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**kAVAMALIGIJET  
KAUJITITSIUTINGA  
PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**July 4, 2022**

**In Attendance:**

**Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Bryan Winters**

**Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Roland Saunders**

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honourable Johannes Lampe**

**Minister of Health and Social Development and Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honourable Gerald Asivak**

**Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honourable Terry Vincent**

**Minister of Language, Culture, and Tourism and Ordinary Member for Nain, Honourable Roxanne Barbour**

**Minister of Education and Economic Development and Ordinary Member for Rigolet Honourable Melva Williams**

**Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and Ordinary Member for Makkovik Honourable Thomas Evans**

**Ordinary Member for Nain, Honourable Anthony Andersen**

**Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs .Marjorie Flowers**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mrs. Charlotte Wolfrey**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard**

**Chair Person of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters**

**Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak**

**Director of Legal Services, Mr. Mark Gillette**

**Absent:**

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker**

**Legal Counsel, Ms. Annike Flomen**

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were recorded in Inuktitut and English.  
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**MR. WINTERS:** ...First Sitting of the Fifth Nunatsiavut Assembly and ask the Minister of Health and Social Development, and Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, the Honourable Gerald Asivak to say the opening prayer.

**MR. ASIVAK:** [Recites prayer]

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* Thank you. We are now on to Item Two of the *Orders of the Day*, and I will ask that the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, deliver his opening address.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti. (Speaks in Inuttitut)*

During the last sitting, Mr. Speaker, I provided the Assembly with an update on the Inuit Partnership Committee meeting held on April, in which we endorsed a new and historic Inuit Nunangat Policy which recognizes Inuit Nunangat, the Inuit homeland as a distinct geographic, cultural and political region. During that meeting, Prime Minister Trudeau, ITK President Natan Obed and committee members also discussed proposed Federal Budget 2022 investments and linkages to ICPC Priority Areas, in particular a new investment of \$843 million, over seven years, in housing support across Inuit Nunangat. The ICPC met again last week in Inuvik during a meeting which was co-chaired by Crown-Indigenous Relations [audio cuts out] Marc Miller, and ITK

President Obed. We discussed shared priorities including Inuit Land Claims, Legislative priorities, and the implementation of the Inuit Nunangat Policy. Officials also endorsed work plans on two of ICPC's new Priority Areas; Sovereignty, Defence and Security, and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning. Following the ICPC meeting, ITK Board Members met and voted to allocate the \$843 million in Federal Funding to support housing across Inuit Nunangat by distributing the funds to each of the four Inuit Regions. The Nunatsiavut Government's share of that funding amounts to just over \$100 million. This funding, Mr. Speaker, will enable us to continue moving forward on improving housing in all of our communities. Board Members also voted to allocate \$21 million in fiscal year 2022 to 2023 Federal Funding from Employment and Social Development Canada to support Inuit early learning and childcare. That money will be allocated to Inuit Land Claim organizations to determine how to distribute those funds with the goal of ensuring that families have access to high quality, affordable, early learning and childcare programs, regardless of where they live. The Nunatsiavut Government will receive about \$2.5 million under this initiative. The ITK agreed to allocate more than \$47 million in Federal Funding from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, designed to expand the Harvesters Support Grant and a new initiative called the Community Food Programs Fund. Between 2022 to 2024, the Nunatsiavut Government will receive just over \$5.6 million. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, I was joined by Minister Asivak and other Members of the Nunatsiavut

Executive Council in Nain where we officially launched the, "Qanuippitaa?" the National Inuit Health Survey. This is the first health survey of its kind, by Inuit for Inuit. It is a permanent health research program which will provide high quality data that identifies strength and gaps in areas of Inuit health, wellness and lifestyle. Inuit ownership of the data collected will allow informed programming and policy at community, regional, provincial and national levels. The Qanuippitaa? National Inuit Health Survey, Madam Speaker, is national in scope and includes Inuit of all ages, from all communities in Inuit Nunangat. The survey will gather information every five years. Data collection is set to commence in Nunatsiavut in October, 2022 with the results made available as soon as 2023 to 2024. "Qanuippitaa?" the survey's title meaning, "Who are we," in a Nunavik Inuttitut dialect, reflects the program's core purpose to better understand the well-being of all Inuit. The survey is being carried out in partnership with the four Inuit regions, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Makivik Corporation and the Nunatsiavut Government as well as the Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, and the National Inuit Youth Council. Other partners include the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Government of Nunavut, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services and Labrador Grenfell Regional Health Authority. I would encourage all Assembly Members to ensure your voices are heard during Community Engagement sessions that will be taking place over the next several weeks and months. Please

encourage your constituents to do the same. The data collected from this survey will provide valuable insights on Inuit health and wellness, which will be useful for the Nunatsiavut Government's decision making and program and policy development. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakumesuak.* Thank you, President Lampe. We will now move on to Item Three. I want to acknowledge the visitor in the gallery. I see only one right now. Thank you, for attending. We will now move on to Item Four. The Oath of Office for the Ordinary Member for Postville. Since the last sitting, there was a by-election for the Ordinary Member for Postville. I now recognize the President of Nunatsiavut to administer the Oath of Office to Mr. George Gear.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

In the presence of everyone assembled here...

**MR. GEAR:**

In the presence of everyone assembled here...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

...and in full realization of the high calling...

**MR. GEAR:**

...and in full realization of the high calling...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

...I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

**MR. GEAR:**

...I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

...and that the powers entrusted to me...

**MR. GEAR:**

...and that the powers entrusted to me...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

**MR. GEAR:**

...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

...I, George Gear...

**MR. GEAR:** ...I, George Gear...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...swear...

**MR. GEAR:** ...swear...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...solemnly affirm...

**MR. GEAR:** ...solemnly affirm...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

**MR. GEAR:** ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and to Nunatsiavut...

**MR. GEAR:** ...and to Nunatsiavut...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and will obey...

**MR. GEAR:** ...and will obey...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...respect...

**MR. GEAR:** ...respect...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution...

**MR. GEAR:** ...and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and all Inuit laws.

**MR. GEAR:** ...and all Inuit laws.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** And I solemnly promise...

**MR. GEAR:** And I solemnly promise...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

**MR. GEAR:** ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...as a leader...

**MR. GEAR:** ...as a leader...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and to perform my functions...

**MR. GEAR:** ...and to perform my functions...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...as a Member...

**MR. GEAR:** ...as a Member...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

**MR. GEAR:** ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...to the best of my ability...

**MR. GEAR:** ...to the best of my ability...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...so help me, God.

**MR. GEAR:** ...so help me, God.

**MR. WINTERS:** Congratulations to the Ordinary Member for Postville. We will now move on to Item Five. Item Five is the "Selection of First Minister." The proceedings for selection of First Minister, is always chaired by the President, so I now turn the Chair over to President Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, Ukatti.* We will now proceed as a Committee of the Whole for the selection and appointment of the First Minister. And here's the process we will follow to select the First Minister. I will ask if there are any nominations for the First Minister. If you wish to make a nomination, please raise your hand and wait until I recognize you before you speak.



To be nominated, an Ordinary Member will need only one nominator. I will then ask if the Ordinary Member accepts the nomination. If there is only one nomination, then it is considered that there is consensus for that Member to be appointed as First Minister. In that case, I'll adjourn the Committee of the Whole, reconvene the Assembly, appoint the First Minister and administer the Oath of Office. If there are two or more nominations for First Minister, then I will permit each person nominated, to speak to the Committee of the Whole for up to 10 minutes. The rules of the Committee of the Whole apply. Members are permitted to ask questions of the candidates. After each nominee speaks, we will take an adjournment. The purpose of the adjournment is for the Members to discuss among themselves, if consensus can be reached on who should be appointed as First Minister. After the break, I will ask the candidates if consensus has been reached. If there is no consensus, on who should be First Minister, we will proceed to a vote. A) The vote will be by secret ballot B) The acting Clerk of the Assembly and a non-Assembly member will count the ballots and the Acting Clerk will provide me with the results. C) Where there are more than two nominees and none receives a majority of votes, which could be 50 percent plus one, the President may, in their discretion, call for a second deciding vote between the two leading nominees. D) The President at their discretion will make the appointment after considering the will of the Assembly as reflected in the ballots. E) If there is a tied vote the President will proceed to make the appointment in their discretion. F) Immediately following the vote, the

President will reconvene in Assembly and administer the First Minister's Oath of Office. We will now proceed. Are there any nominations for First Minister? I recognize the Ordinary Member-, sorry, the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would like to nominate Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet to become the First Minister of Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey. I will now ask the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Melva Williams if she accepts the nomination?

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. President. I accept the nomination.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Melva Williams for accepting the nomination. Are there any more nominations? You had your hand up?

**MS. BARBOUR:**

Thank you, Mr. President. I was also going to nominate Melva.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

Okay. Thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain, Roxanne Barbour. I recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Roland Saunders.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Thank you, Mr. President. At this time I'm proud to nominate Mr. Gerald Asivak, Minister of Health and Social Development as First Minister. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

Gerald? Okay. *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Roland Saunders for making a nomination of the Ordinary

Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gerald Asivak. Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gerald Asivak, do you accept the nomination?

