticism.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** I think part to get where we are in the diversification of our portfolio, I recall a full meeting day we spent as trustees with our advisor and, you know, or someone else who's very knowledgeable in investments going through what articles of the money and what, you know, ultimately, and also looking at what the *Trust Deed* states on protecting the capital and in common, et cetera, and sitting back and looking at, okay, we have to balance out what our goals are. So we want to preserve the capital. We also want to grow it and have income, but we don't want to have too risky of an income, and you have to take some risk in order to earn money. So we are evolving, as Isabella did mention, and we

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are growing and diversifying as we become comfortable with it. You know, our ultimate goal is not to be tied as much to the stock markets, but, you, obviously, that is where most of the investments are. And we've looked at other Trusts and pension funds and seen what they are doing and seeing kind of, you know, we're following the same kind of road path that a lot of pension funds across the country are going with this diversification and protecting your money and your funds from entirely being tied to the stock market, and that's the road we're following.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions before I move on? Thank you. And we'll proceed to the next *Trust*, whichever you chose to present next, Isabella or Rexanne.

**MS. PAIN:**

Yeah, we'll go with the *Implementation Trust* next. So the background and objectives of the *Implementation Trust*. It was created on the 7th of May in 2007, and the objectives of this particular *Trust* were to receive and invest the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* Chapter 23 payments. And also to create a capital reserve of 75 percent of the amounts received from Nunatsiavut Government. Just a note on this. This is the *Implementation Trust*, Implementation Fund, and all

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payments have been received by the Government of Canada. So there will be no more payments going into this particular *Trust* from the *Land Claim Agreement*. In relation to eligible beneficiaries, there's only one. It's Nunatsiavut Government, and that is because it is in relation to implementation of the Land Claim and our ongoing obligations in that regard. There are three trustees on the *Implementation Trust*. There's myself, Michael Flatters and Patty Dicker, here from Hopedale. You'll see the investment policy again. It is very similar to the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. We can go through it and look at it, but again equities of 53 percent, Canadian equities, 30 percent managed by Beutal Goodman. Global equities, 33 percent, Fiera Capital Hexavest and Hillsdale Investment Management, although we're not in there yet. Fixed income, 20 percent, real estate, again 10 percent. Infrastructure, 5 percent and then private debt of 7. So the same policy applies in this particular *Trust*. Monitoring of fund managers. The same process applies here as does in the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. So I'm not sure I need to go through all of those pieces, unless you want me to 'cause it's similar to the other *Tasiujatsaok*. Again, the same thing, monitoring of fund manager applies.

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We monitor the fund managers monthly, if we have an issue with them. The financial update, which I'll get to, from January, 2016 to December 31, 2016, and in this particular table we have both book and market value for you. The value at the beginning of the period in terms of market value is 223,400,000. Investment income was 25 million. Realized loss of 5 million. Total receipts of 20 million. Total disbursements of 6 million, and unrealized loss of 2.9 million for a total market value at the end of the period of \$234,500,000. For an increase in the value of this particular *Trust* of \$34 million in that particular period. That's the end of that one. It's fairly short and sweet.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any questions from the floor in regards to the *Implementation Trust*? The Chair recognizes Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I apologize to Isabella and Rexanne because I'm pretty much repeating myself here, but I see the increase in book value, and going back to my previous question, book value is the same as actual cash value, or am I wrong there?



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received on December 1st. So under Chapter 23 there are no other payments coming in. The *Settlement Trust*, as we will go through, receives funds under the *Land Claim Agreement* from Chapter 19, which is our settlement dollars. They call it a capital transfer. And those were to be received in 15 payments, so we do have a couple of years of payments left under LILCA. There is another source of funding that we receive from the Government of Canada under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, and that is for the delivery of the programs and services we have taken down from Canada. So just to summarize, there's kind of been three types of payments from the Government of Canada, Chapter 23 implementation payments, Chapter 19 settlement dollars and our *Fiscal Financing Agreement*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess I'd like to know the costs of the *Land Claim Agreement* itself over the years. We had a loan from the federal government to do the negotiations. Could you tell me if that's now paid up?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

The negotiation loan is being paid through the funds that would be received under Chapter 19. So under the *Settlement Trust* presentation, there is a bullet point about

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the negotiation loan. We are still paying it back. I think we have two payments left. Actually, I know we have two payments left, two more December 1st payments on our loan.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a final question? Are there any other questions from the floor on the *Implementation Trust* before we proceed? Richard Pamak?

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recognizing that the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* is, you know, the only eligible beneficiaries is the Nunatsiavut Government to, you know, to implement the *Labrador Land Claims Agreement*. Under here you have disbursements of \$6 million. Is that for this short period from January 1st to December 31st? If so, what will be the actual disbursements given to Nunatsiavut Government to date regard to implementation of the *Land Claim Agreement*?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So under the *Implementation Trust Deed*, 50 percent of the investment income earned in any particular year has to be given to the Nunatsiavut Government and there are tax provisions and reasons for doing so. So if you look to our *Budget Act* each year, we budget 50 percent of the investment income. For a cumulative total I will have to get

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back to the Assembly. I don't know that number off the top of my head, but I can go back and provide the answer to all Assembly Members. I can't say it will be tomorrow, but I will do my best.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, Richard?

**MR. PAMAK:**

Not at this point, Mr. Speaker, but I make reference that I was going to ask something about implementation at the budget, but certainly and hopefully you'll get some information from Rexanne prior to then. Thank you.

**MS. PAIN:**

Just one thing. So if you want to look at the requirement under the *Trust Deed*, I think you have a copy of all of the *Trust Deeds*. It's on page 10, and Section 4 deals with the distributions that the *Implementation Trust* would have to make a year so that's the section that deals with it.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

One last call. Any other questions on the *Implementation Trust* before we proceed to the next Trust? Proceed with the final *Trust*.

**MS. PAIN:**

I'm going to let Rexanne do this one.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

This is the *Trust* I do sit as a trustee on. So the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* was created on March 1st, 2010. And this fund includes, and this wording is taken

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directly from the *Land Claims Agreement*: \$140 million in 1997 dollars to be paid by the federal government as capital transfer payments under LILCA Chapter 19 net of negotiation loan payments. There are two schedules in Chapter 19; one that will show the transfer to Nunatsiavut Government and the payment of the negotiation loan. This presentation was done in November and so it had stated there were three payments remaining. We did receive a payment on December 1st. So there is only two payments remaining. There are a number of objectives under the *Trust Deed*, the main one being to maintain, administer and invest the LILCA Chapter 19 payments and to distribute for the benefit of beneficiaries in accordance with the following principles. And there are five principles listed here. I'm not going to go through each one in detail. If you have a question specifically, they do fall under the *Trust Deed* and are taken directly from there. Eligible beneficiaries under the *Trust Deed* are as follows: Nunatsiavut Government, another *Inuit Settlement Trust* and eligible beneficiaries. Eligible beneficiaries are defined as beneficiaries of LILCA as evidenced by the inclusion on the register described in LILCA. In developing this presentation we do have a point

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that we do want to discuss with the elected officials here, the Assembly Members, to give us some directions as trustees. The Labrador Inuit Settlement fund, the Chapter 19 funds, fall under the *Tax Treatment Agreement* that we have between the Government of Canada and Nunatsiavut Government. So under the *Tax Treatment Agreement*, it does state under there who the eligible beneficiaries can be for the Chapter 19 dollars. As we're moving forward into the time period when other than the Nunatsiavut Government can apply to the *Settlement Trust* for funding, we have come to realize that the *Trust Deed* and the *Tax Treatment Agreement* do not line up. So the *Tax Treatment Agreement* does include the three beneficiaries that are listed above on that slide with those first three bullets. The *Tax Treatment Agreement* also lists that eligible people who could use *Settlement Trust* funds or apply for the funds would be an Inuit Community Government and Inuk and Inuit and any registered charity or non-profit organization within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* that directly or indirectly benefits at least one or more Inuit. And the question that – and I know, Mr. Speaker, that we had talked at the beginning about going through the presentation and

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then taking some questions at the end. However, if we could have a discussion on this page before we get through, we'd really appreciate it.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Obviously, I bow to your superior knowledge on this fact, and if you think that's productive, I'm totally fine with that so.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

*Nakummek.* So the reason we're raising this here today is because the only way a *Trust Deed* can be amended is by approval of the Assembly. We've done it in the past where there was the removal of the elected officials, and so a resolution was brought forth to the Assembly and an amended *Trust Deed* was prepared and accepted and approved by the Assembly. So our question then that we would pose to you as Assembly Members are should the *Trust Deed* broaden the definition and inclusion of who eligible beneficiaries are to also include those three points on the bottom which we are, according to the Government of Canada, allowed to disperse funds, settlement funds to. I guess I'll welcome any comments and, I guess, Mr. Speaker, if you could facilitate if there's multiple.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Of course. Are there any comments or questions? I recognize Joe Dicker.

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MR. DICKER:

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* Before I make any suggestions as to who could be beneficiaries of this under the eligibility title there, when you ask that the Assembly consider and make suggestions, are we doing everything over and above board? Should we have legal counsel advices on this? I mean, are we doing this right? You know what I mean? I want to understand that. I want to make sure that everything is good. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I think that's a very good idea. Again, I don't want to opine too much on it too, but perhaps if people thinks it a good idea, maybe we can invite Loretta down.

MS. PAIN:

I think where we're going with this, we don't expect you to give us an answer today. We're looking for opinions as to whether or not we should even move forward in exploring the fact that we've identified that there are different eligible beneficiaries in two different places. Is it worth us taking our time and bringing forward a document to you that would come forward with a proposal to amend the *Trust Deed*, or are you happy with the *Trust Deed* staying as is? Because if you would like us to consider bringing forward a document that would add these other eligible beneficiaries, these other organizations, as eligible beneficiaries, we will

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1 then go forward and do as we did the last time we wanted  
2 to amend the *Trust Deed*. We would bring first a discussion  
3 paper, or a memo to the Assembly for discussion and  
4 further direction to then come back with a resolution and an  
5 amended *Trust Deed* for your consideration. This is a very  
6 first and preliminary step because we have recently  
7 identified this as we went down the road in reviewing. So  
8 we don't want to go and do the next phase of work unless  
9 the Assembly thinks it's worth us trying to resolve this  
10 conflict we found between two different documents, one  
11 limiting who are eligible beneficiaries under the Trust Deed  
12 and the other broadening the scope of who eligible trustees  
13 possibly could be.

14 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

15 If I can add just one point in our discussion on the direction  
16 of this is. The *Tax Treatment Agreement* is what Canada  
17 agreed to, and that's as broad as we can go. So we can  
18 always make it, you know, if the Assembly wanted to that  
19 you could always limit the amount of eligible beneficiaries,  
20 but as broad as we can go is only what's in the *Tax*  
21 *Treatment Agreement* in order to maintain the appropriate,  
22 I guess, tax relief under the *Tax Treatment Agreement* and  
not to have that *Trust* taxable.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Any other questions? Do you have a second supplementary question, Joe?

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With that clarification, I would agree that as an Assembly Member, well, from the Nain Inuit Community Government that yes, find out who are eligible just to make sure that no entity in our communities are, or no possible eligible beneficiaries are left out. And I'm happy that, you know, that this has been discussed, and just to make sure that, you know, we consider everybody and anybody that's eligible within the *Tax Act*, whatever you're talking about there. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Any other comments or questions? Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** I agree with what Joe said that basically if we can include more people to be eligible then that's a great thing. The more the merrier and all that stuff. But I'm just curious if the trustees have identified any pros or cons or anything that could suggest that it would actually make things a bit more complicated if we expand the eligibility criteria. Thank you.

**MS. PAIN:** We haven't really gone and looked at pros or cons yet at this point. One of the discussions we did have as trustees,

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1                   though, was in particular about the Inuit Community  
2                   Governments because I know at this Assembly and previous  
3                   Assemblies Inuit Community Governments are assuming  
4                   that they are eligible to apply for funds under the *Labrador*  
5                   *Inuit Settlement Trust*. Upon our review we discovered that  
6                   well perhaps they might be or they might not be, and it's  
7                   not the language isn't as clear in the *Trust Deed* as it is in the  
8                   *Tax Treatment Agreement*. And so that was one of the  
9                   things that got us discussing this whole issue and wanting to  
10                  ensure that we're clarifying it, especially if that's what  
11                  people's expectations are. So we haven't done the pros  
12                  and cons. It's a very initial discussion as to whether or not  
13                  we should even go investigate this further and then bring  
14                  back some positions for your consideration.

15       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Derek, do you have a supplementary question?

16       **MR. MONTAGUE:**

17                  Yes. Well, without knowing the, like I said, pros or cons or  
18                  practicalities, I think the concept is a great one if we can  
19                  include more people without it hampering any of the  
20                  trustees' operations. I guess the one question I would have  
21                  is that when it says Inuit Community Government, would  
22                  that include the community corporations that me and Gary  
                 currently chair? Thank you.

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**MS. CRAWFORD:**

The definition of an Inuit Community Government is defined under the *Land Claims Agreement*. So it doesn't include corporations, however, you would be captured under a non-profit organization within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* that directly and indirectly benefits at least one or more Inuit. So you would be captured under the third bullet.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Supplementary question?

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

In that case, as of now, I am totally in agreement, if you want my feedback.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, first, I have to say when you first made your first major comments, I figured you might be taking away something from us, but certainly, you know, recognizing the two different, I guess, eligible beneficiaries compared to the *Trust* and the tax treatment. First of all, I just want to say, I think it's great that you're coming to the Assembly for inclusion for our opinions and into such a very important matter for us. And certainly, you know, I guess we look to you to kind of develop some areas that may be included in the *Trust* and recommendation, but give us the opportunity too as well to add or if we can too as well. I want to thank you for that, for giving us the ability, the Assembly here to be part of making some changes that may

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meet all the needs of all the communities and corporations.

So thank you for that. Just a comment.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Other comments? Questions? No other comments or questions at this time?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

*Nakummek.* So eligible beneficiaries...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Gary. The Chair recognizes Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I'm off the beaten track here, but when you talk about eligible beneficiaries other than Nunatsiavut Government, and like Derek referred to, the corporations, does this mean that you're going to be looking at granting money or funds to any other eligible beneficiaries other than Nunatsiavut Government which means we could, as a corporation, could obtain more funds from this *Trust*. And in order to do that, you know, the *Land Claim Agreement* states you can only spend so much outside the land claims area. Now I maybe going off track here, but does this open up something that corporations can apply for more money or programs and services in Upper Lake Melville? Now tell me if I'm gone wrong here or off the beaten track.

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MS. CRAWFORD:

So on the next page of the presentation, and I'm just going to lead through this 'cause that'll take us to answer your question, Gary. During the first 11 years of the *Settlement Trust*, no distributable cash flow can be made to any other eligible beneficiary than the Nunatsiavut Government. So year 12 is 2021. As trustees of the *Settlement Trust*, two years ago we began a process of looking at year 2021 when the *Trust* is open for other eligible beneficiaries to apply for funds. And how that process will look, how it could look in conjunction with the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, with other programs and service that the Nunatsiavut Government may have, or things like that. So in doing so that's where we discovered the difference between and the discrepancy between the *Tax Treatment Agreement* and what the *Trust Deed* says. So if today was year 2021, the Inuit Community Corporations and Inuit Community Governments would not be eligible to apply for funding under the *Settlement Trust*. That's why we've begun this discussion today, to get direction from the Assembly Members about that definition of eligible beneficiaries. So that in year 2021 when eligible beneficiaries can apply to the *Settlement Trust* for funding for their programs and services, as long as you meet the

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definition of who an eligible beneficiaries are and your project fits the mandate of the *Trust*, it would be considered through a proposal process. We're still in very preliminary stages of working through what this will look like, and our goal is to develop things, bring it back to the Assembly for consideration and some direction as we're doing with today. But this was one of our first key points of area of discussion for the direction. So I'm not sure if that answers your question appropriately.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have any other questions?

**MR. MITCHELL:**

No further questions at this time, no. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions on this aspect of the presentation?

Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Well, this is not really a question. It's more of a comment, and as a Member of the Assembly, I'd be very interested in seeing, you know, the *Trusts* come back with something because I think it would be a wonderful opportunity for Inuit Community Governments and we know some of the financial struggles and things like that. So I think it could go a long way in helping, you know, with land development and, you know, housing and things like that. So I think it's

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wonderful to get the opportunity to do that. And it'll be just in time. That'll give us, by the time 2020 rolls around they'll be, you know, ready to accept applications. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

In that mind what I'll do, we'll allow with you to proceed through the presentation and we can circle back to that question of guidance from the Assembly about whether there's appetite here at the Assembly to broaden that definition of eligible beneficiaries. So I'll let the presentation proceed, then we'll come back and I'll see if the floor, if anybody wants to entertain a motion to proceed in that fashion, and then we'll come back to that point.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So we're on the slide, current trustees. Current trustees are Isabella Pain, Michael Flatters, myself as Deputy Minister of Finance, Daniel Bennett and Tiffany Flowers. The investment policy was amended in April, 2017 and is the same as the *Implementation Trust*. We have listed out the fund managers that we are currently invested in or about to invest in. For the *Settlement Trust* you will notice that we still have not determined a global real estate fund manager or a second private debt fund manager. There are very strict limitations under the *Trust Deed* and under the *Tax Treatment Agreement* in the types of funds and the

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structure of the fund managers that we can invest in. And so we have to do a little bit more exploration and a little bit more research into one that fits what we're trying to achieve while fitting in the parameters of the *Tax Treatment Agreement* with the Government of Canada. The next couple of slides again review through our new monitoring policy, and it's a documented policy. It was a policy that we were following, but it wasn't formally documented and that's the process we've gone through. So we do receive quarterly reports on our funds. We meet annually with each individual fund manager for our face-to-face presentations, and as Isabella mentioned in a previous presentation, when certain events are triggered we will move and have moved to a monthly monitoring of our fund managers, and then ultimately in one case it did lead to a decision of termination. So the financial update for this particular *Trust* for the full financial year of 2016. So our *Trusts* operate on a calendar year which is different than the government's fiscal year process. So we did have a book value at the beginning of the year on January 1st of 119,500,000. Our market value at January 1st was 141,800,000. Our value at the end of the year at December

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31st, our book value was 132,100,000. And our market value was 152,500,000. This is an increase in value of 20,400,000. Again, as I noted before, payment was made on our negotiation loan on December 1st, 2016. A principal payment of 3,854,000 with an interest payment of 787,000. This concludes the presentation on the *Settlement Trust*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Questions before we proceed back to circle back? Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly looking through your presentation here gives us an indication of what we make through investment. And make a note here of, you know, we pay back our loan that we had from the federal government for negotiating the *Land Claims Agreement*. I don't see any disbursements, other than that, from the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. Was there any applications made by the Nunatsiavut Government who are, in this case, the only eligible at the moment to provide some programming services throughout Nunatsiavut.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

There have been no funds received or requested from the Nunatsiavut Government from the *Settlement Trust*. I think the last year, it was either 2010 budget year or 2011 budget year. So prior to my time coming here. So they're, you

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1 know, and if funds had been requested from Nunatsiavut  
2 Government or from the *Settlement Trust*, would have had  
3 to go through a similar process in what we've done in the  
4 past and put through the *Budget Act*. But there has been no  
5 funds taken by the NG from the *Settlement Trust* since at  
6 least that time period.

7 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Any other questions? Supplementary question, Mr. Pamak?  
8 Any other questions from the floor? Marjorie Flowers.

9 **MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you. I'm just wondering about the trustees, I hear  
10 you say that they are appointed?

11 **MS. CRAWFORD:** The Nunatsiavut Assembly appointed all the trustees except  
12 for my position. The *Trust Deed* calls for the Deputy  
13 Minister of Finance to sit as a trustee on the *Settlement*  
14 *Trust*, and then the Assembly appoints all other trustees to  
15 the *Trust*. So trying to recall the year that Daniel and Tiffany  
16 were appointed, but that was probably three or four years  
17 ago.

18 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Supplementary question?

19 **MS. FLOWERS:** And for the trustees, do they have to have certain criteria to  
20 be on the committee?

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MS. PAIN:

There aren't any formal criteria. What happens in the case of appointment of trustees is that individuals resumes are brought forward to this Assembly, and the Assembly considers them and makes the decision on them. Trustees are trustees until and unless they're removed by the Assembly or they resign, or are no longer eligible by virtue of a particular position they may hold. As an example, Rexanne is a trustee on the *Settlement Trust* by virtue of her position with Nunatsiavut Government. So unless don't meet some of the conditions, but the resumes are brought to the Assembly of the remaining trustees of the *Trust*, normally is how it happens. Some of them they get, a recommendation goes to NEC. NEC then brings forward a number of names to Assembly for consideration.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Marjorie has one other point but not necessarily on qualifications. The *Trust Deed* does call for so many trustees to be beneficiaries, so many to be at arm's length. At least one must be a female and there's even provisions about living within Labrador Inuit Settlement Area or outside Settlement Area. So I wouldn't consider it a qualification, but there are parameters that the trustees were appointed within.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a final supplementary question, Marjorie Flowers?

**MS. FLOWERS:**

And for the choosing the managers for the different kinds, like the Canadian equity and the global, how do you choose those?

**MS. PAIN:**

It starts out before we even choose the managers. We start by deciding what products we want to be in or what types of assets we want to be invested in, and so we look at equities then global equity, Canadian Global bonds. We went through a long education process on trying to ensure we had an asset mix that would protect the asset, would diversify the asset, would grow the value, would grow the capital. So we had a bunch of considerations we made, and when we scored them all out it told us what kind of assets we had to be in, and so then we started to look at how we wanted to build our portfolio. So that's the asset mix of the types of things so equities, bonds, infrastructure, private debt, those pieces. When we know what type of asset we want to invest in, we get a number of companies or asset managers to respond to a proposal for us. They submit a proposal for us for consideration. We review them all. Then we interview them. Have them come and make a

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1 presentation to us, and we interview them with all trustees  
2 present, and usually from there and having a discussion with  
3 them understanding what type of manager they are, what  
4 kinds of markets we expect them to perform in, and then  
5 that's how we hire them, based on actual engagement with  
6 these individuals . Sometimes we interview between five  
7 and eight. We're usually down to about five people now  
8 that we interview. We've gone as high as eight at times on  
9 one asset. That was a bit much, so we usually try to pare it  
10 down to about five asset managers that we would consider  
11 for any one of these portfolios. It's a comprehensive  
12 process which is quite time consuming, but very necessary.

