

## News Release

## Premier Adjusts Deputy Minister Responsibilities

**IQALUIT** (**June 6, 2008**) – Premier Paul Okalik has realigned Deputy Minister responsibilities as the second legislative assembly continues to work towards realizing the goals of Pinasuaqtavut.

Aluki Rojas will leave her post as Deputy Minister of Human Resources and take on new responsibilities as Deputy Minister of the Department of Environment. Koovian Flanagan will move up from Assistant Deputy Minister in Human Resources to assume the department's Deputy Minister position. Simon Awa will move from the Deputy Minister position in Environment to an equivalent position as Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

These changes increase the representation of women at the highest level of the Government of Nunavut bureaucracy and maintain a majority of Deputy Ministers who are Nunavut Land Claim Agreement beneficiaries. To further underline the importance of advancing issues of women's equality Premier Okalik has asked his Deputy Premier, Levinia Brown, to assume the position of Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.

A further change being made within the purview of the Premier is the seconding of Bruce Rigby from the Department of Education to the Qulliq Energy Corporation where he will transition into the President's position on an interim basis.

These changes are effective immediately.

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