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Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the Labrador North Wireless Project is on schedule. Bell Canada is completing the design and engineering components of this project. Engineers will be in Nain this week to determine the location for a new tower.

All information and data, both internal and external, is a valued asset of the Nunatsiavut Government ("NG"), deserving of careful governance and management around both short-term use and long-term re-use. To this end, Mr. Speaker, the NEC recently approved the Nunatsiavut Government Data Governance Strategy. This strategy outlines the vision, foundations, goals, timelines, roles, responsibilities, and data classifications towards advancing data governance across the Government. This strategy provides the structure for the Data Governance Framework, which has more detailed policies and procedures for governing data. The I.T. Division is having meetings with all departments on the Data Governance Framework.

Cybersecurity is of the utmost importance to the Government. Mr. Speaker, we have a secure network. However, cybersecurity is always evolving and we need to be constantly improving the networks, data and information. Recently, the Director of Information Technology and the Deputy Minister, along with other members of the Nunatsiavut Government met with Government of Canada on cybersecurity and gained more valuable knowledge and tools to help protect the Government.

The I.T. Division is assisting many departments with improvements in their workflows, using technologies. To name a couple of examples, the Economic Development division implemented a new CRM module this past summer and the Education division developed a new student database. The I.T. staff are working with external companies such as ESRI to implement a centralized ARCGIS platform for the entire Government and with Vision33 to upgrade the financial

management system. Mr. Speaker, our staff are also working to overhaul the audio-visual system here in the Assembly building. This upgrade, while in the planning stages, is to bring it up-to-date with current technologies and enable live video-streaming of the Assembly sittings.

The ability to work on these projects and provide continued day-to-day support is only possible with a full complement of staff. Mr. Speaker, please join me in welcoming two new members of the department, Preston Snow and Vivek Malholtra.

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