13 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

14 Just to add too, Isabella, in some instances we've also  
15 engaged a company to do due diligence. If we're down to  
16 one or two fund managers and we want to make sure that  
17 we completely understand and there's like a series of  
18 questions and considerations that we want to get more  
19 information on and get some background checks done on,  
20 different things like that, we have gone the route of getting  
21 due diligence done on certain companies. We've also gone  
22 the route where we've gone and done a second face-to-face  
interview with them. So the first one usually is in our space,

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1 so in our conference room, our meeting space, and when I  
2 say our, I don't mean the trustees own one, but in a space  
3 where we're meeting, and we have done a second interview  
4 and we came down to two candidates. And we've gone to  
5 their premises and done a second interview in their space so  
6 that we can see where they work and what they're doing  
7 and meet more people related to the company versus just  
8 the, you know, usually the top investment officer and the  
9 CEO. So there are quite a number of pieces we look at, and  
10 there's quite a number of when we get it on paper and look  
11 at, you know, our 12 companies that we're trying to narrow  
12 down, you know, we're looking at quite a number of  
13 considerations in analyzing each and every one of those  
14 managers to kind of make those decisions.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

15 Are there any other questions from the floor? Hearing  
16 nothing but silence, trustees came and asked the Assembly  
17 to provide some direction surrounding the broadening of  
18 the definition of potential beneficiaries. So I'm going to  
19 circle back to that. So I'm looking for direction from the  
20 floor mover that the trustees to LICST develop a discussion  
21 paper for the inclusive definition of eligible beneficiaries  
22 under the *Trust* and that the *Trust* provide this discussion

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paper to the March, 2019 of the Assembly. Do we have a mover? So moved by Kate Mitchell. Seconded by Jim Lyall. Any discussion or debate on this motion? Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Did you say March, 2019?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That's a proposed date, but again it's subject if, you know, you can vote against that date if you so choose.

**MR. PAMAK:** Okay. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Any other discussion before I put this to a vote? You got to be quicker. Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you. No, like I said earlier, I think this would be, you know, a really good opportunity for, you know, to help out our communities and whatever with more infrastructure things and other programs and services. And I know that it's quite a ways away, but the thing about is too it's going to take quite a while to, you know, to get the procedures and everything down, and all the legalities of it and everything. So and it's only nothing can be dispersed from this fund, to my understanding, until 2021. So that should give ample time to, you know, have a document that's really what they're looking for. Thank you.

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1       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Ordinary Member Pamak.

2       **MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for clarification, I guess, when  
3       you say discussion paper, does that mean a draft will be  
4       developed with possible changes with seeking our input into  
5       those changes? Just for clarification, what is defined as a  
6       discussion paper? Thank you.

7       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The sense that I got from our two invited guests was that  
8       they wanted some direction to be able to put some research  
9       into broadening that definition of who was a eligible  
10      beneficiary. I guess the discussion paper would be the  
11      output of that investigation. Thank you, Mr. Minister, Kate  
12      Mitchell. The motion is in order. To the motion, Mr.  
13      Minister, would you care to speak to the motion? Or should  
14      I say, does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? That  
15      concludes debate on the motion. All those in favour of this  
16      motion, please signal. Are there any opposed? The motion  
17      carries. I have your direction and I thank you for your  
18      presence and your contribution. We're now back in  
19      Assembly and that concludes motions for today. We'll now  
20      move onto item 17 in the *Orders of the Day*, item 17 being  
21      the "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills  
22      today so we'll move onto item 18 on *Orders of the Day*, item

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1 18, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second readings  
2 of bills today so we'll move onto item number 19. Item  
3 number 19 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Assent to Bills."  
4 There are no assent to bills today. We'll move onto item 20  
5 which is "Adjournment." Just a quick reminder that up at  
6 the school there is a feast, I believe, at five o'clock followed  
7 by a performance from Twin Flames, if I'm not mistaken. So  
8 all those who are interested can participate in that, and with  
9 that we'll adjourn the first day of our final sitting of this, the  
10 Third Assembly of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Thank you.

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* I'd like to call to order our second day of  
12 sitting for the 18th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut  
13 Assembly. We'll begin on item one of the *Orders of the Day*,  
14 and I'm going to call upon the Honourable Kate Mitchell,  
15 First Minister, to say the opening prayer.

16 **MS. MITCHELL:**

(Opening Prayer).

17 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Mitchell. Onto item two, *Orders of the*  
18 *Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery," I see our friend  
19 from the University of Toronto, Graham White. Welcome  
20 and thank you for your interest in our proceedings and, of  
21 course, Loretta is omnipresent. Are there any other visitors

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anybody would like to recognize at this time. AngajukKâk  
Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. I just wanted to also recognize and welcome  
also Graham White. Graham is the researcher with the  
Tradition and Transitions Project and I'd like to welcome you  
to Hopedale. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other visitors people would like to recognize  
at this point? Hearing none, we'll move onto item three on  
your *Orders of the Day*, "Minister Statements." Are there  
any minister statements for today? The Speaker recognizes  
the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* I have a quick update from the  
Department of Finance. Honourable Speaker, the  
Nunatsiavut Government annually receives a general  
assessment from the Department of Indigenous and  
Northern Affairs Canada. This assessment rating is used by  
INAC and Health Canada to assess capacity for the delivery  
of programs and services. For the 2017-2018 year our  
government has been assessed with a low risk rating of  
0.95. Mr. Speaker, a reduction from the previous year's  
rating of 2.76. I want to thank all of our program and  
financial staff who continually ensure that all reporting

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requirements are met with our funding agencies while still delivering exceptional programming. *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Flowers. The Chair recognizes the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Order. You said Minister Flowers. It's Minister Edmunds. You said Flowers. But you said thank you, Minister Flowers. It's Minister Edmunds.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** My apologies to you both. I'm not sure which way that apology goes, but I'll extend it in both your directions simultaneously. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to clarify something that I said in my minister's statement yesterday. When I said that our housing strategy would go to the next Assembly sitting. The thing about it is our next Assembly sitting will be in May when the new government is sworn in. So but I'm confident that the work that has gone into the Housing Strategy that regardless who fills the position as First Minister, that the Housing Strategy is a good solid way forward for our housing, and I'm confident that whoever fills

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1 the position will definitely be ready to bring it to the sitting  
2 in September. I just wanted to make that clarification. And  
3 also I would just like to thank this Assembly for giving me  
4 the honour of being able to serve as your First Minister. It's  
5 been a challenging but very rewarding term, and I just  
6 wanted to thank each and every one of you for your  
7 support, and it's certainly been, you know, a learning  
8 experience for me, and I'm really honoured to be able to  
9 represent you as your First Minister. Thank you.

10 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Mitchell. Just in case anybody else  
11 wants to make a statement, statements regarding your  
12 personal feelings are fine, but they should be confined to  
13 the member statements section of today's proceedings, but  
14 nonetheless, thank you. Are there any other Ministers who  
15 wish to make a statement this morning? Hearing none,  
16 we'll move onto item four of the *Orders of the Day*,  
17 "Member Statements." Are there any member statements  
18 for today? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Herb Jacque.  
19 AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

20 **MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be brief this morning, bear with  
21 me. Yesterday I looked into my glass case and it was empty,  
22 so I came with no glasses so I know it's not good, but

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1 anyway. Just a briefing on a couple things that's occurring  
2 in my community. The SEED Program is still ongoing and  
3 should end in the near future. And the disabled and the  
4 seniors are very grateful. We welcome the Youth  
5 Symposium to our community. It was a great turnout,  
6 probably about 40 people, and it's good to see the youth  
7 involved. I would like to thank one of the polar bear hunters  
8 who donated polar bear meat to our Community Freezer.  
9 Those who picked some up enjoyed and it was much  
10 appreciated. I'd like to recognize our Recreation  
11 Department once again for a job well done during the  
12 season on our taking our new arena. This year's Annual  
13 Jamboree is our 25th. Will take place on March 17th thanks  
14 to Linda Pottle and her staff at the HSD for this annual  
15 event. We would like to extend a welcome to each and  
16 every one of you to participate or just to come and listen.  
17 Congratulations to Liz Evans-Mitchell who is our new VP rep  
18 for combined counsels. We wish her well. Thank you, Mr.  
19 Speaker.

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

21 Thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque. The Speaker recognizes the  
AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

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**MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This morning I want to acknowledge and thank Nunatsiavut Department of Health and Social Development and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for sponsoring Twin Flames to travel to our communities to perform. Their music was inspiring and uplifting and sent a very powerful message of hope and empowerment, and in a time when so many of our communities are affected by trauma and loss, it certainly is what we needed to hear last evening. I also want to acknowledge and then the Community Youth Choir for their beautiful performance. It is wonderful to see both older and young choirs singing together. Last, but not least, thank you to Mental Health Counsellor Lee who outdid himself with a few tunes on the bagpipes. It's rare to hear bagpipes playing in Hopedale so it was a real treat for us last evening to be surrounded by such talent, both locally and from away. I would like to acknowledge and thank DHSD and the rec staff, anyone else who helped in organizing this awesome event. The feast was awesome. *Nakummek*. For all the Members of this Assembly who will not be returning in the upcoming election, I want to thank you for your work and dedication to this Assembly and to your constituents.

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Working in public life is not always easy, and many times we're away from our families and communities, often missing special events. For this, on behalf of Hopedale Inuit Community Government, I thank you and I wish you well in your endeavours. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* My report is brief as there wasn't that much happened since the last sitting. We've been mainly focusing on getting ready for the Cain's Quest race and being the Chair of the Organizing Committee. At this time I want to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishment made by the volunteers for the 2018's Cain's Quest. We had a record number of 31 volunteers in Nain this year and countless others who on the side helped out. All the teams coming to check point were made to feel welcome and we hope that this gave extra spark to continue on. Nain community members showed up in large numbers for the home Team 94 when they arrived around midnight but, unfortunately, Team 94 has been scratched after arriving to Makkovik. So we wish all the best to the remaining teams for their quest to become the number one racers at this

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time. In closing, Mr. Speaker, the Nain Inuit Community Government is preparing for our 28th construction season. The Joint Management Committee is scheduled to meet in Nain this month to discuss our plans for spending dollars for the upcoming season. That's all the communities together. And this week we have Jens Jenson. I've never met the gentleman, but I'm missing him as I stand here in this building. He's the lands planner for Nain, and he's coming up to upgrade our files which is long overdue, and I believe that after that he's coming back to Postville and to Rigolet to do the same thing. And our engineer from Hatch is arriving at Nain at the end of March to get us prepared for the upcoming construction season. That's all I have to report, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear.

**MS. GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank all the volunteers that volunteered their time in Postville during the Cain's Quest race. Wishing all the racers the best of luck as they approach the finishing line. To those that didn't finish, you are still winners. To take on such a task must be both physically and mentally exhausting, but

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we wish to see you all back again in 2020. The SEED

Program will be finishing up on March 9th. We were able to

hire four persons to help them qualify for their EI, and right

now it looks like the Postville groomer won't be doing any

grooming this year on the winter trails as the ice is very soft.

We're sorry about this, but safety comes first. And I'd also

like to mention that the Carl Memorial is coming up in

Postville this weekend. I'd wish all the players the best of

luck. Have fun and play fair. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Gear. The Chair recognizes the

Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community

Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti. Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* Some of my past

statements have dealt with communication or the lack of

communication, and although I do not want to keep singing

the same old song, I want to bring something to the floor of

this Assembly to look for answers. Not just for my benefit,

but for the benefit of all people who we represent and are

interested in what we are doing with some of the

partnerships and agreements that we sign. I will mention a

couple of these such agreements and will read a short text

from each of these two announcements that were made.

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The announcement on developing a marine management plan was made in September, 2017, while the most recent one on climate change that I know of was made during the latter part of February. These agreements were made with NG and the federal government. Since these exciting announcements were made through the media, I have not seen anything come my way through emails from NG on where we're going with this. I'm just going to read a text from the *Agreement*, the partnership that came out in the media. The Inuit of Labrador and the federal government have signed a deal that will see the Inuit use their traditional knowledge to develop a marine management plan covering more than 380,000 square kilometres of coastal waters on the far eastern end of the Northwest passage. We see this as a clear way to make sure that Labrador Inuit have some input into how our waters are being managed. We consider ourselves people of the ocean. This was from Minister Shiwak. So this would give us a way to have more control and more ways to manage that. Environment Minister Catherine McKenna was one of four federal ministers who are in the small Town of Nain on the Labrador, say, this week for a meeting with officials. So we all know about that

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meeting. The other one was on climate change. According to our press release in the spirit of reconciliation the Government of Canada is committed to supporting and partnering with Indigenous and northern communities territorial, provincial and Indigenous governments and other interested parties as to take action on climate change. So, as I mentioned, since these exciting announcements were made through the media, I have not seen anything come our way from NG on where we're going with this. I'm sure the Marine Management Plan is a mega project requiring money, various types of resources and partnerships with whoever uses the passage for marine travel. So will we receive extra funding? Will this bring extra jobs? Will this require more research? What about the timelines to implement this plan? Can we handle this on our own? And how come this project is not mentioned in the Budget for 2018-2019? The same goes for the climate change implementation adaption priorities that was announced. What will the money go for? What types of priorities will be developed to deal with climate change? Will it create more economic development and who will benefit from these funds? As climate change affects us all whether we are in

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the Hebron area or Upper Lake Melville or beyond. Mr.

Speaker, I am requesting that more information on these agreements and partnerships be distributed to all Assembly Members and the public to inform beneficiaries of what projects we're all involved in and the impacts it will have on us and the benefits we can expect from it. Let's expand our circle of information to include the people that we represent. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to take a few minutes today as I wind down my career in working for you. I got to say I've always been used to on the other side of the fence. I've set it up so you people could get elected and then I got to thank Darryl for convincing me. Why don't you try the other side, see if the grass is greener, and I did. But it's been a great experience, and I've got to thank each and every one of you as Ministers, Ordinary Members, AngajukKâks, for all your help and dedication to the people of Labrador, and especially Nunatsiavut. Now I say out of Labrador because I know the Canadian Constituency goes other than Nunatsiavut. I also have to say a very special

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1 thank you to one person, Kate Mitchell. Twelve years ago  
2 we were just about drove up the wall, and I think we had  
3 our legal aid in the same place as we tried to put together  
4 the first elections for Ordinary Members of Nunatsiavut.  
5 We got through it, and to look back now over the 12 years,  
6 we did accomplish a lot. Not only with the NEO office, but  
7 as an Assembly. We have made great progress and I'm sure  
8 there's still a lot more progress to be made. But I just want  
9 to thank you all, and I know some of you will be running  
10 again. Some of you may not run again, but I've got to say  
11 it's been a great experience and I thank you very much for  
12 the last four years, and I wish you all the best in your future  
13 endeavours. Thank you very much.

14 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Shiwak. The Speaker recognizes  
15 the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

16 **MR. PAMAK:**

17 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I just want to  
18 carry on from my statement from yesterday as it is  
19 important to me that I do as I made commitments to my  
20 constituency and to myself that I would do everything  
21 possible to ensure that I follow up on my commitments. Mr.  
22 Speaker, yesterday I spoke of the importance of a seniors  
facility for my community and for Nunatsiavut. I provided

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you with some background information on numbers of seniors admitted, passed away, and that numbers that continue to be in care. I provided different levels of housing provided in our community and how little we have service-wise for the care of our seniors. I spoke of how we have the ability to educate and create capacity to maintain and operate a seniors facility. Mr. Speaker, I also spoke of how the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* gave us the ability to create and develop our own legislation and to take down services. Again I'm not here asking to develop legislation, to take down transportation services, to take down education system. Nor am I looking to take down the whole healthcare services. But to take on a portion that is in great need of our communities. Certainly I recognize Mr. President and respect decisions or discussions that NEC to be confidential, but you did inform us that you certainly have an understanding of what is required to start a process to do so. You have a great team behind you and legal advisors negotiated, that negotiate the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. And I am confident, I am, that this government can develop legislation to meet our growing needs in care for our seniors. Mr. Speaker, we had the

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resources available to us and develop program to certify personal care providers as we did in nursing, social work, and now in educators. Programs that have proven to be very successful. I truly believe that we had the financial means as well to operate such a facility. We have a very healthy government. We see an increase annually of unspent surplus dollars from your overall operating NG budget, which would carry a portion every year to the next year. This Assembly approves a budget for housing initiatives without a plan or expenditures to match that allocation. We received federal funding for housing issues with additional commitments from the federal government for the next 10 years. The NG, Nunatsiavut Government which we were reminded again of yesterday, has access to four *Trusts* that advance the well-being of Labrador Inuit, and to implement the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. In 2008 Nunatsiavut Government was successful in receiving funds from a proposal to the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* for \$3.5 million for a seniors home. I'd like to quote the following. "Who says we can't have a seniors home in Nunatsiavut?" Words from a Member of the Assembly that I had a personal conversation who is now

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a member of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Powerful words and words of encouragement for me that kept me advocating today. You're right, Jim. Who says we can't have a seniors home? President Lampe, Johannes, I'm not here again to ask what are the next steps? It is a plea. It is a plea, to you and the NEC. I look to you over the next two years in your term to take all the resources available at your fingertips, develop a strategy to provide a service that we would be proud to deliver to our seniors and our elders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to say, I'd like to make a few comments today. First of all, I'd like to thank the community of Hopedale for electing me four years ago to serve as their Ordinary Member. I'd just like to say it was, you know, sometimes four years of difficulty but, you know, we certainly accomplished, in my view, a lot for our community and also for Nunatsiavut. So I'd just like to thank everyone who sometimes, you know, put up with me who sometimes even my wife don't want to put up with me

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but, you know, I certainly say what I feel and, you know, I just hope that I didn't rub people too much the wrong way, just a little bit. You know, I think that we have to be accountable, Mr. Speaker, for our beneficiaries who elect us, and I think we have to try to serve in the best interests of them, not so much for ourselves, Mr. Speaker. They put their faith in us and they asked us to, you know, do the best job that we can and, Mr. Speaker, that's, you know, I think that's what we all try to do. Now, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to, you know, say to the Executive Council and to the AngajukKâks that I hope that, you know, you keep on fighting for your communities because, Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut, yes, we've got a lot of things going for us, Mr. Speaker. You know, we've done a lot, we've accomplished a lot in the last four years, but, Mr. Speaker, there's still a lot of things that we need to do. And I'd just like to kind of touch on what yesterday the AngajukKâk for Rigolet said about murdered and missing women and inquiry, what's going on. Mr. Speaker, there's a lot of dark clouds still in Nunatsiavut that we have to know, that we have to overcome and we have to make known and make public so that people can, you know, bring out whatever is bothering

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1                   them, whatever their fears are to make this a better place.

2                   Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to speak a little bit also about

3                   something that's still quite quiet in Nunatsiavut and people

4                   are silenced because of it. And that's sexual abuse, Mr.

5                   Speaker. It happens too much and it's something that, you

6                   know, when it happens to our young children, or to our

7                   young women, they are sometimes ashamed of what

8                   happened and sometimes they are silenced, Mr. Speaker,

9                   because of what happens to them. And, Mr. Speaker, the

10                  sad part about it, it happens to them by the people that

11                  they put their most trust in when it could be either their,

12                  you know, their cousins, their uncles, their friends, and even

13                  sometimes, Mr. Speaker, their own fathers. And, Mr.

14                  Speaker, a lot of these people has been silenced by a shame

15                  or being put, even some cases, Mr. Speaker, they have

16                  been, you know, nowhere to turn and took their lives, Mr.

17                  Speaker. And that is a very sad thing because we, I guess, as

18                  a culture keeps sometimes things too quiet and, you know,

19                  Mr. Speaker, these sexual abusers, sometimes they go to,

20                  you know, go to jail and go for rehab, but yet they come

21                  back into our communities, Mr. Speaker, and then they're

22                  welcomed sometimes with open arms and, you know, the

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victims kind of don't know where to turn or what to do. So, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to say that we, you know, we have to look at it all, Mr. Speaker, even, you know, for the victims and for the sexual abuser, themselves, that they need help and find help and try and make, Mr. Speaker, a better place for all of us because we're all related, we're all in small communities and we need to support one another, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Flowers. Are there any other member statements for this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson on the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I'm actually going to address a rather broad topic that has no easy answers and I'm not here to provide them. Instead I want to put a thought into people's minds for those who plan to hopefully be a part of the fourth Assembly after the recent elections. I'm rather new to the Assembly, Mr. Speaker, and I notice that in conversations with my colleagues, whether formal or informal, when we talk about changes we'd like to make, laws we'd like to pass, it seems like there's always a roadblock, and that is a lot of details were included in our

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original *Constitution*. I've studied *Constitutions* for four years in university, and *Constitutions* are supposed to be overarching principles that guide laws. Our *Constitution* seems to have a lot of things that should be laws and trends and *Constitution* making change very hard for certain issues and details. Changing the *Constitution*, if deemed necessary, is a hard task. Hard does not mean impossible. Hard does not mean impossible. That's what I'd like to get across today. And if there is a consensus among Assembly in the future, amongst Inuit beneficiaries in the future that our *Constitution* could be better, could be made more flexible to benefit the Assembly and, most importantly, benefit our beneficiaries, I hope that we can start a discussion in the near future, the very beginnings of a long road. That if we do have to do something that may seem impossible, but it's actually just very hard, that we're willing to go down that road to make things better, whether it's membership issues, whether it's changes to how we do our elections, whether there's things in there that could save our beneficiaries money, remember hard is not impossible and we are elected to do the hard and not just the easy. For those of us that plan to join me in the fourth Assembly after

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1 May, I hope that thoughts start turning in their head, how  
2 can we make our overarching principles that guide us even  
3 better? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. Are there any other  
5 member statements for this morning? Hearing none, as  
6 everyone in this Assembly is aware, the Speaker is in a  
7 reasonably awkward position given our current electoral  
8 state. As you know, I am the sole representative of the  
9 Canadian Constituency, and at the same time we lack a  
10 Deputy Speaker. Again, I will be asking for the Assembly's  
11 permission to give a member statement so that the 2,000  
12 people of the Canadian Constituency can be heard. Are  
13 there any nays? Hearing none, I'm going to ask the Ordinary  
14 Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, to temporarily  
15 assume the Speaker's chair.

16 **MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the  
17 Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Edward Blake Rudkowski,  
18 to provide his member statement. Mr. Rudkowski, you may  
19 proceed with your member statement.

