

Department of Finance, Human Resources & Information Technology

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David Dicker Jr. Minister Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand here to deliver my first statement as the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut. It has been a busy couple of months learning about my department and its work. Nakummek to all the departmental officials for their briefings.

As we all know, transportation costs have significantly increased. In fact, over the last 10 years, transportation costs have escalated by 35% in total. This makes travel for our employees even more expensive. I am pleased to stand here today and announce that there will be a 35% increase in the travel benefit rate. Effective April 1, 2025, each employee in Nunatsiavut will receive \$1,210 as a travel benefit for themselves and each of their dependents. Employees located elsewhere in Labrador will receive \$605 for themselves and each of their dependents.

In response to a request from the Assembly, a review of the kilometric rate was also completed. There was no change to the rate, at this time.

Since the September sitting, Mr. Speaker, the department has contracted Vision 33 and Criterion to upgrade the financial and human resources management systems. These upgrades will allow the Nunatsiavut Government to use electronic timekeeping and purchase orders. The projected timeframe for implementation is July 1, 2025.

Finally, Sharon Pevie is retiring after 41 years of service to the Nunatsiavut Government and its predecessor, the Labrador Inuit Association. Sharon has dedicated her career to Labrador Inuit and the management of its financial resources. Words cannot appropriately express the gratitude that we have to her. Her last day

is February 28th and Mr, Speaker, I encourage everyone to reach out and thank her for all her years of service.

Nakummek.