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, President Lampe and my colleague, Mr. Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the nomination. It does mean a lot to me and I'm grateful for the nomination. After much consideration, I respectfully, decline.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gerald Asivak. And we-, the nomination has declined. Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville do you wish to speak any further? Are there any more nominations for First Minister? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Wally Andersen.

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

Mr. President, I move that nominations cease.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Wally Andersen moves that the nominations cease. Do we have consensus on that nomination? Ordinary Member...

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Call to order, Mr. President, Call to order...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

Okay.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

(Inaudible in background.)

**MR. WINTERS:**

Nominations can be ceased if there is unanimous consent, but only if there is unanimous consent.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

It's in order?

**MR. WINTERS:**

It's in order if everyone consents to it, yes.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** Okay. I will now seek from the Assembly, or the Committee of the Whole, that the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville moves that the nominations for First Minister cease. Those in favour raise their hands. We have consensus. Thank you. The nominations for the First Minister have ceased and we have nominated Melva Williams, the Ordinary Member for Rigolet to the position of-, or the appointment of the First Minister. I will now proceed with the-, going back to Assembly of the Whole [*sic*] and do the Oath of Office for the First Minister. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** In the presence of everyone assembled here...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...I, Melva Williams...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...I, Melva Williams...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...swear...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...swear...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...affirm...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...affirm...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...the Inuit of Labrador...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...the Inuit of Labrador...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** I will obey...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** I will obey...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...observe...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...observe...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...uphold...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...uphold...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and maintain the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...and maintain the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and Inuit law...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...and Inuit law...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...respect the Standing Orders...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...respect the Standing Orders...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...hold my office...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...hold my office...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...as First Minister...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...as First Minister...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...with honour and dignity...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...with honour and dignity...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...be a true and faithful counsellor...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...be a true and faithful counsellor...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...to the President of Nunatsiavut.

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...to the President of Nunatsiavut...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...fulfill my responsibilities...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...fulfill my responsibilities...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...as a leader...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...as a leader...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...in accordance...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...in accordance...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...with all applicable ethical standards...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...with all applicable ethical standards...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and perform...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...and perform...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...the functions of my office...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...the functions of my office...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...conscientiously...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...conscientiously...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and to the best of my ability...

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...and to the best of my ability...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...so help me, God.

**MS. WILLIAMS:** ...so help me, God.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Melva Williams, for accepting the nomination and the appointment of the First Minister. I now turn the Chair back to the Speaker. *Nakummek*.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. Thank you, Mr. President. We will now be taking a 15-minute break before return for Item Six, which is "Ministers Statements." *Nakummek*.

**[Recess]**

**MR. WINTERS:** I would like to call back to order, this extraordinary sitting of the 5th Assembly. Before moving on to Item Six, I will ask for unanimous consent to make an adjustment to the *Orders of the Day*. This change is to allow President Lampe the opportunity to announce an appointment for a new Minister of Education and Economic Development. Do I have unanimous consent to make this change? With no objections, President Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKattik*. With the appointment of our First Minister, the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Melva Williams and before that she wore two hats and so certainly with that position being very challenging, we did approach an Ordinary Member from Nain, Anthony Andersen and Anthony has agreed to take on the position of Minister of Education and Economic Development. And so, with the consent of the Assembly, I will

proceed to give the Oath of Office to the Ordinary Member of Nain, Anthony Andersen to the position of Education and Economic Development. *Nakummek, UKatti*. Repeat after me. I, Anthony Andersen...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** I, Anthony Andersen...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...swear...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...swear...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...solemnly affirm...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...solemnly affirm...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and the Inuit of Labrador...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...and the Inuit of Labrador...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** I will obey...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** I will obey...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...respect...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...respect...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...



**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...all Inuit laws...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...all Inuit laws...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** I will hold my office as Minister...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** I will hold my office as Minister...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...with honour and dignity...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...with honour and dignity...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** I will be a true and faithful counsellor...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** I will be a true and faithful counsellor...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...to the President.

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...to the President.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** I will not divulge directly...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** I will not divulge directly...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...or indirectly...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...or indirectly...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...any secret matter...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...any secret matter...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...entrusted to me.

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...entrusted to me.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** I will fulfill my responsibilities...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** I will fulfill my responsibilities...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...as a leader...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...as a leader...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...and *Codes of Conduct*...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** And I will perform...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** And I will perform...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...the functions of my office...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...the functions of my office...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...conscientiously...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...conscientiously...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...and to the best of my ability...

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...and to the best of my ability...

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** ...so help me, God.

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:** ...so help me, God.

**MR. WINTERS:** We will now move on to Ministers Statements. Are there any Ministers Statements? The first that I saw was Gerald Asivak, the Minister of Health and Social Development. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. ASIVAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A workshop entitled, "End TB Elimination," was held June 7th and 8th, 2022 in Happy Valley-Goose Bay with participants from the Province, Federal Government and Nunatsiavut. There was great feedback and engagement over the two days. The meeting was hosted as a hybrid so that participants could attend in person and virtual. I had the honour to attend. Accommodations for medical clients in Goose Bay continues to be an issue with little to no commercial options, as hotels were all booked up. We are utilizing some local Air B&B's and other creative options. We are having ongoing issues with damages incurred to commercial accommodations and also for incidental charges including telephone calls, bedding and linens and extra cleanings by some clients. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Toor will be traveling to the communities of Rigolet, Postville and Makkovik from the 11th to the 24th of June, last month. Denturist, Charles Crocker is schedule to visit the communities of Rigolet and Hopedale in June and in Nain July 4th to the 18th and 20th to the 31st of August. NG hosted a soft launch of the Inuit Health Survey for Nunatsiavut in Nain on June 23rd, 2022. Following the soft launch, Members of the Inuit Health Survey Team will be traveling to all Nunatsiavut communities to meet with community leaders and Members of the public. The Inuit Health Survey Team will be expanding. Keep an eye out for job postings for a Community Relations Lead who will help with managing logistics of this survey as well as field workers who will be the key part of collecting information. These are temporary full-time positions. Under Mental Health, Wellness and Healing, there's some new

positions as well. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Support Coordinator is posted for two years. Posting the Cultural Justice Educator position for three years. We were successful in recruiting a Mental Health and addictions counsellor in Nain to begin this month. And in the process of posting for the Hopedale position, and position for a mobile counsellor to cover off Rigolet, Hopedale and Makkovik. Youth Symposium will take place in Nain this month with invitees from all communities within Nunatsiavut as well as Upper Lake Melville and Canadian Constituency and increased seats for youth in care by partnering with NG Indigenous Rep and CSSD, Children, Senior and Social Development. Mr. Speaker, the Community Tour with the Twin Flames is to occur this month to visit each community in Nunatsiavut. Trauma and Addictions has resumed programing in the region. In-person programming started in Nain and Hopedale last week and a team is visiting Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet in the coming days. The Justice Team is planning travel for this month. They are also carrying out their violence prevention work, showcasing healthy relationships through a poster campaign that should be released soon. Labrador Correctional Centre weekly support groups include education, traditional crafts and et cetera, in partnership between Sexual Violence Prevention Counsellor and Prison Liaison. The two Child and Youth Mental Health Specialists are both completing Play Therapy training with the goal of becoming Registered Play Therapists. Both have full therapy caseloads and are also working with the department and Children, Senior, Social Development

to meet the outreach of needs of youth in Level 4 care homes.

Department staff are currently enrolled in the Nova Scotia Community College program that begins in March and will be completed in the fall of 2022. This was developed specifically, for Child Services Program staff.

But we have staff from the Family Connections Program and Mental Health and Addictions Programming attending as well. Mr. Speaker, under Family Services. DHSD put a call out for information via Facebook and NG website for those who are interested in caring for Inuit child in the Nunatsiavut region but are not able to do so in the space currently in home. The deadline to submit information was January 31st, 2022.

There were eight respondents from Nunatsiavut region. We are working with CSSD, Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Commission and NG to looking at ways to support families to increase the number of bedrooms in their homes. Our Family Connections Program is growing significantly, with 151 plus active families in Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and sometimes Canadian Constituency region, where we provide one-time supports, primarily for children in care. We are looking to increase capacity once again, and are vacant two positions for Family Connections workers, one in Nain and one in Hopedale. We are recruiting another Social Work position for Caring for our Children project. Cost for Home Recruitment and retention and hope to have the position filled this month. Our current Foster Home Support social worker has been meeting the demand to support Nunatsiavut beneficiary foster parents in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. In June, DHSD funded six foster

parents from Nunatsiavut region to attend the Provincial Foster Families Association Symposium. Not all were able to attend due to illness and bad weather, but we're happy to see that three foster parents were present for the symposium, as well as our Indigenous representative and Foster Home Support Social Worker. DHSD also donated a carving for the Foster Families Association silent auction. The Indigenous representative is actively working with CSSD and planning an advocacy role for children to gain connections or remain connected to family, community and culture. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, on May 30th, Youth Services Social Worker position presently located in Makkovik transitioned from the Mental Wellness and Healing Division to the Family Services Division. The Youth Services social worker serves youth ages 16 to 29. Presently, the Director of Family Services, Indigenous representative and the Youth Services social worker have engaged in planning to prioritize connecting with youth who will be aging out of care within the next 12 months. The Youth Services social worker will play a key role in engaging CSSD to inquire on any potential plans for these youth. Youth Services programming, exiting care plans, et cetera. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Mr. Asivak. Next the Assembly recognizes the First Minister, the Honourable Melva Williams.