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. In this Assembly we have heard  
21 time and time again. We've had members stand up and  
22 recognize people in the Labrador Inuit Community who have

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done great things in their communities who are well-recognized and well-known to us all. Today I want to bring up the circumstance of someone that nobody here has heard of. On January 11th of 2018 one of our beneficiaries, a Mr. Donald Jararuse, passed away in a rooming house in Leemington, Ontario. He passed away alone and isolated from his community for decades. It was only when I got a phone call from the Hopedale Detachment of the RCMP looking for his next of kin that I was able to connect some of his family members with Mr. Jararuse, and I can tell you it was a very somber and dark and tragic event. Mr. Jararuse ran away from foster care in his teens and at that point lost all connection with his family, with his friends and with his homeland. Mr. Jararuse's name did appear on the Canadian Constituency list, and I was unable, and I didn't have the time, and with deep regret I say that to try to reach out to him to try to let him know that he was remembered and that he was not forgotten, and that he was loved and that he had a community and resources to connect to. Mr. Jararuse's tragic circumstances are reminders to myself, and I would suggest to many other people in this Assembly chamber, that there's still much work to be done to reach

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1 out and to engage with our beneficiaries whose lives have  
2 taken them outside of the north coast and outside the Land  
3 Claims Area. Mr. Jararuse's blood did not thin when he left  
4 the Land Claims Area. His family connections were not  
5 broken. The only things that was damaged and was broken  
6 was the lines of communication. I should note that my  
7 words here this morning are being done with the  
8 encouragement and at the suggestion and with the blessing  
9 of his family members who, one of which works with me  
10 part-time in my constituency office in Toronto. Time is of  
11 the essence in a lot of these circumstances. Mr. Jararuse's  
12 brother who does work for me was in the process of  
13 reaching out to him, and through circumstances delayed it  
14 and delayed it and delayed it and delayed it until the time  
15 when that terrible phone call came. So I implore you all to  
16 remember that, although many people live in our  
17 communities people here, there are many who are  
18 incarcerated, who are isolated, who are in foster situations,  
19 who are in rooming houses that we need to keep in mind  
20 and that we need to make best efforts to try and reach out  
21 to and re-engage and to let them know that they are not  
22 forgotten and that they are supported.

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**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada. Mr. Ed Blake Rudkowski. You may now re-assume your chair.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak, for filling in. Are there any other member statements before we move onto the next item on the *Orders of the Day*? Hearing none, we're onto item five, "Returns to Oral Questions." Item five, "Returns to Oral Questions," I'd like to recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, asked what is the status of Nain Bay charter discussion following the meeting in Nain in mid-January. Since the January meeting, Mr. Speaker, summary of discussion has been compiled. Their staff in Nain have also spoken to our fishery designates who were not at the meeting to seek their comments. The Torngat Joint Fisheries Board had sent a letter to Minister Leblanc asking DFO Science to provide resources to study Arctic char. The Minister has not provided a response to date. We have also had informal discussions with DFO Science while attending the crab wrap on additional science to study the Nain area char stop. My staff have been busy attending shrimp, crab

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and Atlantic salmon assessments over the past month. We will reconvene a meeting with Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Torngat Co-op, the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board and our Economic Development Division in the near future. Torngat Co-op have ordered 200 nets in a 4.5-inch mesh to be available for sale this summer. They are being made in Asia. Department is also exploring options for webs to be available along with the head and tow ropes for trading program to teach individuals to make their own nets. If I may, Mr. Speaker, question number two. From Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. Her question, we are hearing of a mineral staking claim around Hopedale. What is the process for staking claims and how does it impact the cabin owners in the area? Mr. Speaker, stake and mineral claims done by an online net using the province's minerals rights administration system, you have to be at least 19 years old and registered as a genuine prospector or companies had to be registered with Mineral Claims Record Office. A claim is 25 acres and you have to have up to a maximum of 256 claims per mineral licence. You are required to pay \$60 per claim. This includes security fee and admin fee. A stake mineral licence is issued for a term of 5

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years and can be renewed for up to 30 years provided you paid the required fees and completed the assessment reports. The fees are \$200 per claim at one year increase up to \$2,500 per claim at year 30. The company or prospectors are required to submit an annual assessment report to the province with total expenditures on each mineral licence. A security deposit is also submitted with a work application. It is due by the province and approved they can do explorations. Mr. Speaker, simply staking a claim does not give you rights to explore the land how they want. Mineral exploration requires the approval of a work plan by either the province or the Nunatsiavut Government on LIL, or both if the claims overlap LISA and LIL. Cabin owners do not own the mineral rights to the land the cabin is on. Mineral rights are still owned by the province. If we know cabins in the area that is under exploration, we identify those to the province and to the exploration company. We expect companies to minimize impact to cabin owners when they conduct exploration programs in the vicinity of cabins. We are aware of claims stake in the Adlatok Bay area and we know there are cabins situated in the area of the claims. If further information is needed on the mineral stake, we ask

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that you contact the Director of Non-Renewable Resources,  
Mr. Claude Sheppard, in our Nain office. Thank you, Mr.  
Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Seeing no other returns to  
oral questions, we'll move onto item six on the *Orders of the*  
*Day*, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions this  
morning? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain,  
Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Uhalitik*. My question today, sir, is  
directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources,  
Honourable Darryl Shiwak, with regards to the call of the  
moose in Gros Morne. Last year it was reduced to 40.  
Recently on news I've heard of the province or the  
provincial people there asking that the licensing be reduced  
to hunt moose because the population is now, I guess, at a  
sustainable level where they do not need to call. And this  
causes concern for me because as a community member in  
Nain, the Community Freezers depends a lot on the meat  
that's provided by the Nunatsiavut Government through the  
call to feed our community members. I ask Mr. Shiwak if  
there's going to be a call next year, and if they are looking at  
the possibility of they're not being a call, what are their

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1 alternate plans to provide meat, such as moose, to the  
2 community of Nain, not only Nain, but to the other  
3 communities within Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. My only caveat is that oral  
5 questions had to be, reasonably expected to be answerable.  
6 Your question was about the call in Gros Morne, and I'm  
7 not sure that our Minister of Lands and Natural Resources  
8 exercises any jurisdiction over calls in Gros Morne. Or are  
9 you referring to the hunt itself there? The Speaker  
10 recognizes the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

11 **MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question,  
12 AngajukKâk Dicker. It's a very good, and you're absolutely  
13 right. Our hunt was reduced to 40 last year because we  
14 were given the indication, as you said, the numbers of  
15 moose in Gros Morne are coming down to a more  
16 sustainable level, a level of moose that they want to have  
17 within that park. We are unsure how that will impact a  
18 hunt, if any hunt will occur next fall. It will up to Parks  
19 Canada to determine if that could happen. We're waiting to  
20 hear back from them and have a meeting with them on – if  
21 that's at all possible, and as soon as we know we will let all  
22 the communities in this Assembly know if that is possible.

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Back in, I don't even remember the year, when we made a commitment to, the past President made a commitment on behalf of the Executive Council, made a commitment to provide extra wild food into the Community Freezers, one of the main reason because of the ban on the George River caribou. It was a commitment that was made at that time, and at that time we reached out to Parks to see if this was something that could be done and, fortunately, it was something that could be done. In moving forward it is still our commitment as a government to try to provide as much wild food to our communities as possible. Whether that's moose, if it's at all possible to find more in Gros Morne or to find another source, we will explore that option. Whether it's char through the fishery, whether it's cod fish, partridges, we will always try to find that option. In moving forward with big game animals, currently we are exploring, through UPCART, the option of getting caribou from the Leaf River herd. For this year at this time it's not possible. It's getting late in the year, but we will try to do that, and hopefully through that we can start to replace some of that missing moose that we are starting to see missing in our Community Freezers. But, as a government, I think I speak

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on behalf of the executive and President Lampe, we are committed to keeping those Community Freezers filled with meat and big game meat, especially moose and/or caribou. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

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

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, *Uhalitik*. Thank you for your answer, Minister Shiwak, and I'm reassured to hear what you just said that, you know, the community members are not forgotten because of the high food insecurity that exists within Nunatsiavut. I ask that once, I know you won't have answers for me today, but once you have a substantial plan in place to do what you just spoke of that you provide through communication to everybody in a timely manner so that we can get back to our constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Absolutely. As soon as we have a plan in place, whether it's through moose, whether it's through, if we can access, through some way, access Leaf River caribou or whatever

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wild food, we will endeavour to communicate that as soon as we can and build on our communications as was brought up earlier this morning, and we will do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a final supplementary question? Are there other oral questions for today? The Speaker recognizes Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. As a follow-up to my statement this morning regarding partnerships and agreements, I'm going to direct this question to President Lampe and ask when these partnerships and agreements are signed between the Nunatsiavut Government and federal government or provincial government for that matter, why aren't these agreements or partnerships brought to the Assembly for discussion? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

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**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti. (Speaks in Inuttitut).* The Nunatsiavut Government is a partner to the Inuit Crown Partnership Committee with the Inuit regions which are represented by the *Inuit Tampirisat Kanatami*. And so these meetings are chaired, both by federal government and ITK. And so Nunatsiavut Government is a partner to the committee, but it is the federal government mandated by the Prime Minister of Canada that have the final say in communicating or putting forward information to Indigenous peoples across Canada. So it is not Nunatsiavut's responsibility to communicate until we have information that we are able to communicate to Labrador Inuit, Nunatsiavut. And so we as partner are at the table, but we are not able to put forward information without the Prime Minister or the federal government first saying that this information can now be spread to the our region. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek,* President Lampe. Chairperson Mitchell, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I understand that President Lampe, but I mentioned two partnerships this morning, two agreements. One of them was marine management. The second one was the climate change. You mentioned that

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1 you have to have the Prime Minister give his word or the  
2 federal government to relay the information. But I want to  
3 ask this because, in OkâlaKatiget news brief the other day  
4 they said that there was some money allotted to the  
5 program, the youth program in Nain, "Going Off, Growing  
6 Strong," which is an excellent program, and we should all  
7 have this kind of program in our communities. So if this  
8 agreement has already been implemented by this group  
9 getting some money, what are the plans for the rest of the  
10 money for climate change because there must have been  
11 some plans made already for one group to receive money,  
12 and what happens with the other money that has been  
13 allotted for climate change priorities? *Nakummek*, Mr.  
14 Speaker.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. The Chair recognizes, the  
16 Honourable Johannes Lampe.

17 **PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti. (Speaks in Inuttitut).* The statement  
18 that I gave yesterday I spoke to the budget speech that the  
19 Minister Balmoral gave last Tuesday on the 27th of  
20 February. And most certainly the Minister gave this  
21 information. For example, \$400 million for housing to be  
22 shared between in Inuvialuit, Nunavik and Nunatsiavut. But

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1 details still have to be worked out for that example and also  
2 for illumination of tuberculosis, \$27 million will be again  
3 spread out across Canada to help Indigenous peoples to  
4 eliminate TB. And those examples are still being worked  
5 where details still have to be worked out between, for  
6 example, for housing for Inuvialuit, Nunavik and  
7 Nunatsiavut. And so at this point we still have a lot of work  
8 to do to find out exactly what it is or where that money that  
9 has been mentioned by the Federal Minister of Finance will  
10 go and how it will be spread out. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. Chairperson, Mitchell, do you  
12 have a second file? Are there any other oral questions this  
13 morning? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for  
14 Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

15 **MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That question I had was for  
16 Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister. Apparently she's  
17 left the Assembly at this point, so if I could wait till she  
18 returns. Thank you.

19 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Well, we can't proceed with the *Orders of the Day* until this  
20 *Order of the Day* is dealt with. So I propose a five-minute  
21 recess until awaiting the return of First Minister Mitchell.

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(Recess)

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

On the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." At the time we recessed Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, had wanted to direct a question to the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, Kate, I want to thank you for everything that you've done in the last four years, especially when it comes to housing initiatives, and certainly I really recognize the hard work that you had done and the team that you had and bringing forward there have been initiatives that we have with us today, so I thank you very much for that. But your term is not over, not yet. So I'd like to forward a question regarding your Housing Strategy. Understandings from last sitting and also from correspondence back and forth that, you know, the NEC did give consensus to your Housing Strategy and it was to be forwarded to the Deputy Minister for final inclusion. Can you tell me if a final review has been done on the Housing Strategy and is it available? Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable First Minister, the First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

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**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak from Nain. I graciously accept your gratitude and, like I said, you know, earlier it's been challenging, but very rewarding. In regard to our Housing Strategy, where that was at at the last sitting, the draft, was, you know, we had approval in principle, I guess, from the Executive Council. Then it was to go back to the Deputy Ministers, and their comments were going to be, you know, then looked at, and we're at the stage now where, actually, we were hoping to have a meeting and it was scheduled for next week, and then that should, after that the plan was to bring it back to Executive Council. Unfortunately, the timing because, as you know, the Assembly will be dissolved as of the 3rd of April. So as a government then we cannot deal with any new issues or whatever, but everything is ready and, like I said, we have a really, really good team. And, you know, I don't think there will be much changes regardless of the government. So it should be, like I said, it should be ready to go to the house in September. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Mitchell. Ordinary Member Pamak, do you have a supplementary question?

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**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly recognizing that the timing is a bit off, I guess, in terms from this Assembly to see what's in that Housing Strategy since, you know, we've been here for the last four years in anticipation to see a Housing Strategy. And I think, in all fairness, that we should have the ability to see something. Knowing that you have meetings coming up next week and hoping that this Housing Strategy is finalized with any comments that you receive from your Deputy Ministers and other departments. Should it be finalized at the NEC level, would you be able to maybe distribute that draft to the Members of this Assembly prior to next September, or even prior to the next election for review. Not so much review, but just, yeah, just for review. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you again, Ordinary Member from Nain, for your question. That's something that I will take back to, not only to the Housing Working Group and to Legal, but to the Executive Council, and if it's, you know, if it's possible but, like, again it was in draft. So if

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we get it finalized, and that is a possibility, but I cannot make a firm commitment saying it'll come back to this Assembly before, you know, to fit in with the timelines of the election. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Mitchell. Ordinary Member Pamak, do you have a second and final supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions? Hearing none, the Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, Mr. Speaker, is to Land and Resources, Minister Darryl Shiwak. My question to Darryl, we live in Nunatsiavut where polar bears and black bears are quite, you know, we live in the country, I guess, where they come into the communities off and on during certain times of the year. And my question, Mr. Speaker, is the conservation officers in Nunatsiavut, or in general, all our conservation officers, as far as I understand, do not have polar bear or black bear training, monitoring training, to deal with these animals when they come into the communities. I'm just wondering if the Minister, you know, I guess certainly should be aware, or is aware of it but, you

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1 know, I'd just like to know why they don't have this training,  
2 Mr. Speaker.

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Flowers. The Speaker  
4 recognizes Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and  
5 Natural Resources.

6 **MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank the Ordinary Member  
7 for Hopedale for the question. With regards to polar bear  
8 monitor training or bear monitor training, I'm not aware  
9 that they do the training, but it's something I'm going to  
10 have to go back to the Department with to see if they do  
11 have that training. If they don't have the training, to  
12 understand why. It's a very important question because (1)  
13 We're in the midst of our polar bear hunting season and our  
14 conservation officers allocate those licences within our  
15 communities, so it's very important to understand that as  
16 well and in the summertime they're often out on the land.  
17 So and bears are very important part of our environment.  
18 So it is a very important question, but one I'll have to bring  
19 back to the Department to see why they don't have the  
20 training or, if they don't have the training, and what would  
21 be the future for any training like that. Thank you, Mr.  
22 Speaker.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member Flowers? Are there any other oral questions this morning? I'll see if there's any other questions before I proceed with yours, Ordinary Member Pamak. Any others? Hearing none, the Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to forward to my question to President Lampe. President Lampe, in 2016 the Members of the Assembly wrote a letter to you regarding communication, so as a follow-up to that we had an informal session outside of this Assembly which was held, you know, put together by then our Speaker. Since then we've had very little information as to any follow-ups regards to the concerns and issues that we have had around communications between the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and Members of the Assembly. Can you tell me if there's any steps that have been undertaken to improve those communications lines. Thank you, Mr. President.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

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**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* *Nakummek* Ordinary Member for Nain for the question. Communication certainly is very important to the Labrador Inuit, and certainly we are working on letting our people know in our communities through newsletters and through the web and, most certainly, through the Assembly. And I know that we, as elected members, have that responsibility to communicate to our constituents and those who elect us. And certainly I go on CBC Radio or OkâlaKatiget to inform the Labrador Inuit of whatever it is that we are able to give to the Labrador Inuit and others. But still it's a challenge, but I do believe that we are doing more than we were before and we will continue to improve the communication as we go along. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. Ordinary Member Pamak, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. PAMAK:**

I have no further questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other oral questions for this morning? Hearing none, we'll move onto the next item on the *Orders of the Day*, item seven, which is "Written Questions." Are there any written questions? Hearing, seeing none, we'll move onto item eight, "Returns to Written Questions, " and

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there are no returns today. Onto item nine, "Petitions."

There are no petitions today. Item 10 on the Standing

Orders, "Responses to Petitions," there are no responses

today. Item 11 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Reports of

Standing and Special Committees, " I do not believe we have

any reports from committees this morning. Item 12,

"Tabling of Documents," there are no tabling of documents

today. Item 13 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of

Motion," there are no notices of motion today. Item 14,

"Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills." There are no

more notices of motions for the first reading of bills. So

we'll move onto item 15 on the *Orders of the Day*, item 15,

"Motions." The Speaker would like to recognize the

Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Finance,

Information Technology and Human Resources.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* My motion is as follows. Whereas the

Nunatsiavut Executive Council is required to prepare a

Consolidated Financial Plan for each fiscal year and present

it to the Assembly and whereas the Financial Plan for 2018-

2019 has been tabled in the Assembly, and whereas the

Financial Plan should be considered by the Assembly. Now

therefore I move, seconded by First Minister, the

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Honourable Kate Mitchell, that tabled document 01-3(18), the Financial Plan 2018-2019, be moved into the Committee of the Whole for discussion in conjunction with Bill 2018-01, the Budget Bill 2018. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Not at this point in time, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Do any other Members wish to speak to the motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Are there any nays? The motion is carried. The Financial Plan will be considered at Committee of the Whole at the appropriate time. Onto item 16 on the *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." First reading of Budget Bill 2018. The Assembly received a notice of motion for the first reading of Bill 2018-01 yesterday, so I'd like to recognize the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology to proceed.

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**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. As I stated earlier, the motion is that I move, seconded by the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2018-01, the Budget Bill, now be introduced and read for the first time.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Minister Edmunds, would you like to introduce the bill?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Yes, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure to rise here today and to introduce our Budget for the upcoming fiscal year as well as the accompanying Financial Plan. First and foremost I want to thank the staff within each of our Departments for continuing to be fiscally responsible and for ensuring that our government continues to be financially strong and sound and securing our ability to provide services to our people currently and well into the future, I'm sure. Without their continued support and dedication, Mr. Speaker, this Financial Plan would not be possible or even remotely achievable. *Nakummek*. Mr. Speaker, the 2018-2019 Process Budget is grounded in our role as a government and our commitments to the Labrador Inuit. Specifically, we aim to achieve and encourage self-sufficiency to improve health and well-being of our people. To increase the use and understanding of *Inuttitut*, to improve housing conditions for those in need in our

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communities. To promote economic development and to advance self-government. These goals provide a roadmap to develop our strategic directions as a government and are the basis for each departmental plan and budget for the upcoming year. I'm confident that this Financial Plan for the upcoming fiscal year will allow us to achieve these commitments while still balancing the fiscal realities that we have as a government. There are a number of investments, Mr. Speaker, in housing, and housing continues to be the number one issue facing Nunatsiavut discussed at the national level, at the Assembly level, within departments of the governments and then each of our Inuit communities. While there are still challenges, Mr. Speaker, we have made significant progress through our lobbying efforts to secure additional funding in the amount of 16½ million over the last two years to deal with our more pressing housing issues. With this funding, Mr. Speaker, we have been able to address some of the key issues noted in the Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment while saving current appropriations to continue to make future plans for housing initiatives. Our approach will be guided by the premise that Nunatsiavut should have housing that is culturally

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appropriate, environmentally suitable and is informed by community planning and developmental needs. As the Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy is in its final stages we have appropriated all the internally-restricted funds of \$10.6 million in this year's budget. I am pleased to announce again, Mr. Speaker, that we have set aside a total of \$2.7 million in this year's budget to permit Torngat Regional Housing Association to carry out its mandate of providing affordable housing to our communities. Addressing housing concerns, however, is more than just building a structure. It also involves ensuring that there's adequately developed land. Subdivision and land development is a very real concern within our communities, and there's limited funds available under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. As such, we have budgeted an additional \$2.6 million from the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* funds received under the governance category for the 2018-2019 year, specifically for subdivision and land development within Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, home owners also have to be able to affordably heat their homes. Our communities rely on diesel for their electricity. It is one of the most costly and environmentally unfriendly sources of energy. In order to help us meet our goals and

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objectives set out in the Nunatsiavut Energy Plan approved in 2017, this year's budget will create a full-time permanent energy facilitator position. Mr. Speaker, there's also a number of investments in language and culture. Our government fully supports the revitalization, promotion, maintenance and enhancement of *Inuttitut* and cultural expression at all ages. To achieve this goal the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism has budgeted an additional \$200,000 this year over and above the current ongoing language programs and services. Our plan includes the recruitment of a language researcher to carry out an *Inuttitut* Language Needs survey to gather baseline data regarding current comprehension levels, interest, exposure levels and barriers. In addition, a best practice assessment is also being carried out to learn from other Inuit regions that would be used to inform a Nunatsiavut language strategy. There is a plan to hold a language summit to learn from beneficiaries and language specialists from other Inuit regions on how to best address our language needs and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism has also budgeted additional funding to implement new cultural programming in partnership with other government

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departments. Funding continues to be appropriated for current programs like the *Inuttitut* Radio Hour on the OkâlaKatiget Society Radio Station, Inuaggualuit Language Nest, the Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program, the interpreter and translator annual workshops and the *Inuttitut* Master Apprentice Program, the digital outreach in oral history initiative, the Labrador Kayak Revival Project and support for Nunatsiavut artists and crafts people. As you know, Mr. Speaker, the Illusuak Cultural Centre is substantially complete with funds appropriated in the 2018-2019 fiscal year to finish the theatre and landscaping. Mr. Speaker, there's a number of investments in this budget. For health and well-being of Labrador Inuit, investing in adequate housing and in promoting the unique Inuit identity are important steps in improving the lives of our people. However, with high rates of food insecurity in Nunatsiavut, this issue continues to be of the utmost importance for our government. As such, we are continuing to imply a food security co-ordinator to focus on the identification of the causes and to put together a plan to properly address this issue. The Government of Canada, through the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, continues to provide funding so that

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the Nunatsiavut Government can provide health and social programming related to mental wellness, suicide prevention, diabetes prevention, tuberculosis prevention and elimination to name a few. In terms of investments in Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Speaker, our Labrador Inuit have a deep connection to the land, and it is our responsibility as a government and indeed *Uhalatik* all Labrador Inuit's responsibility to protect the land and its natural resources. We have already commenced on Imappivut, a Marine Management Plan for Nunatsiavut which will ensure that Labrador Inuit interest in the ocean environment are protected, and we support healthy ecosystems and the well-being of all members of Nunatsiavut. Funding has been appropriated for 2018-2019 to continue to move this initiative forward. Based on input from Labrador Inuit through the community Lands and Resource Committee, funds are being appropriated to inspect various sites on Labrador Inuit Lands with potential environmental concerns. Mr. Speaker, the Lake Melville Baseline Study will continue this year with community based monitoring of water, fish and seals and associated analysis, as well as an expansion of current monitoring program to

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include other species within Lake Melville ecosystem. In terms of investments in our employees, Mr. Speaker, as we have spoken about in the past and here today, the employees of our government are our most important and valuable resource. Without their skills and dedication we would not be able to address the needs of the Labrador Inuit and our communities. We are continuing our commitment from last year and have again budgeted a 2 percent increase in the salaries for the employee and casual temporary divisions of the government. As well, Mr. Speaker, we continue to budget funds for professional development of our employees to ensure that they had the best and up-to-date skills in order to effectively carry out their duties. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, we are confident that the \$98 million budget presented here today will help meet our commitments to our people to ensure that they are healthy and self-sufficient, part of their culture and language and deeply connected to Nunatsiavut. Honourable Speaker, as a government we have made sound investments in the past and continue to make significant progress in addressing the issues facing our people. With the approval of this budget, we can help build on these

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successes in the upcoming year and continue our vision that each of us have for Nunatsiavut. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order.

