

Department of Finance, Human Resources & Information Technology

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Tom Evans Minister Mr. Speaker, Sharmin Akhtar started work as the Data Leader with the Nunatsiavut Government in late May. She has been a valuable addition to the team, advising on data systems and management. She, along with Janice Vardy, organized a two-day workshop on the government's draft Data Governance Framework. This workshop introduced concepts of the Government's Data Governance Strategy and Framework; received feedback on these concepts and also discussed alignment with National Inuit Data Strategy. Participants provided valuable information back to our team leading the data governance project.

Mr. Speaker, administratively, Finance spends a considerable amount of time completing manual procedures. Whether it is completing purchase orders, sometimes hundreds a day, or checking timesheets for over 400 employees. The time has come to move these processes online. This move will be a significant change for all of the Government and one that would not be

possible without the upcoming upgrades to broadband in Nunatsiavut. The last few months, my department have been exploring what is the best approach, system and implementation plan. We are hopeful that this will be implemented by the start of the new fiscal year.

Please join me in welcoming Shannon Mitchell as the newest member of the Human Resources team. Shannon, originally from Makkovik, started in July and is working from the Happy Valley-Goose Bay office.

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