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as of June 29, 2022 there is a total of 6,978 beneficiary members on the Register of Beneficiaries. The Membership committees are back to being face-to-face, as earlier this year, COVID had played a big role on the committees', boards', ability to

meet face-to-face monthly. All Membership committees besides Rigolet and Upper Lake Melville Membership Committee have their seats filled. But we are looking for one person to fill the seat for this committee. This person must be a beneficiary member and is in or from Rigolet or Upper Lake Melville region. The registrar's office would like to remind all beneficiaries to please update your address with our office if you move or have any change to your contact information. This is very important, especially when you must travel for medical, or when ballots are sent out for the upcoming voting within Nunatsiavut Government. They would also like to remind new mothers, if you would like to apply for your child or children, to do so as soon as possible, as your child is only covered under the Parent Membership for up to 18 months, and after that, it's the parents' responsibility for any medical cost.

Affordable Warmth and Home Repair: Mr. Speaker, the Affordable Warmth and Home Repair program is currently concluding construction for the 2020 years. Once completed, a total of 20 homes will have been repaired for the year 2020 program. Tender period for the 2021 year has been concluded and an award for the tender has been completed. There are 25 homes included in the year 2021 program. The application process for year 2022 has also been completed. This involved the initial review of the 90 applications that were received prior to the March 11, 2022 application deadline. From this review, there were 31 rejected, due to one of the following reasons: "Received prior repairs," was 11, "Exceeded the income cap," 19, or "Miscellaneous," there was one. Twenty-five applications were

incomplete, which generally means they did not provide the appropriate notice of assessment as required. Thirty-four were complete and will be included in the inspection stage of the program. Acceptance letters are being sent out to those eligible to get an inspection. NG is in the process of hiring its own inspector who will complete these inspections. Housing: Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission work is underway. The Director of Housing has been working on several major components of the future commission, including appointment of the Board of Commissioners. The Members of the Board are as follows: Darryl Shiwak, in capacity as Deputy Minister for Affairs, Brenna Jarrar, in capacity of Director of Housing, Lena Blake in capacity as the Controller as designate, Danielle Baikie, appointed but serving in her capacity as the representative for DHSD Social Representative. Kelly-Ann Blake, appointed, Nicole Dicker, appointed, Elizabeth Evans-Mitchell, appointed, Don Dicker Sr., appointed, Ruth Flowers, appointed. Activities planning includes Board training: All members of the Board have completed their mandatory training session. Town Hall and Community Outreach Planning is underway. A public notice with dates and times will be released shortly, once finalized. Asset transfer planning, website and logo development. A web developer has been contracted to design our new NHC website to be launched in late October. The website will be a central hub for all housing programs. The logo is being designed this month. The branding of the new Commission is vital to our identity and future direction. And we look forward to sharing this as it is developed. Inuit



Community Housing Committees: The background work for the establishment of the five Inuit Housing Committees is underway. Much of this information will be publicly available on the NHC website once operational and will be provided to all tenants. Infrastructure and property: The Nunatsiavut Government is to receive \$65.1 million from the Federal Government for infrastructure initiatives over the next four years. These initiatives include such things as airstrip upgrades, warmth upgrades, land development, water and sewer development and roads, among others. There are several infrastructure projects NG will be constructing over the next few years. These include a new DHSD office in Rigolet, Education office in Makkovik and an extension to the Nain and Postville offices. Transportation: Mr. Speaker, the Provincial Government is preparing to start the pre-feasibility study for a road to the North Coast. NG is to be consulted on this pre-feasibility work. The Nain airstrip is in the feasibility stage. Safe freight storage facilities are to be constructed in Rigolet, Postville and Nain this summer. RFP's are being developed to address this issue in Makkovik and Postville. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Minister Williams. The next hand that I saw was the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Terry Vincent. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. VINCENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table my first quarterly report to the Assembly as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I will provide a short update on several files in the

department since my last report. Renewable Resources. Since the last Assembly meeting, the Renewable Resource Division has been engaged in the following files and endeavors; Fisheries: Mr. Speaker, the Northern Shrimp Fishery, NSFA 4 and 5 is now open with the Charlottetown plant accepting shrimp on June 20th. Some NG beneficiary fishers have already started their shrimp fishing season. The 2JN Snow Crab Fishery opened on July 3rd and vessels are being geared up for the fishery in the area of 2JS. In the area 2JS, two beneficiary fishers landed their NG designated crab quotas. Mr. Speaker, the domestic fishery in the area 12E and LISA are underway with the season opening on June 15. It will remain open until August 31st. Wildlife: Mr. Speaker, the Province of NL, in partnership with the Nunatsiavut Government will be conducting an aerial census survey of the George River Caribou herd in early July. Results are normally back to my department by mid-fall. The results from the 2022 winter census survey of the Torngat Caribou are now available. The current estimate is 2,142 animals, an increase over 2017 and 2014 survey estimates. The Mealy Mountain herd was also surveyed recently, and results from that survey will be available this fall. The department are currently working with the Departments of NL and Torngat Secretariat on a draft Polar Bear Management Plan and are planning community consultations for September and October. Mr. Speaker, caribou deliveries for Happy Valley-Goose Bay, North West River, Rigolet, Postville and Makkovik are complete. We still have boxes left in storage for Nain and Hopedale and are waiting on word from both freezers as

when to ship more. Lands Division: Mr. Speaker, 17 Land Use applications have been submitted in 2022. Four applications are Mineral Exploration, two for archaeological research, one for research located to the new Nain Airport. The remainder are for cabins. Mr. Speaker, since the last update, the solution to the Labrador Inuit Lands Misalignment issue, proposed by the GIS specialist has been accepted. He has been working on the backlog and lease and tender certificates for land use. The GIS specialist has also produced a map for the Nanilavut Project which had worked with the community archaeologist in Hopedale on mapping and consulted with academics on mapping concerns. Mr. Speaker, Lands Commission staff also work with Non-Renewable Resources Division on files related to mineral exploration in Labrador Inuit Lands. *Impact Benefit Agreement:* Mr. Speaker, the Voisey Bay Mine Mill and Mine expansion is going fairly well. With summer season on us, there will be more construction activity and more jobs. Applications from beneficiaries is still low, however. Our department is currently discussing with Vale, the resumption of in-person community visits. Dates will be published for those visits once they are determined. Lastly, on the Vale file, Wendy White has been appointed Interim Aboriginal Affairs superintendent by Vale. Mr. Speaker, the Torngat Mountains National Park co-management board had a face-to-face meeting in Nain, May 3rd to 5th, 2022. The next face-to-face meeting is planned for July 30th to August 6th at the Torngat Base Camp. There have not been any recent meetings of the Mealy Mountains National

Park Reserve, however, a new chairperson has been appointed. Loretta Michelin is now the chairperson, replacing Jim Igloliorte who resigned earlier in the year. A face-to-face meeting will be held in Rigolet July 5th and 6th, 2022.

Non-Renewable Resources Division: Since the last Assembly meeting, the Non-Renewable Resource Division has been engaged in the following files: Mr. Speaker, on the exploration front, Vale has been approved prospect and mineral licenses adjacent to the mine, located on Labrador Inuit lands. They also have approved to fly an airborne electromagnetic survey in the fall consisting of 3,500-line kilometers. Mr. Speaker, Labrador Gold has been approved to explore the Udjuktok property located on LIL. The work includes prospecting, geological mapping, bio-geo chemical sampling, and channel sampling on their claims. In search for gold, Mr. Speaker, Labrador Uranium has been approved to conduct mineral exploration under claims in the Central Mineral Belt in the Grand Lake, Mustang Lake areas, exploring for uranium and vanadium. Work includes prospecting, ground geophysics, line cutting, geo-chemical sampling and drilling. The drilling consists of 4,000-metre program from July to October. Mr. Speaker, Altius Resources and Churchill Resources has flown and airborne electromagnetic survey over their mineral claims in the Florence Lake area, Ugjoktok Bay, this spring. However, due to bad weather, the survey is only 63 percent complete. Recently, they received approval to prospect and collect geochemical samples on the property, and they plan to complete airborne electromagnetic survey this fall. Mr. Speaker, Dean