Does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the bill? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2018-01 on first reading? All those in favour? Any opposed? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2018-01, the Budget Bill 2018 has had first reading. I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and again, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54(3), I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2018-01, the Budget Bill 2018 today. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1) (d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2018-01, the Budget Bill 2018. Are there any nays? Seeing none, Minister, you have unanimous consent so the bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. First reading of the amendment to the *Financial Administration Act*. The Assembly received a notice of motion for the first reading of Bill 2018-02 yesterday, so again I would like to call upon and recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds to proceed.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2018-02, a bill for an Act to amend the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* CILF-01(08) -06-2017 be now introduced and read for the first time. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. Would you like to introduce the bill?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Today we are bringing forward amendments to the *Financial Administration Act*. This Act was one of the first Inuit laws that was enacted by the

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transition the Nunatsiavut Government on December 1st, 2005. While there have been other amendments to this *Act*, during a recent review it was identified that there was an issue with the scope and application of this *Act*. Under the current *Act* the Nunatsiavut Government is defined as including the Inuit Community Governments. This is problematic in principle and has not been implemented in practice. This bill, if enacted, would remove the reference to Inuit Community Governments from the definition of Nunatsiavut Government. In addition, *Uhalatik*, the *Act* defines the term agency, but does not use it. It is therefore unclear as to what provisions of this *Act* apply to agencies and other entities that are created by the Nunatsiavut Government. This amendment will clarify these two main issues, namely, that the *Act* does not apply to the ICG's and that it does apply to entities created by the Nunatsiavut Government such as corporations or commissions. Mr. Speaker, we do also want to note that by removing the Inuit Community Governments from the definition of Nunatsiavut Government there will need to be a new bill enacted to deal specifically with the Inuit Community Government finances. Certain provisions of the current *Financial Administration*

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Act will also be transferred to the proposed *Inuit Community Government Financial Administration Act*. This is currently in progress with advice being sought from the ICG's and a plan to have the proposed bill brought to the September sitting. Mr. Speaker, the amendment today also reflects other minor amendments to the *Act* such as refinement of Part 7 which deals with various funds. The bill would also amend the other Inuit laws that contain cross-references to this Act. Lastly, it would repeal the *LIDC Loan Guarantees Act* which is now spent, Mr. Speaker. Our government is recommending that the Nunatsiavut Assembly approve this proposed amendments to the *Financial Administration Act*.  
*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. The motion is in order. Does anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the bill? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhalatik*. I wish to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Minister Edmunds. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2018-02 on first reading? All those in favour? Are there any

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nays? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2018-02, a bill for an *Act* to amend the *Financial Administration Act*, CILF-1(09-06-2017 has had first reading. I'd like again to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, they really should come up with an acronym for that department, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Again, keeping in line with the previous motion, I am seeking, in accordance with Standing Order 54(3), unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2018-02, a bill for an *Act* to amend the *Financial Administration Act*, CILF-1(09-06-2017) *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2018-02, a bill for an *Act* to amend the *Financial Administration Act* CILF-1(09-06-2017). Are there any nays? Seeing none, Minister, you have unanimous consent so the bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. First reading of the amendment to the *Nunatsiavut Appointments Act*. The

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Assembly received a notion for the first reading of Bill 2018-03 yesterday. So I'd like to recognize the First Minister of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, to proceed.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members. I move, seconded by the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, that Bill 2018-03, a bill for an *Act* to repeal the *Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act*, CILN-6(31-12-2012) to be introduced and read for the first time.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Mitchell. Would you like to introduce the bill?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I would. The *Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act* has been in effect since 2005. The *Act* establishes a process for making Nunatsiavut Government appointments on the basis of recommendations from a committee comprised of a Minister and civil servants who constitute the majority, and appointees from the Inuit public. Twelve years of experience under the *Act* reveals that it is cumbersome and costly. Section 5, for example, requires that the Nunatsiavut Government place a general advertisement in a regional, provincial and national paper on an annual basis to invite expressions of interest for appointments. The cost of

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1 placing an ad in a national newspaper can cost up to  
2 \$10,000. This method of advertising has had a low  
3 response, a low response rate and mostly resulted in non-  
4 beneficiaries expressing interest. This bill, if enacted, would  
5 repeal the *Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act* and  
6 amend the *Nunatsiavut Government Organization*  
7 *(Transitional) Act*. So to make clear that all appointments  
8 formerly dealt with under the repealed *Act* will be made by  
9 the Executive Council, following repeal, appointments can  
10 and will be made by under a directive of the Executive  
11 Council using a similar process to current practice, but  
12 without the added complications and expenses associated  
13 with public involvement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

14 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Mitchell. The motion is in order.  
15 Does anybody else wish to speak to the principle of the bill?  
16 The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit  
17 Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

18 **MR. MONTAGUE:**

19 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Deputy Minister Mitchell, I'm just  
20 wondering if you can clarify something. In the explanatory  
21 note on page 1, it talks about Section 5 and the need to  
22 repeal that due to expense, which I agree with, but just for  
clarification on page 2, when it goes into more detail about

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what needs to be amended, I see, talking about amending  
Section 6. However, I don't see mention of amending  
Section 5 as stated in the explanatory note and I'm just  
wondering why that's not there on page 2. Thank you, Mr.  
Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'm just ascertaining if the questions are permissible at this  
stage. The *Orders of the Day* state we're talking about you  
can speak to the principle of the bill, which is fine. I'm just  
ascertaining if questions are permissible, which I don't  
believe that they are. Just bear with me one second. Are  
there any other people who want to speak to the principle  
of the bill? Again, we're inviting comments as to the  
principle of the bill at this stage for Members. At this stage  
we're just talking about the principle of the bill as opposed  
to details. Details come in second reading. Are there any  
other Members who wish to speak to the principle of the  
bill? If no other Members wish to speak, does the First  
Minister wish to conclude debate?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I wish to conclude debate.  
Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek.* That concludes debate on first reading. Is the  
Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2018-03 on first

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reading? All those in favour? Are there any nays? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2018-03, a bill for an *Act to repeal the Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act*, CILN-6(31-12-2012) has had first reading. I'd like again to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54(3) I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2018-03, a bill for an *Act to repeal the Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act*, CILN-6(31-12-2012).

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Mitchell. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2018-03, a bill for an *Act to repeal the Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act*, CILN-6(31-12-2012). Are there any nays? There are none. You have unanimous consent, so the bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. We'll now go onto item 17 on the *Orders of the Day*. Item 17 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Second Reading of Bills" Second reading of Budget Bill 2018. I'd like to recognize the Minister of

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Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, for the second reading of bills, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I'd like to make a motion in accordance with Standing Order 42 to allow consideration of the Budget Bill in Committee of the Whole. Therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2018-01 be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with comptroller, Rexanne Crawford, as a witness. *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. The motion, all those in favour? Are there any opposed? The motion is carried. I now invite Rexanne Crawford, if she's in with us. We're now in Committee of the Whole, which we will start as soon as we find the Deputy Minister.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

We're now in Committee of the Whole and I would just remind all Members that we will follow the same procedures as we do where we're in normal session. As the Members are aware, the procedure for second reading debate will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the budget. The Financial Plan is important for our discussions today and requires approval from the Assembly. It will be considered first today during our Committee of the

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Whole discussions and I will ask for the Assembly's agreement on each page of the Financial Plan. After agreement on the Financial Plan, we will move to the annex of the Bill, the *Budget Act*, Annex A, then onto the clauses of the Budget Bill. After commentary from Ms. Crawford and questions from the Assembly, I will ask for agreements from the Assembly on the page number that's being discussed at that time. So please turn your attention to page 2 of the Financial Plan and I'll invite Ms. Crawford to begin our discussions.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Does everybody have the document, Nunatsiavut Government Financial Plan 2018-2019. So we're not looking at the Budget Bill just yet. We're looking at this particular document with the cover. Just wait a few minutes to make sure everyone has the appropriate document in front of them. We're all ready. I'll start with the sources of revenue of the government. There are two main sources of revenue for the government. One is the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, and the second source is our own source revenues. The *Fiscal Financing Agreement* is an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. However, we only receive

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funding currently under Schedule A and B of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* from the Government of Canada. In the upcoming fiscal year we will receive approximately 50.5 million from the Government of Canada through the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. The *Fiscal Financing Agreement* sets out the programs and services. At these funding, the funds are required to provide these programs and services, however, we do have the authority to move the dollar figures between different categories. As the Treasurer pointed out, one of the limitations under the current *Fiscal Financing Agreement* is the amount of funding we receive for capital works. But there are significant demands for those capital works funding. And one such demand is the need for subdivision and land development. There is an issue with the availability of land in all five of our Inuit communities to build new houses and complexes. As such, this limits the Nunatsiavut Government's ability to have new housing units constructed. So in this *Act* that's before you today, we have budgeted \$2.6 million from the governance category that we receive under *Fiscal Financing Agreement* to be used specifically for the development of land and subdivisions in Nunatsiavut. The allocation of these funds in

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Nunatsiavut will be determined by the Joint Management Committee through their normal process when they look at capital works funding. The *Fiscal Financing Agreement* also allows the NG the ability to carry forward funds that are not expended in the current year. So we don't have to give it back and we make long-term plans for these funds. So we currently have \$18 million in internally restricted funds related to *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. Of this amount approximately 10.6 relates to housing, 4.6 for educational programs and services, 1.35 million for economic development, and 1.5 to be put towards the new Department of Health and Social Development building in Hopedale. And these are all laid out in Schedule B of the *Budget Act*. So this is where you'll see the allocation of the funding on the top of the schedule and the related expenditures in the bottom in the categories as laid out by the Government of Canada. Are there any questions on the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* revenue source?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, Uhalatik*. Rexanne, the \$2.6 million, that's an additional amount of money put in there for the development of lands. The Inuit Community Governments

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1 thank the Nunatsiavut Government for that, but \$2.6  
2 million, just in looking at the figures there, is approximately  
3 10 units available for land development. We have five  
4 communities that are vying for that money. I'm not saying  
5 that I don't appreciate that \$2.6 million. What I'm  
6 concerned about, I guess, maybe hopefully I'm speaking on  
7 behalf of the other AngajukKâks here, but we need much  
8 more just to catch up with the land development that's  
9 needed to even just to reach the goal of the Nunatsiavut  
10 Government with their six plexes and their new projects, let  
11 alone the beneficiaries in the community and the Torngat  
12 Housing that requires land. So I know it's on top of the  
13 money that we do receive through joint management, but I  
14 just wanted to point that out, you know, that it will help out,  
15 but how is this going to be distributed? Is this going to be  
16 part of the joint management funds now, or is it separate  
17 altogether from the joint management fund?

18 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

19 I think everyone recognizes that 2.6 is a really small drop in  
20 the bucket, but we do know that it can be used to leverage  
21 some additional funding from the Government of  
22 Newfoundland and Labrador and hopefully from other  
sources. It's a start. I've gone through the crisis of each cost

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of a lot in each community and gone back to Municipal Affairs myself to get the amounts. So I think everyone recognizes it's not enough, but it is a start to try to keep moving forward with this issue. If in the *Budget Act*, under Schedule B it is put under the capital works funding. So typically I think in the past it's been about 4.8, 4.7 for capital works. You'll see now that it's over \$7 million because the 2.6 has been added there, and the process for its allocation between the five communities will be at the Joint Management Committee and subject to your determination as the AngajukKâks for your joint management process.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions on page 3, on this portion of it, on the *FFA*? Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

I guess, just for clarity, Rexanne, is that you're making \$2.6 million available for additional land development, but you just said to use as a crowbar, I guess, to raise more money for such as this, but will that \$2.6 million be available this fiscal year for the AngajukKâks to distribute within your communities for land development? Thank you.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Yes, it's coming under this current year *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. It's appropriated under capital works, and the Joint Management Committee, during their normal process

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and their meetings will make their decisions on it. I said it could be used to leverage additional funds. It doesn't necessarily have to be used, but that is at the decision of the Joint Management Committee, and their process there.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions on the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

The second source of revenue for the Nunatsiavut Government are funds that we raise through various sources and are called our own source revenues. Personal income tax revenue for the current year is projected to be 4.783 'cause there's an adjustment made based on the amendment last year. This amount is composed of two pieces. One is our annual remittance from the Government of Canada. So annually the Government of Canada remits to us \$3.8 million in personal income tax collected from the people who live in Nunatsiavut in our five communities. And as they complete audits for particular years, if the amount of personal income tax revenue is more than 3.8 million, when the audit is completed we then get the additional money in a lump sum payment. These funds are internally restricted and brought into the government's revenue and budgeted in the *Budget Act* as required, and

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for expenditures or programs and services of the government. So an additional payment was brought in in this current year of \$983,000, and this is related to the additional payment we received when the 2013 and 2014 audits were completed. The second source of revenue we have is GST, and again this is based on an estimate from the Government of Canada. We have a *Tax Treatment Agreement* with the Government of Canada and a *GST Agreement*. There's a complicated formula in it and they use that to determine the amount of GST that the government will receive on an annual basis, and for the upcoming year, it is \$1,414,000. There are two sources of interest and investment income. Interest earned on our bank accounts that we have with the Bank of Montreal, and the Nunatsiavut Government also has invested surplus cash into optimum asset management in order to earn additional income. Because, as you are aware we all know, even from our personal circumstance, the money we earn on our regular day-to-day account is often less than 1 percent and next to nil. So we've taken the additional money we have and invested it in bonds with optimum in order to earn higher returns. We also receive 50 percent of the

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investment income earned in the previous calendar year from the *Implementation Trust* as outlined in requirements of the *Implementation Trust Deed*. And this is budgeted at \$7,244,000 for the current year. Nunatsiavut Government again collects access fees from fishers for the use of the NG fishing licences, and the funds to be received in the current year has been budgeted at approximately \$300,000, and this is consistent with the last two to three years of our budgets. I will like to make a note that because of the additional revenues we've raised from personal income taxes and investment income we did not have to appropriate any of our internally restricted funds related to mining royalties. So they're there and still available for future use of the government. You know, as we all know, our mining royalties have gone down to zero so, you know, kind of keeping that little amount of revenue for when we do need it in the future is very important. And that covers the own source revenues.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any questions on this section of page 3? As I stated previously, we'll go through this page-by-page and I'll seek agreement on a page-by-page basis. That concludes the page 3. Are we all in agreement with the contents in

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page 3? Are there any nays, I should say. Marjorie Flowers, go ahead.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just one question around the mining royalties. Did you say that there's none? Like does that mean the money from mining is all gone or? Thank you.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

As we reported to the Assembly in the past, and we've pointed out when we brought in the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the government, with the Long Harbour being brought on stream, the calculation for mining tax and mineral rights tax has brought that number down to zero. We are currently in a litigation case with the Government of Newfoundland on one of the three matters that we are in dispute with with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. I can't speak to the full case because it is a matter in the court system, but it is an issue we have with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, but you're right, it's zero. It was zero last year and we're not projecting it to be any more than zero.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions on this page of the plan? Joe Dicker.

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MR. DICKER:

*Nakummek, Uhalatik.* I'm curious, just in terms of figures, now when we say we're not getting any own source revenues and a zero mining percentage, how much dollars are we looking at here that we're not receiving usually?

MS. CRAWFORD:

So the only own source revenue that we have projected to be at zero is mining royalties. Over the years the amounts we have received under Part 7.5 of the *Land Claim Agreement* has varied and is dependent on the amount of ore that was mined and the nickel price. So it has gone from 1.3 in one year up as high as 14 million in another year. So it's a range. It's not a consistent dollar amount in any particular year. I think if you look at the last year's financial statements we're showing zero for this last fiscal and it was 200-and-something thousand the year before which was mineral rights tax. It wasn't mining tax. Mining tax was at zero.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker? Again I'm inviting questions on page 3 of the Financial Plan. Are there any other questions? Hearing none. Do we have unanimous consent? Are there any nays to not approving this page of the Financial Plan? Seeing none, we'll move onto page 4.

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MS. CRAWFORD:

Under the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, the government is required to maintain a contingency fund and the parameters for what the contingency fund can be used for laid out in the *Constitution*. The budget for this *Budget Act* under debate is \$486,500 which bring the accumulated contingency reserve to \$3.8 million. The amounts being budgeted for the Inuit Community Corporations is a total of \$154,000, broken down between the two Inuit Community Corporations. I am happy to say that in December, 2017 the Nunatsiavut Government was informed by the Government of Canada formally in a letter that there is a moratorium on the own source revenue offsets against the *FFA*. So under our *Fiscal Financing Agreement* and *Own Source Revenue Capacity Agreement* the amounts that we would receive under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* are reduced by a percentage of amounts of revenue that we are able to generate ourselves. And under the *OSR Capacity Agreement* there's a schedule for both Government of Canada and Government of Newfoundland of what percentage of our OSR comes in at any particular year. The Government of Canada is currently working with Indigenous groups, self-governing Indigenous groups in the development of a

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Federal Fiscal Policy, and as a sign of good will and faith in this process the Government of Canada has issued a moratorium on OSR offsets for a period of up to three years, and the reason they say up to three years is because if the policy gets finalized before March 31st, 2020, they will revisit the moratorium at that time, but they wanted to give at least three years for this process to work its way through. So, as a result, there is no OSR payment for the upcoming year. Would have been in the tune of about \$1.5 million, which is wonderful. I wish there was no OSR ever, but at least not having to make that payment in the next couple of years means that the money stays in Nunatsiavut Government for us to be able to use for our own programs and services. The schedule on the OSR Capacity Report does continue to go by its years and we still have to do reporting, but there is no payment. So we're very thankful that the Government of Canada has put that in place for all sub-government groups. And the five-year plan of the government, the fluctuations in the costs decreased specifically as capital infrastructure projects that are currently planned are finalized.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any questions on page 4 of the Financial Plan?  
Derek Montague?

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I've discussed before, in terms of the amount given to the community corporations, I can't speak for my colleague, Gary Mitchell for NunaKâtiget, but for Sivunivut, I, first of all thank you for approving the budget that was submitted in the fall. I understand, of course, that that's what we submitted and we got exactly what we asked for. As I had informal discussions about, since that time new concerns has arisen over the cost of audits that was not foreseen in the fall when we put our budget together. It's no longer certain that the 10,000 that we submit of our 57,5, that might not suffice anymore in the near future based on the very recent bill that we got. I'm wondering if there is anything that can be done despite the fact that we did get the budget that we submitted that might be able to help corporations offset uncertain higher costs of auditing in this fiscal year. Thank you, Rexanne.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Thank you. If I may, I believe you're asking the question about auditing, but the change in your invoice is because additional accounting fees, is how they've got it phrased. I, in particular in your case, I have reached out to the auditor

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to try to get detailed information as to exactly what those additional fees are for. So that....

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

If I can interject, I want to confine discussions to just financial planning as opposed to all the granularity of the Sivunivut...

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Yeah, it does factor in, though, if I may, to the amount that he...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Okay.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

...in this case at budget for...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I just want to keep this on track.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Yeah. To 154. So in response to your question, the Department of Finance of the Nunatsiavut Government will continue to assist and work with you to determine why the additional billings occurred. In regards to the audit fee that's set under our proposal, so what you have submitted under your budget for the audit, does meet what they proposed for your audit. So it's the additional things that we need to be concerned about and work with you on.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you very much, Rexanne, to you and your staff for reaching out on our behalf to Deloitte. Much, much

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1 appreciated and I plan to have a conversation with them on  
2 Thursday or Friday when I'm back from Assembly. Related  
3 to that, due to the fact that obviously we do have a very  
4 restrictive budget, if there's any unforeseen costs that we  
5 do not project, especially where it's complicated where our  
6 fiscal year starts on January, rather than April, is there any, I  
7 don't want to use the term "emergency funding," but is  
8 there funding that may be available to corporations after  
9 the budget is approved if all of a sudden rent is increased or  
10 any other unforeseen costs that we may not be able to  
11 predict sitting here today. Thank you.

12 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

I'm not sure we can make a commitment, but we will  
13 commit to working with you, and we do with any of the Inuit  
14 Community Governments, the ICC's, or as we go through  
15 departmental with the government itself, if there are things  
16 that come up that are unforeseen in a particular  
17 department, we work through those processes. So I can't  
18 commit that there is absolutely additional funding, but I  
19 commit that the Department of Finance would work with  
20 you to look at what is happening and how we can assist.

21 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a final supplementary question?

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**MR. MONTAGUE:** More of a comment. Thank you again for your commitment to you and Minister Edmunds to work with us. I understand that because we got what we submitted in September, I have no intention of asking or demanding for more money this time around. I just wanted to bring forward my concerns based on the fact that we do have a tight budget, and I just want to make sure that I can tell the beneficiaries I represent that we have...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Chairperson Montague. This is a forum for questions as opposed to statements.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Okay. Can you please just let me finish.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I believe you started your comment with the statement that you were going to make a comment. You stated your point.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the purpose of Committee of the Whole is to ask questions and to make comments too as well. So we have in our Standing Order or in our *Orders of the Day* a period for question and certainly we abide that, but it is my understanding during Committee of the Whole it's a time for questions and to make comments too as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Point noted. Mr. Montague, would you care to conclude?

