

News Release

Premier Announces Changes to Cabinet

IQALUIT, Nunavut (December 8, 2010) - Premier Eva Aariak today announced minor changes to the Nunavut Cabinet. These changes follow the swearing-in of James Arreak as the eighth member of Cabinet on November 5, 2010.

Premier Aariak said that welcoming a new Minister into the Cabinet is a good opportunity to realign responsibilities and build momentum of the next phase of the government's mandate.

"I wish to thank my honourable colleagues for the hard work they have shown in their respective portfolios. I am immensely proud of our accomplishments, and I am confident my colleagues will show the same leadership and dedication in their new roles as we move forward," said Premier Aariak.

Three Ministers will assume responsibility for new portfolios:

- **Hunter Tootoo** becomes Minister of Human Resources. He remains Minister of Education.
- Lorne Kusugak becomes Government House Leader. He remains Minister of Community and Government Services.
- James Arreak becomes Minister Responsible for Utility Rates Review Council. He remains Minister of Culture, Language, Elders, and Youth, and Minister of Languages.

The changes to portfolios are effective today. See attached backgrounder for additional details.

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