Fraser is currently approved and is completing an airborne electromagnetic survey over his claims, west of Tisuiuk, north of Nain. This project is called Okak South, Northern Graphite. His property is located on LISA. Mr. Fraser also applied to explore his other property in the Grand Lake area inside of Postville. His project is called Okak South. This application is in the final stages of the approval process. Mr. Speaker, the Geological Survey of Canada has completed public engagement sessions in the communities of Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and Postville on their upcoming summer research program. Mr. Speaker, the Geological Survey of Canada has completed public engagement sessions in the communities of Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and Postville, on their upcoming summer research program. Makkovik and Postville sessions included information on earthquakes. The Gem Geo North Program will include geophysical mapping, surficial mapping, geo-chemical sampling, and airborne geophysics that will be based out of Hopedale. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the division is reviewing quarry workplans received from the ICG's of Postville and Rigolet. Still no workplan received from Nain. Environment Division: Since the last Assembly meeting, the Environment Division has been engaged in the following files: Mr. Speaker, the Environment Division, in partnership with Deputy Minister, Belinda Webb in Language Culture in Tourism, Ocean's North and Park's Canada, conducted a three-day research meeting in St. John's, bringing together all data holders for the Torngat area of interest area. A research summary document will be produced

summarizing the meeting and the data into 15 chapters that span the entire marine ecosystem. A winter research program was run out of Torngat Mountains Base Camp, and research station during works 2022, collecting important data and information on sea ice and the ocean as well as some under water video footage of the marine environment. This was in partnership with Oceans North, through funding provided by Parks Canada. Mr. Speaker, research and data collection continue in relation to the Postville spill. Pigeons, saddlers, other ducks and eggs are being sampled near Postville and Nain to ensure we are monitoring for any effects from the Postville spill. Nain is being used as a reference site to compare the Postville samples against. The results from 2020 and 2021 have been received and Executive Council is currently being briefed on them. This monitoring effort is in partnership between the Nunatsiavut Government and the Canadian Wildlife Service on Environment and Canada Climate Change. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Minister Vincent. I will now recognize Anthony Andersen the new Minister of Education and Economic Development and for all Members and for our interpreter, I would ask that the Ministers speak up. *Nakummek.*

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a prepared statement. Obviously, I didn't write this in the short time since I was sworn in a few minutes ago. But listen if you want to. But the practice we started a couple years ago is that Ministers ensure that statements are sent to all Assembly Members before the end of the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of

Education and Economic Development, statement, first of all, Economic Development. The Rigolet Gas Station. The Rigolet Inuit Community Government continues as the interim operator for the Rigolet Gas Station. The contract periods have been extended until the fall of 2022. We have engaged a consultant to work with the private operator to prepare potential business proposal for the gas station operation. Once the business plan is received, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council will be presented with the document and options for review. Business support: Between April and June, the Division had two new businesses added to the Inuit Business Registry. Regarding procurement, seven underground and one regular-site operation packages were received from Vale with our Division submitting 25 Inuit Business nominations and one QBE nomination. What's QBE again?

**MS. WILLIAMS:**

Qualified Business Entity.

**MR. A. ANDERSEN:**

Qualified Business Entity. There are total of 18 clients, 14 start-up and four business growth. Small business start-up tour: The tour, focusing on youth engagement, client engagement, generating interest in small business development and community meetings, has two outstanding community visits to complete. We will reschedule both the Nain follow-up and Rigolet sessions for late in the summer. Mr. Speaker, Funding Distribution: *Fiscal Financing Agreement Funding*, we have received an application and funding to Agvituk Historical Society regarding wharf development while Marjorie's gone. I wanted to wave at her. She's always asking about this-, regarding wharf development for an increased

access to the Moravian Mission Complex in Hopedale, valued at 51,000.

We have funds available in this program related to Economic Development, Employment and Business Development opportunities. Applications are welcome and reviewed on a continuous intake and evaluation. Community Economic Development Program: Mr. Speaker, CEDP contributions have received the annual 95,000 as we have approved applications for the Rigolet and Nain Inuit Community Government to fund their Community Development Office Positions. We continue to accept applications on a continuous intake and evaluation process. COVID Research and Relief Program: Mr. Speaker, the Federal Indigenous Community Business Fund, or ICBF program targets small businesses with artisans impacted by the pandemic. The program provides \$266,525 in funding for the Nunatsiavut Government for COVID relief. The Division developed a program in partnership with the Division of Tourism to allow access to these funds. The COVID-19 Micro-business and Artist Relief Fund. Excuse me, I didn't write this stuff, you see? The program was approved by the NEC on January 24th, 2022 and publicly launched on February the 2nd, 2022. As of March, we have funded 53 artists and nine businesses, a total of 136,000. On April 22nd we have funded an addition 28 artists and four businesses, at 74,000. We're finalizing the final launch of the program over the summer and will promote the program revision to public once available. Great work, former Minister and now First Minister. Great work by you. Self-Employment Benefits Program. The transfer of the Self Employment



Benefits Program or Education to Economic Development is complete.

We currently have three clients operating under this program and are currently reviewing additional applications. The program operates on a continuous intake and evaluation process and start-ups are encouraged to contact the Department to learn about and apply for the Program.

That said, the program is being revised to accommodate client needs and will be presented for review to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council in late summer, prior to the launch of the revised program. Staff: Mr. Speaker, after an extended vacancy, we are pleased to confirm we expect to fill our Business Development Manager position in August 2022. We continue to have a vacant Business Development Officer position which we will see Contract Services to meet the required work commitments.

From the Department's Education Division, Mr. Speaker. The Intersession 2022: During the Intersession there were 97 sponsored students supported by our funding program. Of those, 66 were studying full-time and 31 part-time students. We've had 16 students graduate since Christmas. There are many enhancements to our supports, in addition to the new Fiscal Benefits for our students. The Student Handbook can be found on the Nunatsiavut website for anyone who would like to have a look at. New applications: For the upcoming fall semester we have received 100 applications by March 1st deadline and 48 more since the deadline. Those applications are being processed and applicants will be notified of their approval by mid-July. Summer Literacy Camp: Mr. Speaker, Summer Literacy Camps will return to in-person delivery in all

five Nunatsiavut communities this summer. These counsellors, from outside of the region are being hired as well as local counsellors to run the camps. This year, the camps are being extended to four weeks and will run from July 11th to August 5th. The camps are free of charge and open to children ages 5 to 12 including any four-year-olds that are heading to Kindergarten this fall. New building for Education Division: Design has been finalized and the engineering firm is now working on electrical and mechanical plans. The tender for construction should be ready soon. Consultations with the design team have taken place with opportunity for input from staff. We're already behind in the original timeline. But we're still optimistic that construction will begin this year.

Everyday Life Skill Course: Mr. Speaker, work has begun on the development of a new high school course focusing on basic life skills such as financial literacy, service navigation, personal wellness and advocacy, home maintenance, time management and safety. The contract with Mintbook Hill Content Solutions, Janice Shoning has been signed and work has begun. With help from our interim Colleen Pottle much of the content review of old and current courses across the country with the same focus, has been completed. A survey for recent high school graduates has been circulated, and she's currently conducting community focus groups to gather more information. And that everyday life skills, Mr. Speaker is certainly something that I'm sure we will all want to see in our schools. Again, great work by you, former Minister, First Minister, and thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Minister Andersen. Do we have more Minister Statements? Before going to the next Ministers Statement, I would ask consent that we be able to extend the Ministers Statement period, as we've now reached the 35 minutes allotted. With a show of hands, when you're ready? Seeing the majority, yeah, we will move on to Mr. Tom Andersen, the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and Ordinary Member for Makkovik. When you're ready.

**MR. EVANS:**

Thank you. It's Evans, Mr. Speaker. It's okay. I'll be just brief. The statement's only a brief statement just to update the Assembly who are not part of the Executive Council. Okay, Mr. Speaker, all personal income tax earned from residents on Labrador Inuit lands, the five Inuit communities, is remitted to the Nunatsiavut Government by the Government of Canada, less the five percent administration fee. There have been errors with tax filers incorrectly ticking the box, indicating that they are a resident when in fact they're not a resident. Mr. Speaker, there are also residents in Nunatsiavut who do not tick the box. As such, the Government of Canada will only remit 5,200,000 annually to the Nunatsiavut Government until the Canada Revenue Agency completes an audit. I'm pleased to announce that the Canada Revenue Agency has completed their audit for 2019 year. An additional payment from the remittance of the personal income taxes of 2.2 million was received by the Nunatsiavut Government. Also, effective June 2nd, 2022 the Nunatsiavut Government suspended the COVID-19 vaccine regulations. Mr. Speaker, these regulations mirrored the Provincial COVID-19 vaccine

regulations. They mandated that certain people in certain occupations must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and that certain employers were required to ensure that such workers were indeed vaccinated. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador suspended these regulations on June 1st, 2022 and that was based on the current epidemiology of the Province. Finally, the kilometer rate paid to employees who use their vehicles, employee vehicles on employer business, has been raised from 35 cents per kilometer to 40 cents per kilometer, effective June 1st, 2022. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Minister Evans. I did see another hand. I'm recognizing the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, the Honourable Roxanne Barbour, when you're ready.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

*Nakummek,* Mr. Speaker. There have been some changes with the Division of Tourism. Chantelle Evans has moved from the Arts Program Coordinator position to the Arts Services Manager. We are hoping to hire in the Arts Program Coordinator sometime soon. We also welcomed Megan Dicker on a short-term program in the Youth Leadership Program Coordinator position. Megan will be with us until the end of August and we are thrilled to have her with us. We have hired a new Interpreter Translator Coordinator, Silpa Saurak. She started her position on January 17th and is based out of the Nain office. Gabriel Saurak has started Interpreter Translator as of January 17th and is based out of the Kelland Drive office in Goose Bay. We are very pleased and excited to have both of these positions filled. I would now like to highlight some key areas

that we are working on, Mr. Speaker in Tourism. Our staff will be attending the Salmon Festival along with staff from Parks Canada. We will have a booth at the festival to share information about the work we are doing with the Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve and will help with the festival as well. The Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station will be open for the first time in two years. Base Camp staff are scheduled to travel to camp on July 10th and the camp is open for visitors from July 13 to September 10th. The Hebron Ambassador Program staff will begin work on July 5 or 6. The staff will then travel to Hebron around July 10th and the season will close during the last week of August. We are in the final stages of development for the Nunatsiavut Visitor's Guidebook which will be available to the public for the summer season. June was a very busy month with different artist events. The Inuit Studies Conference, The Arctic Art Summit, The Petapan Symposium, and the Annual National Indigenous Peoples Day online auction. We are working with DHSD and the Division of Culture to offer a parka making workshop and we are looking to offer these workshops in the fall. Now, Mr. Speaker in the Division of Language and Culture, the Master Apprentice Inuttitut Program, the Master Apprentice Inuttitut Program has been going well. This year we are including multiple apprentices and families into the program allowing different types of learning. We did not receive any applicants for apprentice in Rigolet. We did advertise for the community with outreach to specific individuals without any success. IlinniaKatigennik Radio Program. The

IlinniaKatigennik Radio Program encourages people to listen to OKâlaKatiget Society, who runs an all Inuttitut radio program with the support and funds from the Department of Language Culture and Tourism. The program airs every Tuesday, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and this program aims to promote and include the Inuttitut language.