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**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Yes, I would. So thank you very much again. I'm sure that with the statements that you've made, Ms. Crawford, that I can tell my beneficiaries that if there is problems with the budget during the fiscal year that we at least have a good co-operation and we can figure out any problems along with some creative budgeting. Thank you for your time.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions or comments on page 4 of this Financial Plan? Seeing none, do we have unanimous consent to proceed to page 5? Are we all in agreement with page 4? Any nays? Seeing none, please proceed to page 5.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

The next section of the Financial Plan deals with the departmental budgets, the plans, the goals of the department, what their responsibility is under the organizational order. As the Minister spoke to in his budget speech, last year during last year's budget, it was noted that there was a 2 percent increase for employees over each year for three years, a total of 6 percent. So this is the second year of that commitment for raises for our employees. The Nunatsiavut Secretariat is responsible for the planning and priority setting of the Nunatsiavut Government, developing the legislative agenda as well as inter-governmental relations. So based on their mandate

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1 and the key activities of their Department, the Department  
2 is planned to continue to support ITK and ICC activities, as  
3 well as its participation in the Inuit Crown Partnership  
4 Committee. The Department has also budgeted for a new  
5 position as the Minister spoke about to focus on the  
6 implementation of the Nunatsiavut Energy Security Plan.  
7 This hasn't resulted in any significant change in their ask, if  
8 you look at last year's budget to this year's budget, but  
9 rather a re-profiling of funds from professional fees to  
10 salaries and benefits. The Department also is responsible  
11 for external public information communications and the  
12 operations of Nunatsiavut Visual Design. There is a plan to  
13 replace the wide format printer at Visual Design and other  
14 than that, there are no other significant changes in the  
15 Department.

16 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any questions on this aspect? Chairperson Mitchell.

17 **MR. MITCHELL:**

18 Thank you, Mr. Chair. With regard to the Inuit Crown  
19 Partnership Committee, because I think this is an invitation  
20 of the federal government to join the Inuit Crown  
21 Partnership Committee, I think this was formed this past  
22 winter, has the federal government committed funds  
because it's their invitation to have us included in this

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committee. So are they coming across with extra funds to be involved in this partnership committee, or are we expected to pay from our budget to be involved in this partnership with other regions?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

What we have funded for the participation is a couple of extra travel trips. The federal government has dedicated employees and funded, I believe, and I will have to double check on that, through ITK, assistance to help with the implementation of the ICPC. But what we're funding is some of the travel funding, and I will put a caveat, I'm not 100 percent certain, but my knowledge is we're not funding all our travel either. It's just some of the additional travel because some of the meetings will be taking place in Ottawa or in any of the Nunatsiavut, or Inuit Nunagat Regions, but if I could come back to you on that as to what the federal government is fully funding. All we have in this budget is the additional travel for some of the meetings related to ICPC.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other questions on this aspect of the Financial Plan? Hearing none, I'll ask one quickly myself, and this is to clear up my own ignorance on this matter. My understanding

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1 was that Nalcor had an energy monopoly within the  
2 Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Is the creation of  
3 the Nunatsiavut Energy Security Plan going to somehow  
4 contravene that monopoly? Now again I certainly stand to  
5 be corrected, so I'll put that out for your comments.

6 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

7 I think that's a question not related to the actual budget  
8 because you're actually asking a question about what the  
9 whole plan is about and what factors. I'm not as close to  
10 the energy plan. I believe it was tabled last year at the  
11 Assembly, and it's a document that is a public document. I  
12 know under key goals and objectives, the Department is  
13 determined that they do need to have someone hired to  
14 allow a full focus on making sure that we continue our  
15 engagements with the federal partners and the provincial  
16 partners and we continue to meet the goals and objectives  
17 under the plan. One of the things we budgeted and paid for  
18 last year was related to putting in more high efficiency  
19 wood stoves, and that came from our funding. That had  
20 nothing to do with Nalcor and their piece, but it was  
21 something that we could do and has proved very effective in  
22 the homes that they're in, but I think your question on what  
the plan entails in the Nalcor monopoly is not a question

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that I could answer as comptroller, or is related to really this budget piece.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions on page 5 of the Financial Plan? Are there any nays? Are there any disagreements to accepting this page 5 and moving onto page 6? I apologize. Go ahead, you. I glossed over the section Nunatsiavut Affairs. Go ahead.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

If I may, Gary, the ITK Board has asked for funding from the Government of Canada and there will be funding coming through the Government of Canada and ITK for their participation in ICPC and through a funding arrangement. So thank you. Nunatsiavut Affairs is responsible for the implementation of the *Land Claim Agreement*, housing, legal services, the registrar beneficiaries office and public property. So with the growth in the number of public properties that the Nunatsiavut Government owns, the Department has planned for the first time to hire a seasonal maintenance worker. And this is a pilot. Because there are so many properties and there are so many things that you need to do to continue to maintain, and we're not talking about major repairs, but this is a lot of the minor things and maintenance that you need to do on a regular basis, their

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plan is to pilot this year the hiring of a seasonal worker to assist with all the maintenance of the public properties in a very planned and efficient approach. There's been an increase in the rent and maintenance costs due to the addition of Illusuak Cultural Centre, storage facilities, as well as the plan to required maintenance in all our facilities. There is a plan to increase in the expenditures for the Membership Committee and the Inuit Appeal Board, and this is based on the feedback coming from them at their annual workshop. It's an increase of \$10,000, and as the Minister spoke about in his speech, housing continues to be a priority for the NG with the significant amount of time and effort being invested by the Inter-Departmental Housing Group to finalize the housing strategy and the *Draft Housing Act* for Nunatsiavut. With the approval of the *Housing Strategy and the Housing Act*, which is anticipated to be within the upcoming fiscal year, the internally restricted funds allocated to housing will be used to implement these goals and objectives. As such, we've budgeted the revenue from the 10.6 for internally restricted, and on Schedule B you'll see the expenditure line item for housing with that amount there. And that's within the *Budget Act*.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Any questions on this last aspect of page 5? Gary Mitchell?

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. With regard to, it says with the approval of the Housing Strategy and *Housing Act*, the internally restricted funds allocated to housing will be used for implementation of these goals and objective. Does this mean that there's not going to be any money spent until the Housing Strategy and the *Housing Act* has been finalized?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** It doesn't necessarily mean that there will be no funding spent from that 10.6 until the Housing Strategy or *Housing Act* is finalized. I can speak to what has occurred in the past. So two years ago, for two years in a row, it didn't happen this year, but the two year prior, NLHC approached the government and said we'd like to undertake a repair program in Nunatsiavut. We have this amount of money available. Do you have matching funds for it and then we can, as long as you can match the funds we'll be able to implement this program. And the money was taken from funding that we had appropriated for housing because it was a housing related initiative. What it does mean is that if it's put under the category of housing, it has to be used for housing initiative, a program or a service. And the reason it's been accumulating over the last couple of years is

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1 because we know that under the plans it does take a lot of  
2 money to be able to address housing and housing initiatives.  
3 So that's the purpose of why it's kind of accumulated over  
4 the last number of years. The simple answer to your  
5 question it doesn't mean no, that nothing will be spent until  
6 a Housing Strategy is finalized and the *Act* is brought here.  
7 But I can leave it to the First Minister.

8 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Go ahead, Gary.

9 **MR. MITCHELL:**

10 What sort of confuses me is that over the past few years  
11 we've been carrying a surplus of housing funds and  
12 approved by each Assembly each year but, to my  
13 understanding, the funds never got spent. So why now  
14 would they get held up because there's no Housing Strategy  
15 or *Housing Act* when these funds have been approved in the  
past by previous Assemblies at ledger time.

16 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

17 There have been expenditures from the housing funds that  
18 have been appropriated in the past number of years. It's  
19 been spent on some pieces such as geotechnical work.  
20 There was a housing assessment done. There was money  
21 contributed to the Housing Repair Program. There was a  
22 very small amount put on a software program so we could  
analyze the housing needs assessment. What has happened

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1 in the last two years is that with the \$15 million that we  
2 received from the Government of Canada under *Budget Act*  
3 *2016*, we haven't had to spend the money that's been in  
4 internally restricted. We've been able to use the funds that  
5 we had received from the Government of Canada because  
6 of its, I guess, its limitations in the time, and use that to  
7 focus on the initiatives that the government has moved  
8 forward for. So I know the First Minister has given  
9 statements in the past outlining where the \$15 million has  
10 been spent or committed to be spent in, and it's been under  
11 finalizing all the geotechnical assessments in all five of our  
12 Inuit communities. And we've done major and minor home  
13 repair programs. We've got the multiplex under  
14 construction here in Hopedale, the seven plex. We've got  
15 the commitments made for the multiplex in Nain. We've  
16 got some funding going into the Housing Needs Assessment  
17 and a small amount that's being looked at to help look at a  
18 module or information package. I'm not sure exactly what  
19 you would word it, to help homeowners understand what,  
20 you know, general maintenance things you could do such as  
21 to curb mold in your house. You know, like small things. So,  
22 you know, those are the things that the 15 million, and

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because the focus, besides the development of a Housing Strategy and the *Housing Act*, the funds we've had we've been focusing on the 15 million. So thankfully, the Government of Canada gave us that money and allowed us to use their money versus our own through that particular budget, and as we got word last Tuesday there is another allocation over a 10-year period. And we don't know the amount yet, but it will certainly help along with this money and moving housing forward in Nunatsiavut.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Go ahead.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

If I may just make comment. Thank you, Rexanne, for the information. Yeah, I'm quite aware of what was spent on housing programs and the different units. I was I just talking about the surplus that was carried over, you know.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So I don't use the word surplus because it's internally restricted funds. It's kept in a very different place under my accounting world. Surplus means a completely different thing. So it's in internally restricted funds. If it's not spent it continues to stay in internally restricted funds. Why you see it each year is because if it's not spent, in that particular year, we do have to budget it the next year if we want to

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1 spend it in that year, and so that's why you're continuing to  
2 see a large amount being carried forward.

3 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Minister Pamak.

4 **MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess more of a comment, I guess  
5 and, you know, the NG has been developing a Housing  
6 Strategy. Like Gary said, we've been transferring 8 million, 9  
7 million, \$11 million last year for housing initiatives.

8 Understanding that the \$15 million that we received from  
9 the federal government is not part of his budget, yet we still  
10 have our internal funds. I still think we're in a housing crisis.

11 Again, we're doing some great work. We've got some  
12 amazing things being happening within the communities.

13 Yet each year we approve a budget, 10 million, \$11 million  
14 budget with no plan, with no plan to spend it, and at this  
15 moment we keep saying a Housing Strategy, Housing  
16 Strategy. And now we hear again approving over a \$10  
17 million budget without the knowledge of what's in that  
18 Housing Strategy. Is this going to continue every year?

19 Again I shared your opinion in previous Assemblies is that  
20 yes, use the federal money first as much as we can, and use  
21 our own as well. We are still in a housing crisis. You know,  
22 for me, sitting on this side, it may be a little bit different

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when you're sitting in NEC. You have all the information.

We don't have the information. And that's why I expressed the opinion of the need for a seniors home. You look *Settlement Trusts*. You look at internally restricted funds and so forth. Why can't we have something that is a great need? And I'm very uncomfortable approving a \$92 million budget with \$10 million of that budget with no plan.

Normally when you put together budgets, you have a plan of how to spend it, and you have expenditures to go with it. But we don't have any expenditures to go with that \$10 million. It's very difficult for me to sit down here this year and previous years, I've expressed that, is that how can we budget something without having an expenditure. Having said that, you know, I expressed a concern of maybe having the Housing Strategy provided to us before possibly the next September. Give us some reassurance that this money will be sent. That's all I'm saying. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

From a finance perspective, there's a couple of points I'd like to make, and just purely from the financial perspective. Our *Fiscal Financing Agreement* does state that if it's not budgeted and appropriated we can't spend it. So we are taking from our finance perspective, a conservative

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1 approach. If the money is not in the *Budget Act* and  
2 Housing Strategy gets approved in September, we'll have to,  
3 you know, look at how then we bring money in or what we  
4 do to make sure the money's there. The other conservative  
5 approach that I did speak about earlier is that there are  
6 times when we have been approached by the Government  
7 of Canada, we have been approached by the Government of  
8 Newfoundland and Labrador to cost share a project that's  
9 related to housing, and it did happen two years in a row  
10 with Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.  
11 And again by having that money appropriated under our  
12 *Budget Act*, it did allow us to participate and double the  
13 amount of money that was spent on a Home Repair  
14 Program in that particular case. So that's the conservative  
15 person and the conservative approach that finance always  
16 takes sticking within the parameters of our *Financial*  
17 *Administration Act* as to what the funds, you know, why it's  
18 in there. The revenue and the expenditures side are there  
19 in two line items under Schedule B. So the revenue show it  
20 on top in Schedule B and the expenditure under the housing  
21 category is there on Schedule B. So that's my two thoughts  
22 from the financial perspective is that under the *Act*, the

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*Financial Administration Act*, if it's not in the *Budget Act*, we can't spend it. And those real life cases that have occurred and that would have allowed us to participate in various things.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Supplementary question, Mr. Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Again and thank you, thank you for that, Rexanne. And, yes, it is very conservative. You know, we did make expenditures from the 10 million or \$11 million in the past, but they were recovered through this \$15 million. Some of it recovered through the \$15 million from the federal government, is my understanding. Okay, maybe I'm wrong. Maybe you can correct me there. But we continue to raise housing at this Assembly, seniors home being one of them. You have the resources, financial resources there. Develop a plan. Develop something that you could start taking the allocations that we approve every year and put in place, seniors home being one of them. I'm a big advocate and I will continue to be an advocate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

If I may suggest, Member Pamak, I believe Honourable Member, Minister Kate Mitchell, has some insight. Would that be a fair comment, that you could bring to this discussion. So it's not typical, but I'll allow her to address

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the concern that you have, and I'm going to circle back to Ms. Crawford after that. She seemed to physically assert that she had an issue with what was being discussed so I'll allow both of you to have input on Mr. Pamak's concerns. Minister Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think mine is more of a comment. From what I understand there seems to be some concern that, you know, we will not be doing anything in regard to housing until this strategic plan is in place or is, you know, the where. That is not the case. Actually, we will be doing another Home Repair Program again this year with allocated 500,000 for land development to help the Inuit Community Governments, and we've notified Torngat Housing that we do have 500,000 for them to build up to three additional homes in Nunatsiavut, and that's besides their money that we give them through the *Contribution Agreement*, and I think this year we're, proposes is, what, 2.7? So this are some of the things that we will be doing this year in housing. And as for the internally restricted funds, you're right, Richard, we do agree that, you know, we cannot take on something as challenging as housing without having a plan. And so for us that's why we needed to have internally

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restricted funds. I think everybody around this table is well aware of the issues we have with land. There's no land development. The costs of land development, you're looking at 200,000, you know, for a plot. The issues in our communities are, you know, with land and things like that. And the other thing we have to remember is that last year I think was the first year that we had money from the federal government, was last year or the year before. Like we did not receive funding before from the federal government for housing. There was nothing that was specified for housing and we fell under the province. That was Newfoundland and Labrador Housing, and there was no Inuit-specific funding there. We did qualify, so we needed something, you know, if we're going to go forward with a plan, it's no good to have a plan if you don't have any funding to be able to implement it. So we've looked at this and now, like I said, you know, it was unfortunate, but one of the other things, you know, I think we've got a good, solid plan, and I think we've taken the correct steps. We did the risk assessment, the needs assessment, geotechnical work and a delivery model, and now we have funding. So, you know, the plan, but you see the plan for something as important as this, I

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1 don't think should be, you know, made by just a couple of  
2 people. And the way that the plan is going to roll out, well,  
3 hopefully, I guess I'm supposed to say this is, but we will  
4 looking for input, you know, to the communities, that  
5 they're a part of us, and our people who are going to be  
6 designing the, you know, our strategy for, they have to be a  
7 part of it. And so like this money from the federal  
8 government and this plan, the restricted funds that we  
9 have, will allow us to do that and to do it right. And so, yes,  
10 it's taken a long time, but sometimes that's what it takes,  
11 but I think we are making progress. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you for your comments, Honourable Minister  
13 Mitchell. Ms. Crawford, I believe you had some comments  
14 of your own to make in response to Mr. Pamak's statement.

15 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

16 Yeah, just that we, the money that the federal government  
17 gave us under that \$15 million was used very specifically for  
18 various items that were identified, as the First Minister just  
19 mentioned, that allow us to move forward in developing the  
20 strategy. So the geotechnical assessments, our own money  
21 would have been used for the housing delivery model and  
22 other pieces. So there is, and thankfully First Minister  
brought it up 'cause I had forgotten about it, but under the

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10.6 million, so I'll take back one step. There was \$1.5 million communicated to us in January from the federal government on top of what the upcoming budget announcement made on February 27th. We had to submit a very high level proposal to them on what the funds would be used for. Half a million has been allocated to Torngat Regional and has been communicated to them that this is to be used for new housing to address specifically people who are in inadequate housing situations related to overcrowding or no housing at all. Half a million for the repair program, and half a million to look at land development, subdivision development in Nunatsiavut. The half a million for the Home Repair Program is also being supplemented and is planned to use the 10.6 million, just over 600,000 of those funds to put together a smaller repair program, I guess, in comparison to what we did last year was for a total of just over 1.5 million to continue the Home Repair Program that's ongoing in Nunatsiavut for the last, this would be its fourth summer, I believe. And so there, you know, that is part of the 10.6 with the remaining funds yet to be specifically determined, but there is that plan thank you, First Minister, for reminding me about that.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other comments on page 5 of the Financial Plan? Ordinary Member Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Having said that, Rexanne, are you able to give us a bit of a breakdown of how that \$10.6 million may be spent over the next year?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

I am not able to give you a specific breakdown of the 10.6. I know just over \$600,000 is planned for the Housing Repair Program. The remaining amount of money hasn't been finally determined. It is related to housing and would be under the direction of the Nunatsiavut Affairs, and their plan is with the Draft Strategy and the goals under the Draft Strategy and finalizing the Draft Strategy moving that forward. You know, again, looking as well with the federal government money what we can do in a particular year. I appreciate your concerns, and if we could build a house to address every overcrowding we would. The real issue we have found in the last two years is procuring land. And that has been a significant issue. Thankfully, in Nain, I believe Joe, hopefully this new subdivision will be finalized this fall. I know in Makkovik I believe in the same circumstance, their new subdivision will be finalized this fall. In Rigolet there's been additional funding appropriated to do some

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remediation on the lots on one side of their subdivision so that it can then be used to build new houses, but it hasn't been able to be used in the past couple of years. Trying to go through the – Hopedale, we are having and doing some work on looking at little pockets of land because trying to find the appropriate place to build a new subdivision and with, you know, multiple lots has proved to be very difficult at this point, and there's some desktop studies ongoing in the communities looking at that particular issue. There's other work with the consultants through Municipal Affairs and there are other consultants in trying to address that issue. So, unfortunately, there is an issue with actually finding land to develop on, and we're making progress, as I just spoke about each of the Inuit communities place in that and their role and what we're been working and what they've been working, I can't even, I'm not going to take credit, it's what they've been working on with their Inuit Community Governments, with their consultants on trying to ensure that we can address the issue of housing.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other comments on page 5 of the Financial Plan?

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**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess more for clarity again. It was my understanding over the last two years that the repair program that we were undertaking came from the federal funding that we received. I wasn't aware of the funds are being used from our own internal funds. Can you reassure me that, you know, the next repair program is from our fund, or is it coming from the funding that we received from the federal government?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

In the last two years the \$15 million that we received from the Government of Canada was used specifically for the Home Repair Programs in those case. There was a program before the federal government funding came in in which we cost shared with NLHC. I believe, correct me if I'm wrong, and my memory is getting older, it was to the tune, one was 150,000 matched by the NLHC. Another one was 350 matched by NLHC. That was prior. That program began and was executed prior to 15 million being, I guess, given to us by the federal government and we ran the next repair programs through that funding. In this upcoming budget, what we have here before us, the plan is to use 600,000 of the money under internally restricted. It's just over, I'm sorry if I use round numbers. I think it's 637,000, but please

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1 don't quote me on that, in addition to the half a million  
2 that's coming from the federal government that we will be  
3 receiving in the next couple of days in our bank account. So  
4 the last two programs that we've run have come from the  
5 federal government money, the 15 million. The ones before  
6 that was cost shared between us and Government of  
7 Newfoundland and Labrador. And the one in the upcoming  
8 year will be cost shared between our internally restricted  
9 funds and the funding that we just received from the  
10 Government of Canada.

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'll ask again, are there any more comments on page 5 of  
12 this document, on this page of the Financial Plan? Are there  
13 any nays to proceeding to page 6? Seeing none, we can  
14 proceed to page 6.

15 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

My department, Finance and Human Resources and  
16 Information Technology, is responsible for the financial  
17 affairs, the human resource needs and the supplying and  
18 managing of the information and technology needs and  
19 resources of the Nunatsiavut Government. There is a very  
20 insignificant change in our budget request for the upcoming  
21 year. This is driven in particular by two items, additional,  
22 professional fees for planned projects related to the

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1 transition plan and some general human resource matters,  
2 and also under IT some firewall and routing plans. They're  
3 very technical and I can get you more information on it.  
4 There is also requirement to replace capital assets related to  
5 our onsite backups, and I always like to put this into the  
6 *Budget Act* because it is such a large amount under printing  
7 and subscriptions. The 280,500, budgeted for subscriptions,  
8 are significantly composed for the IT Division for items such  
9 as our Microsoft Volume licence, Blackberry licence,  
10 Computray security licence, our firewall licences, just to  
11 name a few of those particular pieces that we subscribe to.  
12 Under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources  
13 there are no significant changes planned with the programs  
14 and services of the Non-Renewable Division. The Division  
15 will continue to be involved in marine protection, in  
16 particular, as it relates to offshore development. A major  
17 activity of this division continues to be the promotion of  
18 Nunatsiavut.

19 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** If I may intercede.

20 **MS. CRAWFORD:** Yeah.

21 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Just our translators are giving us a signal.

