



## News Release

### Government of Nunavut releases 2000/2001 budget

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 23, 2000)** – Finance Minister Kelvin Ng tabled the Government of Nunavut 2000-2001 budget in the Legislative Assembly today.

The Government of Nunavut has allocated \$639 million to fund programs, services and capital projects across the territory for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. This year's budget also sets aside \$15 million in reserves.

"These expenditures, while recognizing our limited resources, reflect the priorities the Government of Nunavut has heard from Nunavummiut during the past year," Minister Ng said.

Cabinet Ministers, Regular Members of the Legislative Assembly and government officials traveled throughout the territory last fall to meet with Nunavummiut and listen to their priorities.

The Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Education, along with the Nunavut Housing Corporation, account for about 50 per cent of the Government of Nunavut's total allocated spending. This spending is consistent with the *Bathurst Mandate* priorities and those priorities identified through pre-budget consultation tours.

For the 1999-2000 fiscal year, the Government of Nunavut expects a surplus of \$34.1 million. The budget plan utilizes about \$15.3 million of the surplus anticipated from last year's operation.

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