Public Health Packages: The 2022 packages include a small cultural toy, an Inuttitut children's book, a ring of flip cards with Inuttitut colours and numbers and a magnet containing baby's first words in Inuttitut. This resource will help to incorporate Inuttitut and cultural resources into the day-to-day lives of babies. This is the second year of these packages.

Language Resources, Tusalanga: Our department has been working with an Inuit organization in Iqaluit, called Pirurvik, to modify an existing Inuttitut website and three learning resources from Nunavut to be made into the Nunatsiavut dialect. These resources will allow learning from home from across the country and will make a great advancement for Inuttitut classes to have readily available resources for Inuttitut instructors in beginner, intermediate and advance levels of Inuttitut learning. Language Program Coordinators have been working on this since January 2021 with the hopes of these resources being launched this year, and furthermore, hopefully this month.

Cultural Play Resources: Our department has created cultural play resources that has been introduced to all daycares and language nests within Nunatsiavut. And this year we plan to also extend to all schools. Previous cultural play items included mini Kamutet, mini uluit, mini matjavik and sealskin and a

mini taluk. This year we are creating mini kajait in collaboration with the Kayak program for children to be able to sit and play in, as well as mini tupet. The Kayak Revival Project: Plans for 2022 include working with all Nunatsiavut communities to extend kayak programming throughout Nunatsiavut by training local kayak instructors in each community. Kayak Revival Lead, Noah Nochasak is also working on creating a Kayak resource book that once complete will be available for all communities, schools and online. The Illusuak Cultural Centre: We have successfully selected a company to fulfill the Marketing and Promotion Strategy Contract. Canadian Ecotourism Services, based out of Toronto and Winnipeg will be working with our staff to complete this in 2022. Mr. Speaker, in the area of archaeology, with the end of the fiscal year and the beginning of a new one, the archaeology team's focus was on writing and assessing reports and records from this past year. Office-based work included consultation with Labo Researcher. I don't know how to pronounce their name. Héloïg Barbel, in their application to hold a field school in the Nain region for the summer of 2022. This will provide an opportunity for six youth in the community to work with Héloïg and their team for 10 days on an archaeological dig at Nain Bay 3, a site near Nain. They will also provide an employment opportunity for a boat driver and bear monitor for the duration of their field season. The office provided assessment and comment on the Planned Power Generating Windmill project in Nain and was asked to provide a current state of archeological knowledge and research for the Torngat Marine Conservation AOI meeting in St. John's in

late March. Each member of the archaeology office presented at the AOI meeting and gave information on the important ties between the history of people in the Torngats and the marine environment, as well as the current requirements and legislation for Heritage Resources in the area. Two of the archaeological team attended the Canadian Archaeological Association and Canadian Association of Provincial and Territorial Archaeologists meetings in Edmonton at the end of April. These meetings are an important opportunity to meet with other cultural resource managers and data managers in the country and to explore the various types of research happening in Canada and the North. Three new archaeology permits have been submitted so far from external researchers. These include two permits for research projects in the Nain area and ground penetrating radar work at the Makkovik Cemetery. One of these permit applications have been reviewed, and the permit issued while the remaining two are under review including meetings with the researchers involved. It is expected there will be a number of more permit applications as the spring approaches. We continue to review Land Use and Mineral Exploration requests. So far in 2022, we have reviewed three land-use applications and six mineral exploration applications. The mineral requests, so far have required consultation with the Provincial Archaeology office but no requests for archaeological assessments have been found necessary. Our team has plans to visit sites in the Rigolet area in summer, which has been triggered by several land-use applications in a specific region in 2021. We plan to continue



the Hebron Family Archaeology project in July or August and hope to visit more archaeological sites in the region. The archaeologist will be participating in the Pristine Seas Visit to the Torngat AOI. The human remains recovered in the Mugford's Region in June 2021 under the supervision of the NG Archaeologist Lena Onalik have been determined to be archaeological, by the Medical Examiner's Office. The Rooms Provincial Museum currently holds them in trust in the Human Remains Repository at Memorial University under the care of Vaughan Grimes. I don't know if I'm saying his first name right. The remains are undergoing further testing to determine the cultural affiliation, i.e., if they are Inuit remains or those of a culture that pre-dates Inuit. Once this has been completed, we will be requesting guidance from the NEC for recommendations for repatriation and re-burial. Movement on the Climate Change and Archaeology in Nunatsiavut Project was stalled again over the winter due to the COVID outbreak within the Nunatsiavut communities. We are planning to hold a combination of virtual and in-person consultations to discuss Climate change and Archaeology in Nunatsiavut. We will be working with Oceans North to deploy two weather monitoring stations in the Nain region at Tikigatsuk and Webb's Bay. We have also received \$163,270.55 of Federal Funding for an additional Climate Change and Archaeology Project titled, "Adaptive Archaeology." This will be used to develop a community-based monitoring and planning project to mitigate and track the progress of climate change, give community participants access to equipment such as

PFD's and in reach as well as cell phones equipped with an App that allows people to monitor types of climate change they may be experiencing on the land, i.e., coastal erosion. The archaeology team will present on the topic of Archaeology and Climate Change at the upcoming Heritage Forum, which was supposed to be in June, but I'm sure it's being rescheduled to October, where we hope to engage community interest on the topic. On that note, planning for the 2022 Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum took place and was again, originally planned for June 13 to 16 in Makkovik. It is hoped that it will include presenters from each Nunatsiavut community, Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency, as well as evening events such as Makkovik Craft Fair, Talent Show and Fashion Show and a Makkovik Heritage Tour. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we had to reschedule and are now looking at dates in October. In March, we purchased a 3D scanner that will be used for the purpose of scanning Inuit objects and artifacts held within our facilities and artifacts currently held outside Nunatsiavut, for the purpose of making these virtually available to beneficiaries. It has arrived, and we are currently practicing with Inuit cultural materials that we have in-house. Archaeology Heritage has received approval to start a social media page where we can provide updates and announcements on projects we are working on. This is currently under construction. We will also be starting monthly Q and A's to engage community interest on the topic of archaeology and heritage. This has been stalled due to the current sickness circulating in communities. We have recently received

the final report of the Nunatsiavut Place Names Project from Kyle Crotty. We are currently reviewing it and making note of future directions and of how best to make the information accessible to the public. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*. Thank you, Minister Barbour. Our interpreter needs a drink of water. As we've just received notice that the charter time has moved up, I just want to make sure that when we get to the Members statements which is coming up next, that we try and keep our questions concise and to the point. You will all have five minutes each and our acting clerk will give you a signal at one minute as soon as you're getting there. So for Item Seven, "Members Statements," do we have any Members statements today? I recognize Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. First off, I'd like to, at this time, I would like to spend best wishes and heart-felt support to Julius Dicker as he tends to his wife and his partner's need, health and need during this time as he is in St. John's. And also, thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would like to once again remind the Nunatsiavut Government that all the Canadian Constituency is asking for is equality. We don't want anything else, just equality, come up from here to here. That's all we're looking for, on everything that the Government is giving out, programs, funding, surveys, conferences-, it'll be-, it's really good to get included in this youth program that's coming up, I think it's within the next two weeks. We were left out for quite a long time, but now we're in there. I would like that to be continued for

the next four years as long as I'm here, and not exclude us, but include us in any and all conversations and discussions. That's all we ask, equality. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. The next hand that I saw was the Chairperson for the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak. When you're ready, Patricia.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

*Nakummek,* Mr. Speaker. It's gonna be very short, but I just wanted to let people who may be listening from our community that NunaKatiget and the Max Winters Memorial Community Freezer will be moving offices this week to the North Star Building. For the elders Happy Valley and Mud Lake, please bear with us until we move and restock the freezers. I wanna thank the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries in Happy Valley and Mud Lake. During my four-year-, four years as chairperson for NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, they have been very supportive. And I would like to thank the Department of Education and Economic Development for funding our summer student this summer. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Ordinary Member Kemuksigak. Oh, sorry, Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Patricia Kemuksigak. Next, I see Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**MS. WOLFREY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I have a request though. Can I take out my phone just to read a couple of simple questions? We didn't really know

that this was a regular sitting, and so I wrote some stuff on my phone.  
There are dates on there that I don't want to forget.