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MS. CRAWFORD:

My apologies. A major activity of this Division continues to be the promotion of Nunatsiavut to encourage exploration and to promote resource service sector businesses operating in the region. In conjunction with the Lands Division, they're planning to conduct inspections of various sites on LIL with potential environmental concerns that were recommended by the Clarke Committees. Program expenses for the Renewable Resources Division have increased again, and this is directly related to the fisheries fund. There's currently \$2.3 million in the fishery fund, and it's an internally restricted funds, and again if we don't budget it, we can't act on it and, as we are all aware, fishing opportunities may arise at a moment's notice, and we have to be able to have the funds available to act on those opportunities. So we take a very conservative approach and we ensure that all the funds are then appropriated as revenue, and we have an offset as a program expenditure for that amount. This Division, as the Minister has spoken about during his statements, is also in the process of developing a formal plan for use of the funds and had budgeted funds under professional fees to continue with this initiative and hopefully bring it to finalization within

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short term. The Renewal Resources Division is also again participating in the research of the Davis Strait Polar Bear survey and the annual fishery workshop. There's also an allocation to the construction of a Quonset hut for the storage of equipment in Nain in the upcoming year. And the Treasurer spoke earlier in his budgeted speech about several of the initiatives being undertaken by the Environment Division, specifically, the Lake Melville Baseline Study, the Northern Contaminants Program, Waste Management, Smart Ice and Imappivut, to name a few programs. And they are continuing with the implementation of a research program in the Torngat Mountains that is being done through a partnership with the Weston Foundation and Parks Canada.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do we have any questions from the floor on page 6 of the Financial Plan? Seeing none, are there any nays to proceeding to page 7? I appreciate your concern. Just about to suggest same, so we'll break, it's 12:15. We'll break until one o'clock and we'll resume, Ms. Crawford, beginning with page 7 of our Financial Plan. Thank you.

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1       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I hope everyone enjoyed the lunch that was provided. We  
left off with Ms. Crawford walking us through the various  
pages of the Financial Plan and, if I'm not mistaken, we were  
onto page 7.

5       **MS. CRAWFORD:**

It says we're aware that the Health and Social Department is  
responsible for establishing and administering health and  
social policies, programs and services for the Nunatsiavut  
Government and for promoting the health and well-being of  
Labrador Inuit. The majority of the funding, approximately  
\$26 million for the operations of this department, comes  
from the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. And there are no  
significant plan changes to the programs and services. The  
Departmental Budget Request under this *Budget Act* on  
Schedule A is related to a position in programming to  
address food security issues in Nunatsiavut, positions and  
programming funds for youth and elders, and a position and  
program funding under the Status of Women. Education  
and Economic Development has an insignificant change in  
their budget request, and they are continuing to implement  
programs in relation to education, capacity building for  
Labrador Inuit and Inuit businesses, and development of  
economic opportunities. They also continue to budget for

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\$300,000 for their Community Economic Development Program. Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, it'll go on page 7 and 8, so I'll take the liberty of going through the entire department, they're composed of, I won't verbatim read what's in the first paragraph. It outlines what the responsibilities are under the organizational order of the government. The Cultural Division has requested an additional \$200,000 specifically to address one of the Nunatsiavut Government's key priorities, language. As the Treasurer pointed out in his budget speech, the plan for this \$200,000 is to include the recruitment of a language researcher to carry out a *Inuttitut* Language Needs Survey to gather baseline data regarding current comprehension levels, interest, exposure and barriers. A Best Practice Assessment is also planned to be carried out to learn from other Inuit regions and would be used to inform a language strategy. There will also be a language summit held to learn from beneficiaries and language specialists from other Inuit regions and within Nunatsiavut regarding how to best address language needs in Nunatsiavut. They have also requested additional funding to develop and implement new cultural programming, and

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this will be done in partnership with other departments of the NG. These new asks are over and above what they currently run under their programs and services, such as the *Inuttitut* Radio Hour on the OK Society Radio Station, the Language Nest Program, the Labrador *Inuttitut* Program, The Interpreter/Translator Workshops and the *Inuttitut* Master Apprenticeship Program which was a huge success in the current year. Archaeologists are going to continue with projects such as the Digital Outreach and Oral History Initiative, the Labrador Kayak Revival Project, the Model T Salvage Project, the Annual Heritage Forum, the Identification and Designation of Historically Significant Buildings in Nunatsiavut, and Commemoration of the Labrador Inuit Contributions to the Great War. Tourism will continue to focus on the implementation of their Tourism Strategy with community sessions planned. There's also funds appropriated for partnerships, market readiness programs and experience packages. Hebron is a very important part of the Labrador Inuit history. As such, the Tourism Division has planned for the continuation of the Hebron Ambassador Program and the Hebron Restoration Project. And NG will also continue to contribute \$75,000 to

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the activities of underlying the mandate of the Torngat  
Recreation Commission.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you want to finish off with that last section. We're at the  
very bottom of page 8, so I don't think it's worthwhile  
considering it's a separate item.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Sure. Administration costs, we've made a very concerted  
effort to keep our administration costs at a minimum level.  
We do thorough reviews of every expenditure, and  
administration costs for the government include things such  
as telephone, heat and lights, supplies, et cetera.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do we have comments or questions from the floor regarding  
page 7? And I'll treat page 7 and page 8 as one entity since  
they're really, in essence, are. Any comments or questions  
from page 7, arising from page 7, page 8? AngajukKâk  
Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is on the Health and  
Social Development paragraphs there. As delivering  
programs and services, and has the Nunatsiavut  
Government in this Department ever considered of  
expanding, I guess, receiving facilities such as the Friendship  
Centre? Now with the growth of the communities on the

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north coast, sometimes it's very difficult to find a place to stay. And even though they have a lot of listings in their fall for people who might stay at the places, have you ever considered putting in the budget for an extra building or something like of that nature so that, you know, all these billets must cost a lot of money in the long run. And, you know, investing in a larger building other than the Friendship Centre, I think would be a good investment. Have your Department ever considered that lately? Like, are you thinking about it? Thank you.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Thank you. It's not part of the current year's budget. What I can, and I think your question is in relation to the Non-insured Health Benefits Program and where we have individuals where we pay the accommodation at the Friendship Centre or a private accommodations, and there was an RFP released in the past year where they did seek out, I think it was six guaranteed rooms a night that was awarded, and you'll have to accept my apologies. I don't know the name of the company that was the successful proponent on the name. I wasn't involved in the awarding of it. But your question I can take back to the Department of Health because it doesn't – there's no expenditure

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1 budgeted that I'm aware for that under NIHB. I know that  
2 they had made progress on it, but I'll take your question  
3 back to the Department and they can reach out to with an  
4 answer.

5 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Do you have a further question, AngajukKâk Dicker?

6 **MR. DICKER:** No, that's sufficient, as long as there's interest in there then,  
7 then that's good enough. It'll seed on its own.

8 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Any other comments or questions on page 7, page 8?  
9 Derek Montague.

10 **MR. MONTAGUE:** Thank you. Under the first heading of page 7, Health and  
11 Social Development, the majority of the \$26 million funding,  
12 I was just curious as to whether or not somebody at this  
13 table, or Rexanne, could tell me out of the 26 million how  
14 much goes to mental health initiatives and what kind of  
15 initiatives is being funded in this fiscal year? Thank you.

16 **MS. CRAWFORD:** I can't give you the exact number on the mental health  
17 'cause it's grouped in with – under the *Fiscal Financing*  
18 *Agreement* there's five different categories. So there's  
19 community programs, health services, et cetera. Again with  
20 your permission I'll reach out to the Department and within  
21 my Finance Division part to get the exact number and the

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1 initiatives of their Division, the specific initiatives that  
2 they're undertaking in the current year, and there quite a  
3 number of them and some very interesting ones as well.

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Do you have a further question, Chairperson Montague?

5 **MR. MONTAGUE:** Thank you. Rexanne, I appreciate the offer to get back to  
6 me. I'm very interested in seeing those initiatives. Of  
7 course, as we all know, you can't spend too much these  
8 days on mental health. It could save lives and I'm glad that  
9 the Nunatsiavut Government is taking some initiatives in  
10 their plan. Thank you.

11 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Any other questions from the floor regarding Sections 7 and  
12 8? AngajukKâk Dicker. Actually, if you don't mind, I'm going  
13 to make sure there's no other questions before...

14 **MR. DICKER:** Yeah.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** ...I come back to you.

16 **MR. DICKER:** It's a different department I'm asking a question of.

17 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** No, but I want to give everyone a first opportunity to  
18 respond before I come back to you. Any other questions  
19 regarding 7 and 8? Hearing none, proceed, AngajukKâk  
20 Dicker.

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MR. DICKER:

*Nakummek, Uhalitik.* Under the Education and Economic Development, Rexanne, I understand that there was more monies made available to offset some of the costs, I guess, of the living allowances that the students were experiencing, but that money, it was not new money. It was from within the education funds that were available. Is there any plans or under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, I guess, with regards to the education funds, for that fund to increase because our population is increasing. Our graduates are increasing, but the money seems to be at a standstill since the inception of post-secondary education funding. Do you see any break in that annual thing?

MS. CRAWFORD:

We have been building into our mandate for education and increase in – an additional request is being built into the PSSSP portion of the mandate that's going to the federal government. At this point I have no answers whether or not they would accept it, but the funding does increase by FDDIPI each year, and as we have been developing the mandate related to education, we have requested increases.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker?  
Any other questions from the floor regarding pages 7 and  
page 8 of the Financial Plan? Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my question goes back to  
something that I raised maybe a couple of years ago and  
regarding *Inuttitut* being made available or being taught  
within the offices. And I know, speaking from the calling  
and correspondence I recently sent out to the NEC, I  
believe, to the Minister of Culture of then with a response  
saying that something in the works within the few months.  
So it's been two years to see if, you know, if there has been  
any, I guess, discussions, and I think it was the previous  
Minister attempted to do something similar too as well. I'm  
just wondering if something like this part of this year's  
initiative, or maybe as something for that's being considered  
through NEC?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I guess we had to frame that within the context of the  
Financial Plan, so I guess a more fair question would be is  
there rumor or has there been consideration in the Financial  
Plan for these things?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

There's not a very specific line item that was given to me for  
programming service, foreign language. I do know that the

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1 Department have a strategy, a three-year plan that they  
2 developed for their Department, and language was one of  
3 the key areas. And so coming from that departmental  
4 strategy has been this budget request, and they're going to  
5 use that to inform and have a really strong guidance in  
6 exactly the direction they will take. Will it include employee  
7 programs? I can't say for certain, but I can't see how it may  
8 not have that built in. It's just right now their focus is on  
9 what they have laid out here for that language researcher to  
10 make sure that they had the best information available to  
11 them on what exactly they need to meet their needs, 'cause  
12 it has to look at a very holistic view right from as the child is  
13 born, right up until, you know, you're in the work force.

14 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member  
15 Pamak? Final call for questions? Marjorie Flowers.

16 **MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. Rexanne, with the increase in food security or  
17 lack of in Nunatsiavut, especially in Nain and Hopedale, with  
18 the results of the survey, can you tell me if there's going to  
19 be any more money directed to food security for this year?

20 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

What we have in the budget right now, I think, is \$50,000  
21 for programming, and those funds are being used to  
22 leverage additional funds from the federal government.

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We're hoping to hear within the next week or so if we're successful on one of the proposals that have been put in. I know that they've been doing a lot of work on the planning stage. In addition to what the food security co-ordinator is doing, you know, we have made significant investments through the Gros Morne hunt to ensure that there was moose meat in the past year, and hopefully we'll get more licences for the upcoming year and there is a plan for that moose hunt, subject to the licences being available.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Flowers? Questions again, I invite questions again, pages 7, page 8? Hearing none, are there any nays to accepting page 7 and page 8 and progressing onto page 9? Any opposition? Any nays? Any opposing? Please proceed to page 9.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

I'm not going to spend any time on the Nunatsiavut Assembly Budget. We discussed that yesterday, and the amendment that was proposed was flowed through the *Budget Act* and a copy was given to all of you today by the pages. The funds for the Implementation Plan come directly from the Tripartite Implementation Plan, Annex D, that have been agreed to between the three parties. The capital infrastructure, so for the upcoming fiscal year, the NG will

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1 continue to budget for three capital projects. Illusuak  
2 Cultural Centre is substantially complete, however, there is  
3 still about, I think, \$900,000 left of work to do relation to  
4 the theatre and the landscaping. So that has been, the  
5 funds have been appropriated for that. And, as we are all  
6 aware, there is currently inadequate and insufficient office  
7 space for the Department of Health and Social Development  
8 in Hopedale. We have land secured. We have a design  
9 developed and they're in the final stages of having to  
10 procure an additional piece of land in order to ensure it will  
11 meet all our needs for the Department of Health. And so  
12 the funds have been budgeted to begin the construction in  
13 this upcoming fiscal year. And there are some funds  
14 budgeted for staff housing, as well as to address issues  
15 noted in the Building Assessment Report that was provided  
16 by Stantec.

17 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any questions on that aspect? AngajukKâk Dicker.

18 **MR. DICKER:**

19 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Coming from Nain, and looking at  
20 the Illusuak Cultural Centre, the building is beautiful, but I'm  
21 worried about the land in front of, or just below the north  
22 mark or northern shore and the Old Flag Garage . When  
that place was built in, the cut-off water flow that we

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experienced in the spring, and it goes around, used to go around, but now it's not going to have anywhere to go. My question is how much money have you budgeted? I know you said you had 900,000, but of that, how much is left for the theatre, and how much is for the landscaping because after this spring I believe landscaping is going to have to be revisited.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

I apologize, Joe. I don't have the breakdown here in front of me, and my mind doesn't retain the breakdown between the numbers. Those are the numbers that have been provided to us through our consultant and engineers as to the cost of those two pieces. I'll make a note and email the Assembly with the exact breakdown between those two components, and I took a number of papers with me and that wasn't one of them. And so my apologies to the Assembly.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker?

**MR. DICKER:**

No, I don't, but then I just made an observation this fall and this is what I observed, and some of my councillors, some of the councillors also observed that same thing. They're expecting more landscaping need to be done after the spring run-off.

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MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any other comments? Any other comments before we approve page 8? Page 9, I apologize. No comments? No questions? We'll move on. We'll approve page 9 unless there are any nays. Any nays on the floor for approving page 9? Hearing none, please proceed with page 10?

MS. CRAWFORD:

The one last point we wanted to highlight in this *Budget Act*, was last year at the March, 2000 sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Finance Division did hear from the AngajukKâk that we wanted to revisit how the limited amount of funds we receive under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* were allocated between the five communities. So we did complete a review of the methodology. We sought a lot of advice and appreciate all the views that we received from the Inuit Community Governments on this matter. And what we've come to is a new methodology for the allocation of the operational funds with the ICG's. So the funds are now being allocated based on two factors. There's a set amount for core functions that are carried out in any Inuit Community Government regardless of the size of the community or the number of employees. And a variable amount that is based on the number of private and commercial dwellings in each community. And these

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1 numbers are provided by each ICG. We are no longer  
2 relying on any statistics from Statistics Canada 'cause we  
3 know that they're not, I guess I should say, they're just not  
4 correct. We know ourselves they're not correct so,  
5 thankfully, with the assistance of each ICG, the Town  
6 Managers and Town Clerks have provided us with the  
7 numbers of private and commercial dwellings in their  
8 communities, and we've been able to come up with an  
9 allocation for the remaining amount of the *Fiscal Financing*  
10 *Agreement*. And this new approach is being phased in. So  
11 not to cause undue hardship with the funding levels being  
12 red-circled for Nain and Hopedale until we reach what the  
13 calculated figure is, and it was the same approach we took  
14 when we changed the methodology, I believe, three or four  
15 years ago. And we'll continue to monitor and engage each  
16 of the ICG's as we move forward on an annual basis to  
17 ensure that, you know, the methodology. This is a new  
18 approach and it's quite a different approach so we'll  
19 continue to monitor and work with our Inuit Community  
20 Governments to see if this is the way and the methodology  
21 that we should continue to use.

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any questions arising from page 10 on the Financial Plan?

I'm shocked and I'm surprised that we don't have any queries from our friends on the Community Governments. AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Mr. Speaker, as Rexanne said, we've been talking with the Nunatsiavut Government, especially Rexanne and Isabella Pain, their Department working closely with them, and at first when we seen the figures Nain was outraged. We felt we were being, you know, I don't know what the case is but, anyway, after explanation and after knowing that this is a phase-in and what the figures are going to be with our community plan for the next 10 years, we are going to catch up, and we are confident that we are not going to endure any hard due hardships, that the Nunatsiavut Government is going to be helping us along the way. So with that, the councils have, from Nain, anyway, have agree to adopt this strategy with the understanding, as I just said that, you know, we are not going to put in any hardship situations unnecessarily.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

And in response, Joe, the government is and myself, in particular, I really do appreciate all the advice and direction that we got from each of you and your Town Managers. It

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1 makes my job a lot simpler in trying to – really what we did  
2 this year is think outside the box and think outside of any  
3 real methodology that we've kind of had put forth to us. So,  
4 you know, thank you very much.

5 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any there any other comments, questions regarding page  
6 10? AngajukKâk Flowers?

7 **MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. The reason why I'm a little quiet is basically  
8 because we've worked a lot with this with Rexanne and the  
9 Joint Management, and we've done a lot of work around it,  
10 so I didn't feel like I, you know, I mean, it's discussed a lot so  
11 I didn't have any other questions around that.

12 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

Oh, 'cause I can...

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I'm just offering the...

14 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

Oh.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

...opportunity to respond to add flavour or any comment on  
16 that. Any other comments from the floor regarding page 10  
17 of the Financial Plan? Hearing none, are there any nays to  
18 approving the Financial Plan, agreeing to the Financial Plan  
19 as presented? Seeing none, page 10 is agreed upon. We'll  
20 now go onto the Budget Bill, Bill 2018-01. I'll give people a

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second to find their. Everybody should have a copy of the amended Budget Bill with them. Got them?

**MS. PAIN:**

They were passed out.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

That's page 7, we're going to start by looking at the Annex, page 7, in the Budget Bill. Does everybody have the appropriate document in front of them? The correct name of the Bill is 2018-01. So it may be mislabelled in some peoples as 2019-01. You can disregard that and supplant with 2018-01. Okay. I call Members' attention to page 7, which is Annex A. We'll go through the Bill 2018-01, page-by-page. I'll have a quick review, and if there are questions, we'll stop. I'll have Ms. Crawford respond to any comments, queries you may have, and then I'll ask agreement on a page-by-page basis. So in summation, page 7, Annex A calls for a total budget slightly in excess of \$98 million. Are there any questions in regards to page 7, Annex A of the Budget Bill? Again, are there any questions regarding page 7, Annex A? The Speaker notes that Minister Shiwak's eyes are glazed over somewhat, but that's fine. We'll move on. Are there any who do not agree with the contents of page 7, Annex A? Any questions? We'll move onto page 8. Page 8 is titled, "Nunatsiavut Government Projected Revenue and

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Expenditure for the Fiscal Year April, 2018 to March 31st, 2019." Any questions regarding page 8? The Speaker recognizes Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

I hope I'm dealing with the right section here. I know that part of the total projected revenue, correct me if I'm wrong, is a portion of the surplus from last fiscal year, correct? Of 4 million. Now I know that we had, again, correct me if I'm wrong, roughly 36 million surplus from our previous audit. I'm just wondering where does the rest of the surplus go year after year if it doesn't get carried over to the next fiscal year? Thank you.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Just so that everyone understands what page you're referring to, I believe the Speaker has us on, plugged in at 8, page 8. You are referring to an item that's on page 9. So I'm not sure if you want to finish with page....

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

No, we'll, if the item he's referring to is on page 9, we'll deal with that one when we reach that stage. So Mr. Montague, I read out the name of the page we're dealing with. Again, page 8, Nunatsiavut Government Projected Revenue and Expenditures is the page we're looking at currently. So I invite questions on that page in particular. Hearing none, are there any nays to agreeing to this page? We'll move

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1 onto page 9. Page 9 is titled, "Nunatsiavut Government  
2 Projected Sources of Revenue." Again dealing with the fiscal  
3 year April 1st, 2018 to March 31st, 2019.

4 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

Derek, in response to your question that you raised, what  
5 we present to the Nunatsiavut Government at the  
6 September sitting is a Consolidated Financial Statement  
7 which also includes the surpluses of the *Settlement and*  
8 *Implementation Trust*. So that \$33 million surplus you're  
9 referring to also includes their monies. This is what relates  
10 just to what I refer to as Nunatsiavut Government which is  
11 the government as we know that operates programs and  
12 services.

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a further question, Mr. Montague?

14 **MR. MONTAGUE:**

15 So just for clarification, the other surplus that it stays in a  
16 different area that's not directly related to our operational  
budget, for lack of a better term.

17 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

18 So just to explain in a very simple way what consolidation is,  
19 we have three entities. So we have the Nunatsiavut  
20 Government, we have the *Settlement Trust* and we have the  
21 *Implementation Trust*. And very simply 'cause there's a little  
bit more complications than that, we just take the numbers

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and add them across. So the surplus that belongs to the *Settlement Trust* stays within that entity and the same with the *Implementation Trust*, it stays within that entity. So this relates to our government.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question now, Mr. Montague? Any other questions regarding page 9, of the Budget Bill? Are there any disagreements, any nays on agreeing to this page in the Budget Bill? Hearing/seeing none, we'll move onto page 10. Titled, "Nunatsiavut Government Projected Budget April 1st, 2018-March 31st, 2019". Are there any questions from the floor in regard to this page? Hearing none, are there any disagreements, any nays to approving and agreeing to this page and proceeding onward? Hearing none, we'll proceed onto page 11 of the Budget Bill. Page 11 of the Budget Bill is titled, "Nunatsiavut Government Projected Budget Five-Year Plan Year Ended March 31st." Again I invite questions from the floor on this page and I'll give people a couple of moments to digest it. Do you have a question, Chairperson Mitchell?

**MR. MITCHELL:**

I do.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

State your question. Go ahead.

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**MR. MITCHELL:**

Regard to OSR claw back, there's no projected claw backs in 2019-2020 and then it picks up again with a bigger figure in 2021. Can you clarify what that means?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So what this schedule reflects are the budgeted amounts. So if you look at Budget 2018 you would see an OSR claw back of 1,247,000. We actually didn't have to pay that money for the 2018 fiscal year. And then the moratorium goes until March 31st, 2020. And so in 2021 we will be back according to what the Government of Canada has stated, back to paying our OSR claw back, and so that is our projection of the amount of OSR for that particular year. The moratorium only means that we don't physically have to pay out the cash, but are scheduled percentages on the schedule continue to increase even at the time that we don't have to make a payment. So I believe as we noted, well, it's in the Financial Plan that was presented. The moratorium from the Government of Canada only goes to March 31st, 2020.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, Chairperson Mitchell? Again I ask are there any questions in regards to page 11 of the Budget Bill? Comments? Hearing none, are there any nays to agreeing to page 11 and proceeding onto

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1 page 12? Hearing no objections, please proceed to page 12,  
2 Ms. Crawford. Which I will title, "Nunatsiavut Government  
3 Total Department April 1st, 2018 to March 31st, 2019." I  
4 will allow people a few moments to digest and again call for  
5 questions. Are there any questions arising from page 12 of  
6 the Budget Bill? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk  
7 Dicker. Go ahead.

