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First Ministers Statement
Day 2

Mr. Speaker, I wish to provide a second Ministers Statement to the Assembly today.

Due to the uncertainty of election results in my community, I felt it important to speak to the dedication and commitment of Employees within the departments I have had the honour of being Minister for since being elected.

There were 4 departments that I have been Minister to, either in a posting to the department or as an Acting capacity:

Dept of Education & Economic Development;

Language, Culture & Tourism

Department of Health & Social Development

And of course Nunatsiavut Affairs.

I have learned that the staff that work in those departments are hard working, competent and dedicated to doing their very best to advance the lives of Labrador Inuit.

Employees in all roles dig in and support the priorities of the government diligently. Of course, the closest group that I work with outside of my department are the members of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council: the Deputy Ministers; Directors and support Staff are among the hardest working folks it has been my privilege to work with; they give tirelessly and go above and beyond whenever called upon.

I would also like to pass along thanks and appreciation to Edna Asivak and Sophie Ikkusek who do an awesome job coordinating and arranging travel in a professional, friendly and prompt manner that it is a joy to work with them.

As mentioned previously, the departments that I was fortunate to work with; DEED, LCT, DHSD and Nunatsiavut Affairs as well as the Secretariat to some degree – have awesome Deputy Ministers ; Tim McNeill, Jenna Gilbride, Michelle Kinney, Isabella Pain and of course

Darryl Shiwak! I wish to thank each and everyone of them for their assistance to me in my role as Minister. The staff in Nunatsiavut Affairs are capable; hardworking and focused on addressing the needs of Nunatsiavut; under the direction of Darryl Shiwak and Colin Gilbride we are seeing major strides forward as advised in my statement yesterday. The staff in the Registrars office under Sheila Angnatoks direction is professional; responsible and committed to assisting members in such a respectful manner that I am pleased that they are in their roles. We, Labrador Inuit are fortunate that each of you are employed with our government. Thank you all very much.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize the dedication and commitment of the AngajkuKat; Ordinary Members; Ministers and President. I appreciate the respect that has been shown to all including each other.

I believe our government has made a great deal of headway in this 5th Assembly and will continue in the future.

Nakummek Mr. Speaker.