**MR. WINTERS:**

This is just the time for Members statements right now. The oral questions will be coming up shortly.

**MS. WOLFREY:**

But it is part of my statement.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Okay. Yeah, we can allow that.

**MS. WOLFREY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like many Members here, we didn't really understand that this was gonna be a regular sitting so my statement is very brief and it's all over the place, so I apologize for that. I would like to take this time to offer condolences to Greta Michelin. Her family and her extended family. Johnny Michelin passed away suddenly on May the 30th. Rigolet has lost a great man. He was a friend and kind to everyone. Johnny worked many years for the Rigolet Council. Rest in peace, Johnny. You'll be greatly missed. And it is with much sadness that I pay tribute to Rigolet's first AngajukKâk, Danny Michelin. He passed away suddenly on June 29th. Danny also served on the Labrador Inuit Association Board of Directors, was a former mayor and a member of Council. He served on many local committees and he was a strong supporter of trying to keep Rigolet's Inuttitut dialect alive. Thank you, for your service, Danny. Danny was my brother-in-law and I'm sending much love to our family. And, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate Melva on being elected First Minister and welcome George Gear as the Ordinary Member for Postville. Again, I would like to thank the Inuit of Rigolet that

had faith in me and gave me the honour of being their AngajukKâk for the past four years. I wish all of the Assembly Members good luck in their terms. And, Mr. Speaker, last but not least, I would like to take this time to thank Sandy Michelin for the great work that she has done for us for only a year. She's gonna move on. I'd like to wish her well in her new job. But having said that, the Nunatsiavut Department of Education and Economic Development is going to get a really good worker but at our expense. So I'm sorry for that. But thank you, Mr. Speaker for allowing me the time and the use of my phone. *Nakummek.*

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, AngajukKâk Wolfrey of Postville. And I do apologize for the rickety rules that have been going on here. This is the first extraordinary sitting we've had, my first sitting as Speaker, so apologies. I would now like to recognize Glen Sheppard, the AngajukKâk for Postville when he's ready.

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll have to, I'll guess, keep a close eye on the clock here. I know time can run away quite fast, but I have a couple of things, Mr. Speaker that I'd like to mention today. And the first is that I'd like to, again, officially, congratulate George Gear who has been successful in the recent election for Ordinary Member for Postville. I also want to commend Diane Gear who also let her name stand for the competition in the recent election, as well. It takes courage to put your name forward in any election. Mr. Speaker, I would like to get right to the point of the real reason why I wanted to make a Members Statement today. I never planned on coming in here and making my statement

based on what I'm going to say today but following Ministers Statements and information provided, and seeing that it's basically out there now in the public, that I want to share my disappointment with, in particular, the Executive Council and the Honourable President for excluding my community in not having a representing on the newly formed or newly implemented Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. Mr. Speaker, I have to say, during a roadside conversation, less than a week ago with an elder in my community, he stopped me on the road and he started to ask me questions about who they could contact related to housing issues within the community. This is where it got a bit sticky because I wasn't in the position at the time to expose names or you know, give names out when it hasn't been made public by the Assembly or the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Knowingly, Mr. Speaker and with a little bit of history and background of, you know, my knowledge of LIA and the Nunatsiavut Government, during the negotiations of the *Land Claims Agreement*, Postville was used for numbers of people to include in that negotiation to maybe up the dollars to fast track negotiations. My community was used for land, probably expansion during that process to help speed up, again, the *Land Claims Agreement*, only to find out the first time a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission has been implemented, my community has been left out. I'd love today-, I hope today, a hundred percent of Postville is listening because I'm sharing my disappointed which I've been mandated to do by my community. I stand here. I've been elected by my community. And I will speak on their behalf. If I say something wrong, if I

say something against the *Code of Conduct* that one day I have to be removed, I will stand by my word that I have a mandate from my community to stand and to speak on behalf of my community, which I'm doing now. And I have to share my disappointment, again, with the Executive Council. As I look around, there's new Members that didn't take part in that decision making. But there are those there that was there when the decision was made in April. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Mr. Sheppard AngajukKâk of Postville. The next hand that I saw was Barry Andersen, AngajukKâk of Makkovik. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. B. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, a very brief Members statement. Like you said, we-, I wasn't prepared either for the Member statements today. But I'd like to start by congratulating the four graduates from our high school this past spring, a very successful year and the first year we had a graduation in two years. So great to see that we were able to get together in our community at the gym and have an actual graduation ceremony. And we did mention that the other two years, we sort of-, an MHA passed along her congratulations to those people for what they've missed in the last two years of the pandemic. Also, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate a young man from Makkovik, Lieutenant Matthew Winters, who started out in the Military Reserves Program through the Black Bear Program in the Military. So young Lieutenant Matthew now will be starting his role Inland Forces Atlantic, I think it is, in Halifax area and he will be taking over the Black Bear Program and running that



program. So he has come full circle. I'd like to congratulate Lieutenant Winters on that accomplishment as well. That's all for now. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Mr. Andersen and AngajukKâk of Makkovik. The next hand that I saw was the new Ordinary Member of Postville, Mr. George Gear, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. GEAR:**

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like, first of all, to thank the people of Postville, our Members for voting for me and putting their trust in me to represent them in this, in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And I will to the best of my ability in my term. And secondly, I'd like to congratulate the two young ladies that graduated from our schools in Postville. First of all, Ms. Taylor Jacque who graduated the School of Nursing in New Brunswick and Ms. Jamie Jacque who graduated high school. And we wish them all the best in their future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek.* Thank you, Mr. Gear, Ordinary Member of Postville. The next hand that I saw was Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member of the Upper Lake Melville. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I listened to the Ministers Statements and there's a lot of stuff in there but one thing that came to mind was I was at a mining conference with about 300 delegates and the invited Speaker got up and he was almost ready to go but he had to cancel because they lost his notes. Someone had written his speech for him. So he didn't know really what to do, but there's a lot of good stuff in there and I hope

that a lot of this comes to fruit what the Ministers were saying. I could share the feelings today of the mayor-, I'm sorry, the AngajukKâk from Postville who feels that his community is left out. In the early '70's, Uncle Bill Andersen from Makkovik formed the Combined Councils of Northern Labrador. AngajukKâk Sheppard, in conversation with your grandfather who was the mayor, who felt that Postville was having a hard time to get funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments, and they wanted to go together. And I can share your feelings because this is exactly what the Provincial Government done to us. And we tried to fight them. And really and truly, it's sad that we have this big, new organization and the community of Postville don't have a rep standing on the premises of a road that might come through to your community first with a big find of uranium. You know, it's hard to understand and certainly I hope that the Executive Council will reconsider so we can all sit down at the same table. Mr. Speaker, I know that there is one mayor who won't be running in the election this fall. And today I wanna say thank you to AngajukKâk Wolfrey from Rigolet. Over the years, you've had a hard and a tough battle. You've had many things that have come your way that was devastating and as a mother hen and as a mother duck, you gather your family, your friends together and you build a path forward for them. I remember when I was the MHA how you fought for policing in Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet. Patuitik, fighting suicides. And some day, I hope that the people in Labrador will fully recognize the work that you've done for one thing and one thing only-, not for Nain, not for fame, but to help

other people. God Bless you. Mr. Speaker, I attended the Expo Labrador Conference for a day and a half at my own expense. The Constituency funds don't allow it but there were many things in there that made me realize that how much we need our people at the table. Nunatuavut, the Innu, they're in full force. I helped a young couple of my constituents who started a little boat tour which they're gonna build on. They took 12 people to Mud Lake. And they've now gone to ACOA they're going to come into I think to our Government to ask for funding. I listened how the-, Vale is going underground. And just as important, I attended a supper with Yvonne Jones and Seamus O'Regan and then the following day Seamus was the guest speaker. And you know what he talked about? He talked about how far we've come-, how far we've come with mining in Labrador City, five in Goose Bay and the road being completed. And after the meeting was over, I reminded him how far the people on the North Coast are left behind. And that's where we need strong Government. We need a strong Executive Council that's going to come forward and fight on our behalf. Mr. Speaker, there was 12 people from the South Coast who was gathered there, and it pretty well brought tears to my eyes. And they said what a blessing the road was. And they talked about their young people and how they can go back and forth on a highway. And then a lady said, "And better still, our seniors can travel around." And nowhere today, in any Ministers statement did I hear talk of our seniors, when we've got an 80-year-old lady is told to be at the airport at

5:30 and she waits until four o'clock that afternoon. And then she goes on the next day.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Ordinary Member Andersen, I will note that you've crossed your time. I would ask you to finish up.

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

Okay, well, the last thing I wanna share about our seniors is this: A couple years ago, I was coming back from the South Coast and I passed Mary's Harbour and I realized we had seniors in there. So I went back. And I asked for this person and they told me she's down in such a room. And I went down and I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker but I think there's somebody needs to hear this. She was looking out the window and her shoulders were heaving. And I called her by name, and she turned around and she was crying. And I asked her what was wrong. She said, "I was wondering if I'll ever see home again." She grabbed a hold of my hand. "Thank God, you come to see me." She pointed to the pictures of her children on the bureau, and then she started to cry again as she showed pictures of her grandchildren.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Ordinary Member Andersen.