8 **MR. DICKER:**

Right on the bottom there under bank charges, translation.  
9 Exactly what does that entail? Like is I know that we have a  
10 translation department and there's translation going on  
11 every day with regards to some papers that come out from  
12 the Nunatsiavut Government with regards to other than  
13 documents. How come there's no figure there?

14 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

Yes. You picked up on what I just picked on, that the word  
15 translation shouldn't be there. All the costs for our  
16 translators are under the Department of Culture, Recreation  
17 and Tourism as we're all aware they are employees under  
18 that Division. This was a carryover we had to reflect when  
19 we were cost sharing a particular program with the  
20 Government of Canada. We had to reflect an expenditure  
21 for translation. That's no longer the case, and it should not  
22 have been on the Schedule. It's okay. It still says zero. It

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doesn't impact the actual *Budget Act*, but had I found it

before 10 days before the Assembly you wouldn't have

noticed it there. But thank you, Joe.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker?

Are there any other questions from the floor? AngajukKâk

Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

I'm just curious to the revenue that's coming in. Where is

that coming from?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So under Nunatsiavut Secretariat, as we're aware, the

Communications Division has promotional items as well as

under Visual Design. They provide their services to external

providers, so those are some of the revenues that come in.

We also have some revenue under the Secretariat. We

received a donation quite some time ago and it's been

brought in slowly over time for scholarships. So the

Nunatsiavut Government does send a small amount to each

school each year to be used for a scholarship, and that's

under the Secretariat. Under Finance, there's some money

that comes from the *Voisey's Bay Impact and Benefit*

*Agreement* for particular administration costs related that

we take on on behalf of the IBA. There's another amount

there to offset some – it's an interdepartmental revenue

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from the *FFA* to cover some of the costs of the IT support.

Lands and Natural Resources, there are two amounts being

brought in under internally restricted. So we spoke earlier

about under the fishing fund of 2.3, the Environment

Division also has a portion of money internally restricted to

implement some new programs and services, and one of

things they're looking at in the upcoming year relates to

some of the research activities that they're undertaking.

And Education and Economic Development, that relates to

some funds that will help offset some of the costs of the

employees, so it comes in from another source of funding,

okay?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk

Flowers? Are there any other questions regarding page 12?

Hearing none, are there any dissenters to approving page

12? Agreeing to page 12 and moving onto page 13? Again,

hearing none, we'll proceed to page 13. Page 13 is titled,

"Nunatsiavut Government Nunatsiavut Assembly April 1st,

2018 to March 31st, 2019." We're now on page 13. Any

questions arising from page 13 of the Budget Bill? The

Speaker recognizes Derek Montague.

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**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you. I'm just curious, under travel, if my recollection is correct, this is not much of a change, if any change at all, from last year, and I'm just wondering how travel didn't go up. I figured that it would be based on the fact of the merger of Air Labrador. Now we're only a one-third owner of Air Borealis instead of a majority owner with Air Labrador. So I'm just, out of curiosity, wondering what kept the travel lower despite the Air Borealis merger.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

In preparing the Budget for Assembly, we reached out to Air Borealis and requested a quote for provision of their charter services giving them the dates for the Assemblies and even proposed that we didn't have a final date for May, and their quotes were reasonable and very much within what they were in the year before. So we're very happy with that, so that's how the Budget was developed, and there was really a very insignificant change in their quote.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

If I might add, I think it might have been a touch lower. Yeah, anyway, it was very, you know, it was very consistent. Are there any other questions from the floor regarding page 13? Are there any objections, any nays to agreeing to page 13 and proceeding to page 14? Hearing none, we're onto page 14. Page 14 is titled, "Nunatsiavut Government

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Implementation Plan April 1st, 2018 to March 31st, 2019."

As I call for questions, Ordinary Member Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Looking at I guess the proposed expenditures for implementation, and you have four items listed here totalling close to \$400,000. In the Budget you're proposing to raise \$7.244 million from the *Labrador Land Claims Implementation Trust*. And you only have, seemed like you only have an expenditure of \$400,000. I certainly recognize that, you know, from previous statements made by First Minister Kate Mitchell that, you know, implementation of 12E was one of them. One was the Membership Committees and so forth and now these ones here. Is that the expenditures that you have compared to the actual revenues that you receive for implementation of the *Lands Claim Agreement*?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

I'll start with this schedule. So this implementation amount here comes directly from the Implementation Plan, Annex D, and these are our one-third share of the costs for these items. So, you know, there is an agreement reached between the three parties to the *Land Claim Agreement*. And this is the amount that's under Annex D. Then I'll go back to the way we develop our budget is that the projected

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sources of revenue on page 9, which include the 7.2 million from *Implementation Trust* gives you a total of 29.3 million. And you see below the total expenditure of 29.3 million. I'll take you to page 10. That comes from that page 10 which gives you your total expenditures broken down by departmental budgets, your contingency fund, OSR, the costs for the ICC's, the Assembly costs, and the Implementation Plan, as well as capital infrastructure. So the money we receive from the *Implementation Trust* is not specifically only to be used for the Implementation Plan, but rather to be used as budgeted and approved by the Assembly. So I thought I kind of had to take it through a few steps.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member Pamak? Any other questions from the floor regarding page 14 of the Budget Bill? Hearing none, do we have unanimous agreement and are there any nays, any dissenters to approving page 14 and moving onto page 15? Hearing none, we'll move onto page 15. Page 15 is titled, "Nunatsiavut Government Capital Infrastructure Year Ended," and we have a series of different years. Again I'll allow a moment for digestion. Are there any questions

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related to page 15 of the Budget Bill? The Speaker

recognizes AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For 2019, 4.3 million, is that the monies budgeted, or part of the monies budgeted for the DHSD building there?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Four million of it will be towards the DHSD building to be about construction in Hopedale, and then there's a small amount, 350,000 for various, I would say, minor maintenance, minor or major maintenance that maybe have to be done on our current facilities. Nothing that I can specifically tell you exactly, but there is some planning.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker?

**MR. DICKER:**

There was a mention of one additional building for staffing. Is that part of this here, in this when we talked the budget earlier?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So if you look on the line item below, it relates to staff housing, so there's one for office building and renovations and then another line for staff housing. And I know the next question may be where, what, who? And that question, I can't answer at this moment. There is a look through to kind of see if any of the current units we have need to be

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1 replaced which is what happened last year. One was in a  
2 terrible condition and actually had to be demolished and  
3 replaced, or if there will be a new unit placed in and it will  
4 be determined by obviously needs and land availability  
5 because we don't want to take away from land that would  
6 be used for building for our beneficiaries in our  
7 communities as well. So I can't answer the question of  
8 exactly where at this point but, you know, maybe later on as  
9 we move through this, the next sitting.

10 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a final question, AngajukKâk Dicker?  
11 AngajukKâk Flowers, you had a question, I believe?

12 **MS. FLOWERS:**

Yeah, I think more like a comment. This is 2019. Was there  
13 anything there for 2018?

14 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

This fiscal year goes till March 31st, 2019.

15 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions surrounding page 15 of the Budget Bill?  
16 Seeing none, I will ask if there's any opponents to agreeing  
17 to page 15 and moving onto page 16. Hearing/seeing no  
18 nays, we'll move onto page 16. Page 16 of the Budget Bill is  
19 titled, "Nunatsiavut Government Fiscal Financing  
20 Agreement, FFA, Projected April 1st, 2018 to March 31st,  
21 2019". I will allow for a moment of digestion, then I'll call

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for questions. Are there any questions regarding page 16 of the Budget Bill? The Speaker recognizes Chairperson Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm just wondering what the difference was between post-secondary education and secondary education.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Secondary education relates to that what we would either fund through NLESD or initiatives that take ourselves for school-aged children. Post-secondary education relates to those that occur after you leave high school or Junior High and the funding we need for those type of programs, such as PSSP.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question? AngajukKâk Dicker, you had a question, I believe.

**MR. DICKER:**

Yeah, *Nakummek*. The Inuit Community Government and then just below it Community Government Capital Works. Could you explain why there's two different references to Community Governments there, please?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

It's the one that's Inuit Community Governments relates to the operational dollars that you receive for your government, and on the next page, page 17 is the

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breakdown using the new methodology. Community Government Capital Works Funding, that's the funding that the ICG's allocate through the Joint Management Committee on an annual basis.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions from the floor regarding page 16 of the Budget Bill? Hearing and seeing none, do we have any opponents to agreeing to page 16 and moving onto page 17? Seeing/hearing no nays, we'll proceed onto page 17. Page 17 of the Budget Bill is titled "Nunatsiavut Government *Fiscal Financing Agreement*." I guess this is a different representation of the *FFA*.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

It's a breakdown of the amounts that are being allocated to the ICG's and we have to provide a schedule as part of the *Financial Administration Act*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any questions regarding page 17? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. So you said if the housing changes, the number of houses per community, this may change again the number of households? If the number of households goes up, and commercial buildings, that would change?

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**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Sorry. Yes. So, as we discussed, your staff from each of the ICG's will be providing us new numbers. Every, probably around December month is when we got – well, it was a little bit later this year, with the new numbers for private and commercial dwellings, and they did collectively come to an agreement how we were going to count the units and all that. So those numbers will be provided to us, and that portion of the funding that gets based on the number of private and commercial dwellings in your community will change and fluctuate based on what's in your community and what's new built that year or et cetera. So that was the commitment we made was that we would look at that allocation on an annual basis based on the numbers that are provided by your staff.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Flowers? Chairperson recognizes AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

I guess this is more like a supplementary question to what Marjorie just asked you. When we were in discussion with you and getting information to you in your Department prior to the fiscal financing arrangement, did you have your meeting with the federal departments, and does these figures reflect the actual meeting that you had with the new

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1 numbers that we gave you or, as you said, does that  
2 meeting still have to take place?

3 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

4 I think there are two parts to your question. So this  
5 schedule does reflect the information and data that was  
6 provided by your staff in determining the allocation. And, as  
7 we're all aware, there was other information provided to us  
8 by your staff to assist us with preparing our mandates for  
9 the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* negotiations. We're not at  
10 the active negotiations stage. We're finalizing the mandate.  
11 But the information that was provided by your staff for that  
12 part is being used to develop mandates.

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

13 Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker?

14 **MR. DICKER:**

15 Could you go through that a little slower. The information  
16 that we passed onto you with regards to number of housing  
17 units and that we have in our communities, this was used in  
18 this budget. Now the second part I need more clarification,  
19 please.

20 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

21 So I think, if you recall, probably about four to five months  
ago your staff were also providing us some additional  
numbers with regards to the cost of subdivision  
development and costs of housing and lack of development

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1 in your communities. That wasn't used in this because it  
2 wasn't required, but it is being used to form the mandate  
3 for *Fiscal Financing Agreement* negotiations.

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member Flowers.

5 **MR. FLOWERS:**

6 Thank you, Mr. Chair. The percentage for Hopedale seems  
7 low compared to, say, Makkovik, which is 16.4 and  
8 Hopedale's 19. – just based on population?

9 **MS. CRAWFORD:**

10 If you recall when we went through the Financial Plan  
11 there's a new method of allocating the funds this year. So  
12 there is a certain portion that every community gets  
13 regardless of their size of the community and we look at it  
14 at core operation. So you have to have a Town Manager, a  
15 Town Clerk, probably a head of Public Works, those type of  
16 – so there's a core amount, and then the remaining amount  
17 of the funding will be allocated based on the percentage of  
18 households. This is not the percentage of households in  
19 each community based by that. That's just the breakdown  
20 of the numbers of the total amount, but we use a different  
21 formula base to determine that.

22 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions regarding page 17? The  
Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Jacque.

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1       **MR. JACQUE:**

Yeah, I have a question. In regards to an individual having a business in their home or household, will that be considered one or two, for clarification. Thanks.

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4       **MS. CRAWFORD:**

I think what we agreed to, I think it's we're looking at that probably would be one dwelling. It just would be one, whether you put it in the – I think it would count as one dwelling 'cause we had various discussions about what types of services. But we definitely can revisit that, Herb, when we start putting together the numbers next year to make sure that everybody is doing the same thing in all five communities.

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12       **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other comments on page 17? The Chairperson recognizes AngajukKâk Shiwak.

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14       **MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Yeah, just looking at this and what Marjorie just asked there about the number of houses going up in a community, will this budget increase each year because if somebody gets 10 houses, somebody doesn't get any, where does the extra money come from where the 10 houses are built? Is it taken from some of the other communities?

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20       **MS. CRAWFORD:**

So each year the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* amount of Inuit Community Government operations does increase overall

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1 by FDDIPI, and so we take that total amount and we're  
2 allocating it using the formula that was agreed to by the five  
3 communities. If one community gets 10 units and the other  
4 one gets 0, we'll have to see how that flows out with the  
5 overall numbers. I mean, we don't want numbers to  
6 decrease each year. I mean it would maintain no matter  
7 what. So this is our first year of doing it and I think we have  
8 to kind of see how it flows out in the upcoming years and, I  
9 mean, the commitment we've had with all of us discussing  
10 this, we know this is going to be a work in progress. It's the  
11 first time we're using the methodology. This is the very first  
12 year it's being implemented and that we're going to keep a  
13 close eye and close communications on it as we develop the  
14 numbers and do the allocation formulas for that portion  
15 each year.

16 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions regarding page 17 of the  
17 Budget Bill? Seeing none/hearing none. Oh, my apologies, I  
18 didn't see your hand up. My apologies. AngajukKâk  
19 Flowers.

20 **MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you. If, for some reason, that the numbers were  
21 given to you incorrectly, which would affect the percentage,  
22 would you consider changing that?

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**MS. CRAWFORD:**

I think that because this is a budget and as part of the *Budget Act*, we may not be able to correct it in this current year unless, you know, we'd have to really look at it, Marjorie. It's hard for me to answer the question without seeing what the significant impact. I mean, it would have to be a real major difference. But it is changing each year, and we are committed to getting the numbers each year from your staff. So if something wasn't counted properly this year then hopefully we'd get it corrected for next year. So I think we'd have to kind of look at it as it occurred, but this schedule is part of the *Budget Act*, and this is what your communities will need to plan your operations for this year.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions regarding page 17 of the Budget Bill? Seeing none, are we in all agreement to approve page 17? Seeing no nays, we'll move onto the first page of the Budget Bill, actually it's page 2. Standing Order 55(2) obligates us to go through these clause by clause. Most of these clauses are reasonably simple so I'm going to call for a very quick review of each clause. And since there is no math involved, I expect that the processing time should be significantly less for all of our Members here today. If you turn your attention to clause 1, "Short Title".

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Are there any non-agreements with approving? Any questions about clause 1? It's a one-line clause. Johannes, do you know, have you found where we are? So on page 2. So we're looking at clause 1 which is a simple one-liner. Any questions about clause 1? Seeing none, are we all in agreement with clause 1? Seeing no nays, seeing no nays, we'll move onto clause 2. Clause 2 titled, "Interpretation". Any questions about clause 2? Seeing no questions, are there any nays to agreeing to clause 2? Seeing none, we'll move onto clause 3. Are there any questions about clause 3? Seeing no questions, are we all agreed to move onto clause 4? Any nays about clause 3? Seeing none, we'll now consider clause 4. Clause 4, just for the sake of clarity, is titled, "Authorizations Respecting Revenues". Clause 4, I'll allow a short period of review. AngajukKâk Dicker, your question is regarding clause 4?

**MR. DICKER:** Just 4(a) the year is a typo. It says March 31st, 20167.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Perhaps Ms. Crawford can speak for the record the proper, the year which we're considering.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** Should be March 31st, 2017. Thank you, Joe.

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MR. RUDKOWSKI:

So for clarification for the purposes of this approval, March 31st will read March 31st, 2017. Any other questions arising from clause 4? Hearing none, does anybody not agree to accepting clause 4, moving onto clause 5? Seeing, hearing no objections onto clause 5. Clause 5, for clarity is title, "Additional Revenues". Are there any questions arising from clause 5? Seeing/hearing none, are there any nays to agreeing to clause 5 and moving onto clause 6? Any opposition? We're onto clause 6. Clause 6 titled "Payments Must Be Authorized". Any questions in regards to clause 6? Hearing no questions from clause 6, any objections to agreement with clause 6 and proceeding to clause 7? Any nays? Hearing/seeing none, we're onto clause 7. Clause 7 titled, "Time Limit on Payment Authorized Under This Act". Any questions arising from clause 7? Seeing/hearing none, are there any objections to agreeing to clause 7 and proceeding onto clause 8? Hearing/seeing none, we're onto clause 8. "Appropriations". Clause 8 is somewhat more substantive so I will allow a brief period of review before I call for questions. Are there any questions arising from clause 8? That's 8(a) through 8(j)? Seeing/hearing no questions, are we all in agreement to agree to clause 8 and

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proceed to clause 9? Are there any nays? Hearing/seeing

none, we're onto clause – sorry, that was clause 8. My

apologies. I'm onto clause 9. Clause 9 is titled

"Authorization for the Payment of Loans, Guarantees, and

Indemnities". Any questions in regards to clause 9?

Seeing/hearing none. I ask for agreement on clause 9. Are

there any nays to agreeing to clause 9 proceeding to clause

10? We're onto clause 10. "Other Requisitions must be

Budgeted for and be Authorized by Executive Council," is

the title of clause 10. Any questions arising from clause 10?

Seeing/hearing none, are there any nays to agreeing to

clause 10 and proceeding to clause 11? Seeing/hearing no

more, onto clause 11. Clause 11 is titled "Transfers between

Funds or Departmental Budgets". Any questions arising

from clause 11? Seeing/hearing none, are we in agreement

that we'll agree with clause 11 and proceed to clause 12?

Any nays? Seeing/hearing none, we're onto clause 12.

Clause 12 is titled "Effective Date". And I think that's a very

standard one. Any questions in regards to clause 12? Do

we all accept and agree on clause 12? Any nays? Hearing

none. That concludes the page-by-page and clause-by-

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clause debate and annex review of the bill. Does the

Minister wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, we're still in Committee of the Whole.

*Nakummek (Speaks in Inuttitut)* I wish to conclude debate,

and I want to thank the comptroller for her time giving the

presentation here today. As well, thank you to all the

Members of the Assembly for your questions. Special

thanks to Joe for correcting the date on clause 4 and thank

you, again, Mr. Chair. I wish to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Sorry. Thank you. That concludes debate. All those in

favour of second reading of Bill 2018-01, the Budget Bill

2018. All those in agreement? All those opposed? The

motion is carried. Accordingly Bill 2018-01, the Budget Bill

2018 has had second reading. I would like to thank the

Minister and his witness. Thank you, Ms. Crawford, for your

time and consideration. Just a reminder, we're still in

Committee of the Whole. The next item. I'll allow a

moment to allow congratulations to transpire and we'll.

Second reading of an *Act* to amend the *Financial*

*Administration Act*. I'd like to recognize Minister of

Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology,

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and the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler

Edmunds for the second reading of bills.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2018-02, a bill for an *Act* to amend the *Financial Administration Act*, CILF-1(09-062017) be read for the second time.

*Nakummek, Uhalatik.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order.

The procedure for second reading debate will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2018-02. As we did in the first instance, we'll go clause by clause, line by line.

And again we're considering second reading of a Bill to amend to the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. So I'll allow a second for people to bring that to their desks. Does everybody have their appropriate bill in front of them? Nods or heads or thumbs up or some for. So we're now considering the *Act* to amend the *Financial Administration Act*. We'll start. Again I'm obligated to go clause by clause. We'll start with clause 1 titled "Short Title". Any questions regarding clause 1? Hearing none, can we agree to – any

nays about agreeing to clause 1 and proceeding to clause 2? Hearing none, we're onto clause 2. Clause 2 is titled

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"Interpretation". Again, I'll allow for a moment of digestion.

Are there any questions in regard to clause 2? Hearing

none, are we in agreement with clause 2 and proceed to

clause 3. Any nays? Seeing/hearing no nays, we're onto

clause 3. Clause 3 is titled "Application of the Act". Are

there any questions arising from clause 3? Seeing/hearing

no questions, are we all in agreement? Are there any nays

to agreeing to that clause and proceeding to the next

clause? Onto clause 4. Clause 4 is titled "Headings for

Section 5 and 6 Amended". Any questions arising from

clause 4? Hearing none, are we all in agreement? Are there

any dissenters for agreeing to clause 4 and moving onto

clause 5? Again hearing none, we're now considering clause

5. Clause 5 is titled "Authority to Contract". Any questions

arising from clause 5? Hearing none, are we all in

agreement to agree to clause 5 and move onto clause 6?

Are there any dissenters? Hearing no nays, onto clause 6

entitled "Bonding". Any questions arising from clause 6?

Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause 6?

Accepting, agreeing to clause 6 and moving onto 7. Any

nays? Hearing no nays, onto clause 7. Clause 7 is entitled

"How Security Given". Any questions arising from clause 7?

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Hearing/seeing no questions, are we all in agreement to

agree to clause 7 and move onto clause 8? Any dissenters?

No dissenters or notice. We're now considering clause 8,

"Notice of Change". Any questions arising from clause 8?

Hearing no questions, seeing no questions, are we all in

agreement to agree to clause 8 and move onto clause 9?

Any nays? Hearing none, onto clause 9. Clause 9 is entitled

"Access and Information". Any questions arising from

clause 9? Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause

9? And agree to accept clause 9 and move onto clause 10.

Any nays? Hearing/seeing none, onto clause 10. Clause 10

is entitled "Preparation of Provisional Budgets". Any

questions regarding clause 10? Seeing none, are we all in

agreement with clause 10 and move onto clause 11? Are

there any nays? Hearing/seeing none, we're onto clause

11. Clause 11 is titled, "Preparation of Initial Draft

Consolidated Financial Plan by Comptroller". Any questions

arising from clause 11? Hearing/seeing none, are we all in

agreement with Clause 11 and to proceed to Clause 12?

Any nays? Seeing none, we're now considering Clause 12

"Proposed Departmental Budgets". Any questions arising

from clause 12? Hearing/seeing none, are we all in

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1 agreement with clause 12 and move onto clause 13? Any  
2 nays? Hearing/seeing no nays, we're now considering  
3 clause 13. Clause 13 is titled "Proposed Draft Consolidated  
4 Financial Plan Prepared by Treasurer". We have to take a  
5 pause of proceedings. Apparently we've been provided with  
6 an incorrect document. So we're obliged at this point to  
7 take a break to get the correct document from staff. How  
8 long do you think that that's take you, Mary? Recess for 10  
9 minutes as quickly as possible. We have to get on with the  
10 *Orders of the Day* so my apologies for that.

11 (Recess)

12 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

13 Clause by clause through the Budget Bill. On clause number  
14 12. Number 12 is titled "Proposed Departmental Budgets".  
15 Are there any questions revolving around clause 12?  
16 Hearing no questions, are we in agreement to clause 12 and  
17 move onto clause 13? Are there any nays? Hearing none,  
18 onto clause 13. Clause 13 is titled, "Proposed Draft  
19 Consolidated Financial Plan prepared by the Treasurer".  
20 Any questions revolving around clause 13? Hearing/seeing  
21 no questions, are we all in agreement to agree to clause 13  
22 and move onto clause 14? Are there any nays? Hearing  
/seeing none, we're onto clause 14. Clause 14 is titled

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"Contents of Draft Consolidated Financial Plan." Any questions regarding clause number 14? Not hearing or seeing any questions, are we all in agreement to agree to clause 14 and move onto clause 15? Any nays? Hearing/seeing none, we're now considering clause 15. Clause 15 is titled "Treasurer to Distribute Consolidated Financial Plan". Any questions regarding clause 15? Hearing /seeing none, are we all in agreement with clause 15 and move onto clause 16? Any nays? Not hearing or seeing any nays, we're now considering clause 16, "Notice to Amendment to Consolidated Financial Plan". Any questions in regard to clause 16? Seeing or hearing no questions, are we all in agreement with clause 16 so we can move onto clause 17? Are we all in agreement? Any nays? I'm not seeing/hearing any nays. We're now considering clause 17. Clause 17 is entitled "Monthly Financial Statements". Are there any questions regarding clause 17? Hearing/seeing none, are we all in agreement with clause 17 so we can move onto clause 18? Any nays? Hearing none, we're onto clause 18 "Quarterly Updates". Any questions regarding quarterly updates and clause 18? Hearing/seeing none. Are we all in agreement in clause 18 so we can proceed to

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clause 19? Any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering

clause 19 "Annual Financial Statements." Are there any

questions arising from clause 19? Honourable Jim Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

I'm not sure if the clause 19, this the *chapeau* on clauses. Is that a typo?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are you referring to word *chapeau*?

**MR. LYALL:**

Yeah.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Heading. Minister Lyall, are you a little more clear now? I think we all are for that matter. Are there any other questions regarding clause 19? Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause 19 and we can proceed to clause 20? Any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering clause 20 which is entitled "Presentation of Financial Statements to the Assembly." Any questions arising from clause 20? Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause 20 so we can proceed to clause 21? Are there any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering clause 21 which is titled "Subsection 42(3) of Act Deleted". I think that's a pretty straightforward one. Any questions? Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause 21 so we can consider clause 22? Any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering clause

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22. Clause 22 is entitled "Funds". Any questions regarding

clause 22? Hearing none, are we all in agreement to agree

to clause 22 and proceed to clause 23? Any nays?

Seeing/hearing no objections, we're now considering clause

23. Clause 23 is entitled "Labrador Inuit Lands". Any

questions regarding clause 23? Hearing none, are we all in

agreement with clause 23 so we can proceed to clause 24?

Any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering clause 24

which is titled "Sections 46, 47 and 48 of the Act Deleted".

Any questions surrounding clause 24? Hearing none, are we

all in agreement to accept to agree to 24 and move onto 25?

Any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering clause 25

which is titled "Transfer Between Funds." Any questions

arising from clause 25? Hearing none, are we all in

agreement with clause 25? So we can move onto clause 26.

Any nays? We're now considering cause 26 which is titled

"Limits on Use of Trust and Reserve Funds". Any questions

regarding clause 26? Hearing none, are we all in agreement

with clause 26 So we can proceed to clause 27? Any nays?

Hearing none, we're now considering clause number 27

which is entitled "Auditor Requirements". Any questions

regarding clause number 27? Hearing none, are we all in

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agreement with clause 27? So we can move onto clause 28.

Any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering clause 28,

"Auditor's Duties". Any questions arising from clause 28?

Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause 28 so we

can proceed to clause 29. Any nays? Hearing none, we're

now considering clause 29. Clause 29 is entitled "Special

Report on Irregularities". Any questions regarding clause

29? Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause 20

so we can proceed to clause 30? Any nays? Hearing none,

we're now considering clause 30 which is entitled "Auditor's

Powers". Hearing no questions on clause number 30, are

we all in agreement with clause 30 so we can proceed to

clause 31? Any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering

clause 31. Should be the amended sheet which we just

received. Clause 31 is entitled "Part 5 of the *Act Deleted*".

Any questions arising from clause number 31? Derek?

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Yeah. Clause 31 dealing with Part 5 of the *Financial*

*Administration Act*, and Part 5 of the *Financial*

*Administration Act* deals with Inuit Communities Joint

Management Committee. So the first question I'd have is,

is it my understanding that by deleting all of Part 5 that

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there will be no more Inuit Communities Joint Management Committees, if somebody could answer that, please.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek (Speaks in Inuttitut).* No, we'll still have, of course, the Joint Management Committees as we have to appropriate the capital works funding that we receive from the FFA, and they'll still have all the rights, powers, attorneys of the JMC. They would fall under the power of the new *Act* that we're going to put forward, this upcoming file, the ICG-specific *Financial Administration Act*. Are there any further questions on clause 31? Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause 31 so we can proceed to clause 32? Are there any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering clause number 32 which is entitled "Schedule A Deleted". Any questions regarding clause 32? Mr. Montague?

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Minister Edmunds, just a pretty simple question. Schedule A got quite the list of core programs, so the obvious question is what is the reasoning behind wanting to delete Schedule A? Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Minister Edmunds, you reserve the right to invite someone into the chamber as we are in the Committee of the Whole?

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**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. I'd like to ask that bring Ms. Loretta Saunders into the chamber, Michelin, I'm sorry.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** That's okay. There's a lot of that going on this weekend.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Michelin into the chambers to act as a witness for the consideration of the rest of the Bill.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Is that okay with the Assembly? We'll pause while they scurry down the stairs.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** I'd like to refrain that last ask, Mr. Chair, and seek that Ms. Rexanne Crawford join us as a witness.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I'm fine with that as long as our Assembly Members have similar agreement. Any nays? Mr. Montague, Ms. Crawford was not here when you posed the original question so can you re-ask the question just so...

**MS. CRAWFORD:** No, I'm fine.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Okay. Well, since we're doing, go ahead.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Yes, Ms. Crawford. Just basic question. What is the purpose for deleting Schedule A, the list of those "core programs"? That's my only question.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** The list of core programs, I believe, related back to some of the fund accounting section which is no longer. What we've done is kind of given more flexibility under the funds to, and

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with the authority, to allow the Treasurer to ask them as need be. So it's not that we're deleting the programs of the government. It just wasn't relevant into this particular Act.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Do you have any further questions, Mr. Montague?

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Yeah, thank you for that, Ms. Crawford. So just for clarification, deleting Schedule A, in its entirety, would not hamper any of the core programming or the delivery of the programs?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** No, it would not.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Mr. Montague, are you? Are there any other questions relating to clause number 32, Schedule A deleted? Any other questions? Hearing none, are we all in agreement to accept clause 32 and proceed to clause 33? We'll move onto clause 33. Ms. Crawford, do you wish to remain with us for the remainder of this session or?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** I can if you want me to.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Clause 33. Clause 33 is entitled "Consequential Amendments". I'll allow a moment of reflection, and are there any questions relating to clause 33, "Consequential Amendments"? Any questions? Hearing none, are we all in agreement to accept clause 33 and move onto clause 34?

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Any nays? Again, hearing none, we're now considering clause number 34 which is entitled "*LIDC Loan Guarantee Act Repealed*". Any questions regarding clause 34? Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause 34 so we can proceed to clause 35? Any nays? Hearing none, we're now considering clause 35 entitled "*Commencement*". Are there any questions regarding clause 35? Hearing none, are we all in agreement with clause 35? Any nays? Clause 35 is agreed upon. This concludes the page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the Bill. My apologies. The Chair recognizes AngajukKâk Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Chairperson. Just for clarification, you weren't here. We were looking up to the gallery for some explanation on Section 19 of the – on page 7, the word *chapeau* was not understand and we did not get a clear clarification of that, and I think that's needed before we close debate on this. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

We did agree on that clause but just for the sake of clarity, I will permit a response.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

*Chapeau* in the legal context means an introductory text. So if you go into the *Act* under number 1 there's an introductory text and then there's clause (a), (b), (c), (d).

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Though that introductory piece under number 1 is referred to in legal terms as a *chapeau*.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek (Speaks in Inuttutit)*. And thank you again to Ms. Crawford for joining us. I wish to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the second reading of Bill-2018-02, all those in favour, please signify? Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Accordingly Bill 2018-02, a bill for an Act to amend the Financial Administration Act, CILF-(10-90-62-017), has had second reading. I'd like to thank the Minister and, just reminder, we remain in the Committee of the Whole.

Second reading of the amendment to the *Nunatsiavut Appointments Act*. I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, for the second reading of bills, and I believe Minister Mitchell, you wish to invite someone to join us for this portion?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Yes, thank you, Honourable Speaker. I wish to invite Isabella Pain as a witness to this amendment to the *Appointments Act*. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any objections from the floor to Ms. Pain joining us? Hearing none, we'll await her arrival. Thank you, Ms.

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Pain, for joining us. First Minister, would you care to proceed.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, that Bill 2018-03, a bill for an *Act* to repeal the *Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act*, CILN-6(31-12-2012) be read for the second time.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a page-by-page – I think we know this procedure by now – and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2018-03. As always, we will read the clause out clause by clause. I will invite questions, and then move forward and ask for approval for each individual section. Now I'll just allow a second for everyone to get the appropriate bill in front of them. Does everybody have the relevant papers in front of them? Bill 2018-03, an *Act* to repeal the *Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act*, CILN-6(31-12-2012). I'll move onto clause number 1. Clause number 1 is entitled "Repeal". Are there any questions regarding clause 1? The Speaker recognizes Derek Montague.

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1       **MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The big question I have to deal  
2       with the repeal is that by repealing this *Act*, is there going to  
3       be a new *Appointments Act* that is going to be tabled to the  
4       Assembly at a future date?

5       **MS. PAIN:**

The plan is to repeal this legislation, and then the plan is to  
6       have a directive, an executive order with a new process set  
7       in place. We're proposing to repeal this legislation and we  
8       would put in place a directive which has very similar  
9       approaches as you see here in this order, but it will give us  
10      flexibility for amendments to it compared to what we have  
11      now. So in terms of the purpose of this repeal, we talked  
12      about the fact that the appointments process was a bit  
13      cumbersome and the cost of advertising in a national  
14      newspaper, as an example, the process was in legislation  
15      and so we had no ability to change that particular process.  
16      We have, over the more than 10 years of using this piece of  
17      legislation have come to a process which we think will be  
18      much more effective in finding beneficiaries who are  
19      interested and qualified in serving on boards and  
20      committees to bring their names forward and to be  
21      considered as we go forward in terms of appointments. The  
22      point is not to get away from a process where people have

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an opportunity to put their names forward and to be notified in a timely manner about available appointments, but to get away from this once a year getting an expression of interest, we advertise it in the Globe and Mail which results in very, very few beneficiaries who see it and then come forward. We have found a process which we use the Mealy Mountains National Park appointment process which was done this past summer. So in addition to advertising nationally, we did an intensive campaign in the communities affected and close the Mealy Mountains National Park, Northwest River, Goose Bay, Rigolet, and we were very successful in getting a lot of applicants expressing interest in that particular appointment. And so we found that that process of going to places and communities and advertising intensely there resulted in a much greater qualified pool of Inuit having their names put forward. And so that is what we're trying to do with this particular repeal and then having a directive to put in place the new process.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a secondary question, Mr. Montague?

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you for that, Ms. Pain. I do agree on a lot of this, especially with Section 5. I've, for many years I've been saying that people should be getting out of costly

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1 newspaper advertising since it got a much lower threshold  
2 of reaching people. With that being said, my concern would  
3 be to make sure that what's ever in the future will be a fair  
4 appointments process where beneficiaries are still reached  
5 and qualified individuals are still appointed and to get away  
6 with some of the political pitfalls you see on certain councils  
7 and governments where appointees are made out of  
8 favouritism, for lack of a better word, and that's what I want  
9 to make sure of is that if we repeal this, that there's still  
10 going to be a fair and balanced Act in its place or Executive  
11 Order in its place. Thank you.

12 **MS. PAIN:**

The intention really is to get a pool skilled and qualified Inuit  
13 to bring their names forward and to have that be fairly  
14 considered. The current process is not getting us that pool  
15 of candidates. We're actually getting more non-  
16 beneficiaries responding and we wanted to open up the  
17 pool. So the intention is still to be open and transparent  
18 and to actually give fair consideration to beneficiaries who  
19 are interested in serving on boards and committees.

20 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Mr. Montague, any further questions? Again, I invite  
21 questions regarding clause 1. Ordinary Member Pamak.

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1       **MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my question is what are the  
2       committees or the boards that require appointments under  
3       this *Act*?

4       **MS. PAIN:**

The boards and committees that require appointment are  
5       those that are established under the *Labrador Inuit Land*  
6       *Claim Agreement* including the Torngat Wildlife Board, the  
7       Torngat Fisheries Board, the Torngat Mountains National  
8       *Park Impact and Benefit Agreement* Board, Co-Management  
9       Board, sorry, the Mealy Mountains Co-Management Board  
10      and the Community Enrollment Committees and the  
11      *Appeals Act*.

12      **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Ordinary Member Pamak, do you have a supplementary  
13      question?

14      **MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you. I guess that you know, first of all, good  
15      memory. But in the past 12 years, and you talk about the  
16      expenses of \$10,000 that took place in, you know, national  
17      papers and whatnot. Out of your advertising over 12 years  
18      how many beneficiaries has been successful being  
19      appointed to either one of these committees?

20      **MS. PAIN:**

I can't speak to it prior to me coming onto this job where  
21      the Secretariat is responsible for the administration, but we

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1 have had all beneficiaries appointed to the board in my  
2 knowledge of even me being here, but since I was here we  
3 have only appointed beneficiaries to all of our boards.  
4 There is some rollover of some people who are serving on  
5 some boards and committees, so you'll probably remember  
6 that in terms of our Community Enrollment Committees,  
7 they receive a lot of training with legal counsel and with  
8 understanding the laws and the processes around the whole  
9 appointments process. And so we like to keep those people  
10 on. So when their term is up, if they're interested, they are  
11 very familiar with the processes. So they're usually re-  
12 appointed. They come through the process and we consider  
13 them and we consider other people as well, but usually  
14 they're appointed simply because of the expertise they  
15 develop while serving on that board. So some people,  
16 we've seen some turnover. Some of our appointments have  
17 lasted for long periods, and it's because they're actually very  
18 functioning, very capable members who are highly valued  
19 members of those boards and do a very good job in  
20 representing Labrador Inuit interests in the particular  
21 boards that they're actually serving on. We provide a list  
22 annually to the Assembly of all of our appointments. We

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would see going forward that we would continue to do that as well.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any further questions?

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess, you know, we've always tried to make every attempt for all our beneficiaries whether in Land Claims Area or Happy Valley Goose Bay or all of Canada, to be a part of Nunatsiavut, and certainly I think this is one way of reaching out to find qualified people out there too as well to maybe, you know, if they fit the criteria to represent us. Outside of, you know, reaching out to them through these ads and stuff like that, how are you proposing to find the resource people that you may want to sit on these committees, I know it's an appointment and so forth, but how do you anticipate reaching out to people that may have that interest?

**MS. PAIN:**

We have not found that advertising in the Globe and Mail or a national newspaper, as an example, has actually resulted in getting many people in the Canadian Constituency even applying for positions or putting forward their resumes. So even reaching the audience where you can actually find a national newspaper, you can't get it in this province, hasn't gotten those beneficiaries to submit resumes. What we are

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1 planning to do is to do much more in terms of advertising  
2 using social media. We have a new social media policy. We  
3 think that's going to be much more effective. That's what  
4 we did in the case of the Mealy Mountains National Park Co-  
5 Management Board which resulted in a number of resumes  
6 coming in, both from the Upper Lake Melville area and  
7 Rigolet, but even in the broader Canadian Constituency. So  
8 we found the social media aspect was much more successful  
9 in getting broad based response from people across Canada,  
10 not just locally, but also from the Canadian Constituency.  
11 And we had a number of very well qualified people who  
12 were interested.

13 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Any other questions regarding clause 1? Derek Montague.

14 **MR. MONTAGUE:**

15 Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, going back to the repeal and  
16 how we reach beneficiaries, I can't agree more that it is  
17 becoming a waste of money spending thousands of dollars  
18 on a dying newspaper industry, and I'm glad you brought up  
19 social media. And I was wondering if you got a bit of a  
20 breakdown on the online plan in terms of social media. Are  
21 you also planning to use career sites such as Career Beacon  
and other job sites.

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**MS. PAIN:**

I had not thought about using job sites because these are appointments which are not full-time appointments. I mean, of course we can consider them. We were thinking more along the lines of continuing to do print ads in our communities and posting them in our constituencies using the Nunatsiavut Government website as a place that you would advertise, and then using Facebook 'cause Nunatsiavut does have some Facebook, and the sharing seems to reach a lot more people.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do you have a supplementary question, Mr. Montague? Any other questions in regards to clause 1? Hearing no questions, I propose if we have agreement on clause 1, we'll move onto clause 2. Are we all in agreement on clause 1? Any nays? Hearing none, we're onto clause 2 titled "Prior Appointments Continue". Any question in regards to clause 2? Hearing none, are we all in agreement to accept clause 2 and move onto clause 3. Any nays? Hearing none, onto clause 3. Clause 3 is entitled "Amendment of *Nunatsiavut Government Organization Transitional Act*". Any questions in regards to clause 3? Ordinary Member Pamak?

**MR. PAMAK:**

I'm not sure if it was answered earlier, but Derek raised a comment and with respect to Section 5 and there's in being

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1 in the explanatory notes and there's nothing in the changes  
2 that's being requested. I don't know if it was answered for  
3 Derek or not earlier.

4 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** I'm unclear as to what your question is, Mr. Pamak.

5 **MR. PAMAK:** I'll let Derek ask his question.

6 **MR. MONTAGUE:** I actually made a mistake in my reading of that. I apologize.  
7 They used Section 5 in the explanatory note as an example.  
8 They're not repealing just one section of the *Act*. They're  
9 repealing the whole *Act*. So Section 5, correct me if I'm  
10 wrong, Ms. Pain, was just used as an example. That's why  
11 Section 5 is not specifically mentioned because the whole  
12 *Act* is being repealed. Therefore there's no specific  
13 mentions of certain sections if I'm making any sense, Mr.  
14 Pamak.

15 **MS. PAIN:** Yes, you're correct.

16 **MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Any other questions regarding clause 3? Hearing/seeing  
17 none, are we all in agreement with clause 3 so we can go  
18 onto consider clause 4. Any nays? Hearing none, we're now  
19 considering clause 4, "Coming into Force". Any questions  
20 regarding clause 4? Are we all in agreement with clause 4?  
21 Are there any nays? Hearing none, clause 4 is agreed upon.

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That concludes the page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the bill. Does the First Minister wish to conclude the debate?

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Yes, I wish to conclude debate. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

And is Ms. Pain free to – she'll – not free to go. You're not imprisoned, but I was just wanted to – if the First Minister was okay with you leaving. Okay.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Isabella.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Yeah, thank you, Ms. Pain. The doors aren't barred or nothing like that. *Nakummek*, that concludes debate. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2018-03? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Accordingly, Bill 2018-03, a bill for an Act to repeal the *Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act*, CILN-6(13-12-2012) has had second reading. I'd like to thank the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell. We're out of the Committee of the Whole and back in Assembly. Now onto item 18 on the *Orders of the Day*. "Assent to Bills". Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bills 2018-01, the Budget Bill 2018, Bill 2018-02, a bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Administration Act*,

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CILF-1(09-06-2017) and to Bill 2018-03, a bill for an *Act* to repeal the *Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Act*, CILN-6(13-12-2012) and wished to present them for assent.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* Honourable Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to assent to Bill 2018-01, the Budget Bill 2018 , Bill 2018-02, a bill for an *Act* to amend the *Financial Administration Act*, CILF-1(09-06-2017) and Bill 2018-03, a bill for an *Act* to repeal the *Nunatsiavut Appointments Act*, CILN-6(31-12-2012) and hereby sign them into law. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Just a couple of words before we conclude and wrap up. As we all know, this represents the final day of the final sitting of the Third Assembly of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and I think it would be negligent on my part not to express my congratulations and thanks for the work that has been done over the past four years. And, of course, I was absent for most of that work, but many people around this table have put significant hours, contributions, thoughts, energies, blood, sweat and tears into for the betterment of this Assembly and all of our beneficiaries. So I extend my sincere personal congratulations to you all in that regard. On a housekeeping note, I want to thank Troy Obed. Troy,

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thank you for coming to us from Toronto. It was a pleasure.

I mean it with all sincerity, it was a pleasure to have you here. Gregory Langille, joining us from Ottawa. Thank you again, and it's my aspiration that we'll continue to have quality individuals such as yourselves come join us for a couple days at a time during Assembly time. Of course, Johansi and Christine, thank you from OK Society and our translators. William Barbour's back there somewhere. Boas Kairtok and Gus Semigak and Ches Evans. He's back there somewhere as well. And thank you again for making these things go as smoothly as they can even when they go off the rails occasionally. So, as a final bit of business, as you know I do the leaf summaries periodically, and one of the things I look at is the date of service and the date of service which has the date that goes back the furthest is, of course, Mr. Herb Jacque. Herb beat out Mr. Shiwak by about 14 days, if I'm not mistaken. So Herb represents the oldest and longest serving member of this Assembly. So I think it's only appropriate that Herb leads us out, and leads us out in a prayer. So Herb, if you could accommodate.

**MR. JACQUE:**

(Closing prayer).

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque. Just as one final piece of housekeeping, just a reminder that our Assembly, of course, will dissolve at 12:00 noon on April the 3rd. There will be an email and some notes coming. I'm not sure if it's going to come from the Speaker's Office or from Finance, just providing some guidance as to what the impacts of that dissolution will be. Thank you all for coming and thank you for being so welcoming to me as a reasonable neophyte. Thank you all and we are now adjourned.