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

I'll ask you one question this summer when you go home...

**MR. WINTERS:**

I will...

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

...ask yourself this question.

**MR. WINTERS:**

...you have the opportunity to speak again should you choose to.

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

How are we looking after them? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

Are there any further Members statements? Go ahead, Roxanne, when you're ready. Sorry, Ordinary Member for Nain, Barbour.

**MS. BARBOUR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't really plan on saying anything because I didn't write anything down, but then I started thinking about the things at the top of my head. So since I began in my position, I just wanted to note that I keep like a filing system of who comes in and who goes out. I'm pretty sure I counted 14 different files before the weekend started last week. So it was meaning 14 different people with different issues who came to see me since I started work on May 10th. And so right away, both Tony and I, he mentioned that him and, you know-, or I brought up to him that I would really like to have community gatherings every so often. So we've decided that until January or April-, I can't really remember, we'll gather once a month with our constituents in Nain. So the first one is supposed to happen at the end of this month and the goal of the Constituency Meetings is to be up-to-date with current issues regarding Nain and possibly Nunatsiavut. And to gain information to be able to continue to put issues concerning Nain forward. We planned on inviting Joel. I don't know if he'll be back by then. Hopefully he do and I just wanted-, while on that topic, I also just wanted to recognize him real quick and hopefully, you know, his wife gets in good health sooner rather than later-, not just so that they can come home but so that his wife can be well and they'll come home. Anyways, there were a number of things-, I've been working with people. Right now, what I'm seeing in my community is that there are a lot of people who struggle with their bank

accounts, you know? I can't remember how many years ago it was but our bank-, the Bank of Montreal closed down in Nain. And I don't think there's a bank anywhere else along the coast. Hey, there's none. And, you know, our-, so we have elders and people coming in saying, "I need this from my bank account," but they can't get it because there's no bank in Nain. And it might seem almost small to everybody else, but you know, somebody who cannot speak English or has a hard time understanding it, for them to call a 1-800 number and speak to somebody who does not understand the specific needs about living on the North Coast or in Nunatsiavut, it's really challenging. And I just wanted to bring that in the air and make people aware of it because that's, you know, that's one of the biggest things that I've seen over the last month. And on another note, I just also wanted to recognize the graduates in Nain too. I can't remember how many there was but they finally had a prom and their cap and gown and so it was really good to see our communities coming back together again as it once was before COVID. And there was something else, but I'll just leave it at that for now. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain. And just as a reminder, you do have two five-minute sessions if you do want to make two statements. But I do have to hold people to the five minutes.

*Nakummek*. Do we have any other Members statements? Seeing none, we'll now move on to Item Eight, "Returns to Oral Questions".

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

(Inaudible.)

**MR. WINTERS:**

Correct, yes. All right. So recognizing Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Wally Andersen.

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

Mr. Speaker, I will stick to the time and rather than rush, I was talking about how this person showed me the pictures of her children and she showed me the picture of her grandchildren and wondered if she'll ever see them again. And we gotta remember that it was our seniors who looked after us, who helped build our communities and brought us to where we are here today. And some of them might say, "Well, why are you speaking on behalf of seniors from the North Coast?" I took a Oath of Office, same as everybody here and we said, I do believe, for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit. So I only hope that somewhere soon for Level One and Two that we don't have to take our people out. Last time we met here in Hopedale, I took the opportunity to walk around the community and visit eight houses. And I'm told by people, at least six of them, it was the first time that an Ordinary Member, other than the ones in Hopedale came out to see them. And it was then I learned that this past winter, three of our beloved seniors was taken for Level One and Two care which we can do on the North Coast, and sent out to Mary's Harbour. Imagine. What they've done to build our families and our communities. And I'll finish off because I was last time, and I'll say this, this summer we're all gonna go with our families, we're gonna go to the cabins. We're gonna go out. We're going on holidays. And somewhere along the way, I want you to sit back and realize how they looked after us

and I want every one of you to ask yourself one question. How are we looking after them? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Wally Andersen of the Upper Lake Melville. I would ask you to turn your mic off and also as a reminder, no one is being rushed. You all have five minutes, twice. *Nakummek*. We will now move on to Item eight. Item eight is "Returns to Oral Questions." And there are no returns to oral questions today. So we will continue with Item nine, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? I see the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Roland Saunders. *Nakummek*, when you're ready.

**MR. SAUNDERS:**

Mr. Speaker. This one is for the President and probably the First Minister. You mentioned for the programs that are going on-, I can't remember which one it is ITK with the CFF-, CFPF program, \$47 million, will you make sure or ensure or help to ensure that Members living the Canadian Constituency will receive some funding from this fund? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

When you're ready?

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek*. [Speaks in Inuttitut.]

**MR. WINTERS:**

Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a supplementary question? And the next hand that I saw was Patricia Kemuksigak, the Chairperson for the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, when you're ready.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I couldn't hear the response the President had, and my question is similar to his, so excuse me if I'm in the wrong. But



the question is to the President. Will NunaKatiget Inuit Corporations, Max Winters Community Freezer and Sivunivut Community Freezer receive funding from the newly announced Harvester Support Program and Community Food Programs Fund? As you know, we have very little money to operate, so if we could get funding from there, it would really help our freezers and our elders.

**MR. WINTERS:**

President Lampe, when you're ready.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek, UKatti.* [Speaks in Inuttitut.]

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek, President Lampe.* Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you have a supplementary question? No. I also saw AngajukKâk Wolfrey had her hand up. When you're ready.

**MS. WOLFREY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if my question should be directed to the Minister of Health or the Minister of HR and IT. So it's about the MMIWG Coordinator. I was really, really happy when I saw that being advertised. The wages are really, really low and they're different than other coordinators doing the same thing. So I was really disappointed and I'm wondering if it reflects the priority that's put on family violence? That's-, that was my first thought on it. But anyway, I'm just wondering if the wages can be reassessed when you're looking at a regional coordinator that's doing something similar to another regional coordinator, you would think the wages would be somewhere in the same vicinity. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Would Ministers Evans or Asivak like to respond to this question?

**MR. EVANS:** Sure. Thank you, Charlotte. Yeah, I could probably get some more information. I'm not familiar with the actual salary scale for that particular position. But I would assume it would be in line with the salary scales that we follow, you know? But Mr. Asivak would have more information about that position.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek* Minister Evans and AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a supplementary question?

**MS. WOLFREY:** Yeah, I checked with the Deputy Minister of Health actually, and she told me that it was put into the formulas that are used. But what I'm saying is something must be wrong if one regional coordinator could get 70,000 a year and the other one gets 50, there's something wrong with that picture. I'm just saying, would you have a look, make sure that all the numbers or the whatever it is that's gotta be put into these formulas so that they're put in right. That's all I'm asking. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

**MR. EVANS:** Can I respond?

**MR. WINTERS:** And Minister Evans, you can respond.

**MR. EVANS:** Thank you, Charlotte. Yeah, I can make a commitment to you that we will look into it and see what's involved and if there's something that we're not doing that we should be doing. I think it'll probably be looked and have an answer back to you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Evans. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, would you like to follow up?

**MS. WOLFREY:** No, only to say I'm not looking for a job. It's not for me (*laughs*).

**MR. WINTERS:** (*Laughs.*) *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. I also believe that Ordinary Member Wally Andersen of the Upper Lake Melville had his hand up. When you're ready.

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Resources. For some time now the beneficiaries, all Labrador Inuit have lost their right to hunt ducks and geese in the spring of the year. Of the three aboriginal groups who are known in Labrador, Nunatuavut have a spring hunt in Goose Bay, the Innu. We the beneficiaries who are Labrador Inuit are the only ones who are not allowed to have a spring goose hunt. Can the Minister do some research? I know you're new and that, but I'd like for you to sit down with your people and even to line up a meeting with the Innu for the little overlap to make sure we can get back that benefit which is rightfully ours.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen. Would Minister Vincent like to respond?

**MR. VINCENT:** Thank you, Ordinary Member Wally. Like I said, I am new to this position and I have been just quickly briefed on it. And we are looking at solutions to this and hopefully we will come up with something in the near future. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Vincent. And I will remind everyone to stand while asking questions and responding to questions. Ordinary Member Andersen of the Upper Lake Melville, do you have a supplementary response, or question?

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

Yes, a supplementary question on hunting and fishing. The salmon fishery in the Upper Lake Melville area is scheduled to run out in 2024 which is not that far away and certainly is one of the very few benefits that beneficiaries living outside the Land Claim Area in the Upper Lake Melville area can enjoy. So again, Minister, I would call upon you and your staff to begin negotiations to get an answer well ahead of the deadlines, so it'll give us time to regroup of the answer that you're departments giving at that time is not the answer that we're looking for. So again, it's more or less a question for you to take under advisement and to go back and as your staff, your Deputy Minister if they would begin the proceedings of trying to get this settled well before 2024.

**MR. WINTERS:**

I will remind Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Wally Andersen to frame your statements in the form of a question? And I wanna see if Member Vincent would be interested in responding?

**MR. VINCENT:**

Thank you. Once again, we will take what you said into advisement and we'll definitely look into it.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*. Thank you, Minister Vincent. Are there any other questions? I'm seeing one from AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Minister Terry Vincent. In his, I guess, information that he provided to the Assembly, he mentioned of egg harvesting and results were found of 2021, however it had to go to the NEC before any, I guess, new info was released. I would like to ask the Minister, do he have a timeframe in going to the NEC and getting this out to the public? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Would the Minister like to respond?

**MR. VINCENT:** Thank you, no we do not have a timeframe at the moment, but it is of the utmost importance and we hope to get to it very soon.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent. And does AngajukKâk Sheppard have a follow-up question?

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

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. I also saw AngajukKâk Wolfrey's hand up. But I do want to see if anyone else has another question to ask before we get to her second round. Seeing none, when you're ready.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and it's about the Avian Flu. I know that there's been a number of birds that were sent out from Rigolet that were sick, and I'm wondering, do you have any results back from those tests yet, so that we can know if there's Avian Flu around our area or not? Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Would the Minister like to respond?

**MR. VINCENT:** Thank you. No, we don't have any results, not that I'm aware of. And I'm hoping we will get something back soon.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent. Would AngajukKâk Wolfrey like to follow up?

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, I'm good.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. The next hand that I saw was Ordinary Member Roland Saunders of the Canadian Constituency. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This next question is for the First Minister, HR and Finance Minister, a young lady Minister, earlier made a statement about going from 35 cents a kilometer to 40 cents per kilometer for use of personal vehicles when they're doing business work for the Government. Canadian Constituents and everyone else is paid 25 cents a kilometer. The price of fuel has gone skyrocketed. I would like for the Government and the Executive Council to increase the amount of travel allowance for all Members that travel for medical reasons, from 25 cents per kilometer to 40 cents for kilometer to offset the high cost of fuel all across Canada. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, can I ask a point of clarification? I think I heard multiple Ministers mentioned. Is that accurate?

**MR. SAUNDERS:** Yes, actually, it's, Mr. Speaker, I did mention the First Minister, HR, IT and Finance because the Finance Minister is the one that made the

statement. First Minister is also involved in this, I believe. So I can direct it to the HR, IT and Finance Minister.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* Thank you, for the clarification Ordinary Member Saunders. I would ask if Minister Evans has a response?

**MR. EVANS:** Yes, thank you. So what you're saying is you get 25 cents a kilometer...

**MR. SAUNDERS:** (Inaudible.)

**MR. EVANS:** ...for using your personal vehicle for work?

**MR. SAUNDERS:** (Inaudible.)

**MR. EVANS:** Okay, 'cause what's involved with the Civil Servants or any elected official, if you use your personal vehicle, like example in Goose Bay, go to the airport, pick up something and come back, they get reimbursed. It's now 40 cents a kilometer. So I'm not sure when you're referring to 25 cents a kilometer, I'll have to check with my staff to see what's there because I might not have all the information to give you a better answer. But I can, sure, I can check into it and see if we can...

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek,* Minister Evans. And would Ordinary Member Saunders like to ask a follow-up question?

**MR. SAUNDERS:** No, at this time I'll wait for the response within 10 days. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek.* Ordinary Member Saunders. Next, I saw Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MR. EVANS:** Can I just clarify? You're not talking about medical transportation, are you? Oh, okay. Okay, I'm sorry I misunderstood.

**MR. SAUNDERS:** The question was with regards to, they get paid 25 cents a kilometer if they're going to medical appointments if they use their own vehicles or if there's anything else. So that's what I'm asking for is an increase in that.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders and I guess I would ask that the questions be more clear, so that we cut back on the cross talk and we can stick to supplementary questions. Would Minister Evans like to respond?

**MR. EVANS:** But I think our Minister of Health would probably know more about this?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Evans. Recognizing the Minister for Health.

**MR. ASIVAK:** Thank you, Ordinary Member Saunders. Thanks for clarifying that. I'll take this question under notice and get back to you within seven days for an update. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. The next hand that I saw was the Chairperson for the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, when you're ready.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is to Minister Vincent, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. We've been talking a bit about elders and there's more and more elders moving to Happy Valley-Goose Bay for medical reasons from Nunatsiavut. So this is related to my question. Would your department consider reviewing the allocation for traditional food items that your department sets out as the allocation is not fair to Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Mud Lake. It's very low in numbers and we have over 450 elders that live in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. I think our



allocation is 3.5 percent of whatever is distributed everywhere. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Would Minister Vincent like to respond?

**MR. VINCENT:** Thank you, Chairperson Kemuksigak. I will definitely have my staff look into it.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Minister Vincent. Would Chairperson Kemuksigak like to ask a supplementary question?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*. The next hand that I saw was AngajukKâk Sheppard of Postville. When you're ready, sir.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, my question is based on information provided earlier by the Honourable President Johannes Lampe. In his report to the Assembly, he mentioned of a new initiative called Community Food Programs. I'd like a little further clarification, Mr. Speaker. Is this a continuation of the Food Subsidy Program or is this brand new for 2022 to 2024? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. President Lampe, when you're ready to respond, sir.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, *UKatti*. Thank you, AngajukKâk for Postville, for your question. The question that you ask about the Food Subsidy Program, the ITK agreed to allocate more than \$47 million in Federal Funding from Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada decided to

expand the Harvesters Support Grant. And a new initiative called the Community Food Programs Fund between 2022 to 2024. The Nunatsiavut Government will receive just over \$5.6 million and so this issue was discussed at the ITK Board meeting by the Board of Directors and so we still have to, as a Executive Council, discuss this issue and to further investigate what it is that we will look at. And most certainly, where Harvester Support within Nunatsiavut has to be looked at holistically and most certainly to include the or get the support of the Labrador Inuit in how we could best use this funding and what this funding could be used for. *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk of KaipokoK for your question. *Nakummek*, *UKatti*.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. AngajukKâk Sheppard, do you have a follow-up question?

**MR. SHEPPARD:**

Thank you, no, I don't, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*. The next hand that I saw, I believe was Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Wally Andersen, when you're ready, sir.

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister. There's been a lot of talk and a lot of promises of funds for a feasibility study for a road. I think the time has come now that we as the Government need to realize that this should be a given. And I would ask the Minister, have you lined up any meetings with the Provincial Government to find out exactly what his feasibility study is and when it might go ahead?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen. First Minister, Melva Williams, would you like to respond?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ordinary Member Andersen. As I mentioned in my statement, the Provincial Government is preparing to start pre-feasibility study on the road and the Nunatsiavut Government is being consulted on pre-feasibility study. Thank you, for your question.

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Right now, you're between microphones. So I would ask that you stick closer to one or the other for us and the interpreter's sake. *Nakummek*. Ordinary Member Andersen, would you like to ask a supplementary question?

**MR. W. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First Minister, this is a huge file and it's something that's badly needed. Would the First Minister consider setting up a committee of certain Members of the House that happens with all assemblies, not just the Executive, but probably the Minister and a couple Ordinary Members and AngajukKâks as a committee that would deal with this important issue on a go-forward basis and try to speed the process up to find a good conclusion as to what people really want?

**MR. WINTERS:** *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen. First Minister Williams, would you like to respond?

**MS. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ordinary Member Andersen. I have not been fully debriefed on this file, but I will take it under advisement. Thank you.

**MR. WINTERS:**

*Nakummek*, First Minister Williams. Would the Ordinary Member-, I see that he does not want to ask a supplementary question? Are there any other questions? Are there any other questions from Ordinary Members? Seeing none, are there any Written Questions today? Seeing none, we will move on to Item 11. Item 11 is "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today, so we will move on to Item 12. Item 12 is, "Petitions." At the filing deadline, there were no petitions. So there are no petitions today for us to observe. We'll move on to Item 13. Item 13 is, "Responses to Petitions." And there are no responses today. We will move on to Item 14. Item 14 is, "The Reports of Standing in Special Committees." And there are no reports or standing in special committees today. So we'll move on to Item 15. Item 15 is the "Tabling of Documents." These had to be filed prior to the filing deadline and there are no documents to be tabled today. We will move on to Item 16. Item 16 is, "Notices of Motion." And there are no notices of motions today so we will move on to Item 17. Item 17 is, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." And there are no notices of motions for the first reading of bills. We will now move on to Item 18. Item 18 is, "Motions." And there are no motions today so we will move on to Item 19-, 19 is the, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. We will go on to Item 20. Item 20 is the, "Second reading of Bills." These had to be filed prior to the filing deadline and there are no second reading of bills today. We will move on to Item 21. Item 21 is, "The Assent to Bills." And there are no bills for

assent today. We will move on to Item 22. Item 22 is, "Adjournment." I would like to thank all Members and Ministers for their ongoing contributions. I would like to thank the public for their interest in listening to our proceedings. I would like to thank our interpreter, Katie Winters for her interpreting services today and I apologize if we spoke a bit quickly at times. I would like to thank Robert Ford and Harry Dicker for their IT support as well as the two young pages, Martine and Madison for their duties today. I would like to thank all of the staff for a job well-done. If any of you have questions about logistics, please contact the Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. I've been notified that the charter will be here at 2:55 p.m. and this concludes this Assembly sitting. The Assembly is now adjourned until the week of September 19th, 2022.

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