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REQUESTS & UNDERTAKINGSP a g e (s)

1. If the Inquiry could work with you, Mike, and Mr. Collins, maybe if you could work with Mr. Batchelor just to confirm which source that is, that would be helpful. 51
2. If you do decide to do an updated version of the report, one possibility could be to include a total for those rows, but not include either community number so that we're not using any number less than 5, but we do get an accurate total. 65
3. It did mention here, 64 outside the communities. But it didn't mention an out-of-province number that I could find. That might be one to double-check, if you do go back. 68
4. If I may ask for those to be identified with ICC numbers and shared. 75
5. Mr. Collins, ask if Commission counsel could follow up with the Federal government to see if there are any additional years available that could be looked at as we wrap up? 76
6. Mr. Collins, if you could help us circulate those to the parties and identify ICC numbers for them. 79

7. If it's possible, Mr. Collins, to work with the Province to see if there are additional years available, say later than 2023 or earlier, if that's possible, if it could be looked into? 80
8. Could I request for you to provide the tables that informed these two line graphs? 81

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1 March 30, 2026 2 3 MICHAEL COLLINS: 4 Good morning. We're here on Zoom. We're at the 5 examination of Michael Batchelor. And before we 6 start, Mr. Batchelor, do you affirm that the 7 answers you give will be the truth, the whole 8 truth and nothing but the truth? 9 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 10 Absolutely. Yeah. 11 12 <u>MR. MICHAEL BATCHELOR, AFFIRMED,</u> 13 <u>EXAMINED BY MR. MICHAEL COLLINS</u> 14 MICHAEL COLLINS: 15 Thank you. Would you like to introduce yourself 16 and explain your experience and professional 17 background? 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 19 Sure. I mean, I can go a little bit into who I 20 am. I guess I'll start with that and if you go 21 into a bit about my, you know, professional 22 experience, education, that kind of stuff. 23 24 So my name is Mike Batchelor, Michael Batchelor,	1 So for me to have the opportunity to do some work 2 here, do some statistical analysis or tallying, 3 whatever you want to call it, for today's meeting 4 has been, you know, a true honour. So that's a 5 little bit about, you know, my connection to the 6 Innu. And I'm a proud Innu member myself. 7 8 In terms of education, I mean if you want to go 9 way back, I went to Goose High School here in 10 Goose Bay. I did a degree in political science 11 with a minor in French from Acadia University. I 12 did some visiting (phonetic) years at the 13 University of Calgary to complete that. And then 14 I took a few years off, did some work, went back 15 to school and did my master's in business admin. 16 And I did that at UNB, Saint John. 17 18 And I -- in terms of professional experience -- 19 I'll go into that. Some of the experience -- I'm 20 just going to go off some of the papers here. 21 Like, some of my experience on Innu projects, I 22 worked -- I mean, I've done a lot of different 23 things. But I mean, I worked with ISS 24 programming, (audio drops - inaudible) B. Andrew.
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1 born and raised in Goose Bay, Labrador. To go 2 into my connection, I guess, to the Inquiry and 3 the Innu world, I guess for lack of a better 4 world -- lack of a better word, I'm an adopted 5 member. I was adopted by an English family here 6 in Goose Bay. I'm actually currently here in 7 Goose Bay. And I -- you know, throughout the 8 years I reconnected with my family. 9 10 My father and motherly are the Jacks. The Jack 11 family, they're like a prominent member, you 12 know, like the late Bart Jack who's been an 13 activist for many years, and in leadership for 14 many years. So I reconnected with my family in 15 about 2004. I was about 17 or 18 years old. So 16 you can do the math. You can figure out -- I'm 17 not a young guy anymore, but. So I've been 18 back -- back and forth a lot over the years. And 19 it's been -- you know, for me it's been, you 20 know, that -- you know, that second half of my 21 life, I guess, at this point, you know, it really 22 opened up -- it changed my life. It completed my 23 life, you know. 24	1 We did some data work, did some training 2 initiatives. I did present the PowerPoint 3 documentation, the presentation for an AGM at 4 that time. 5 6 I worked as Innu liaison in Lab City and 7 Schefferville during the mining projects that 8 they had. That's going back a good number of 9 years. I worked with IDLP for a couple of years 10 in between my first degree and my master's. And 11 I've been involved in community. Not a whole lot 12 of volunteer work, but over the year I did some 13 work with Janet Bellefleur with the SIM. I can't 14 say that was so much as it was just so much 15 helping out and explaining my experiences in 16 Adopt a Person, and kind of how that -- my 17 connection to the community, but also my 18 connection outside the community and now and how 19 all that kind of worked out for me in my 20 experience and see if that could at least help 21 people understand, I guess, you know, their 22 journey. Because everybody's journey is 23 different. But at least maybe you could gain 24 some kind of pathway on your life based a little

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1 bit on mine. That was the hope through that.
 2
 3 In terms of Indigenous research, I'll just go
 4 back through here. I worked as -- for a year or
 5 two with the New Brunswick Health Council, and
 6 that was creating data sets for various
 7 Indigenous-related reports. And it was actually
 8 during the COVID crisis so we did a lot of
 9 looking at, like, COVID totals and COVID-related
 10 statics and stuff within the Indigenous
 11 communities within reserves.
 12
 13 When I worked at Stats Canada in Ottawa, I did a
 14 presentation report on Indigenous diabetes rates
 15 in Canada. I believe it was off reserve because
 16 I didn't have the on reserve statistics held
 17 there. Because, you know, anecdotally we know
 18 that diabetes is very, very high, you know,
 19 within the Indigenous community. At least within
 20 the Innu community I feel that it is.
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 22 Various reports and presentations on the
 23 Indigenous labour force during the project I did
 24 while I was with the Public Service Commission.

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1 That's in Gatineau. And I know during my studies
 2 and my degrees going way back, further back than
 3 I'd like, I dearly did really focus at that time,
 4 I was big into, you know, native rights and that
 5 kind of stuff, Indigenous rights. You know, they
 6 were called aboriginal more at the time. So I
 7 looked at Indigenous justice, policies and that
 8 kind of stuff during that time.
 9
 10 I'm fluent in English and French. English is my
 11 first language. I learned my French through
 12 French Immersion. And through my time in
 13 Gatineau and a little bit in New Brunswick,
 14 certainly in New Brunswick, as well, but more so
 15 out in (inaudible) Quebec, I firmed up my French,
 16 which I'm happy to say. And I'm learning -- I
 17 mean, maybe not as much as I should, but
 18 certainly as much -- not as much as I want to,
 19 but I'm learning my own language bit by bit. So
 20 I know -- I know some words.
 21
 22 And I think that's pretty much enough about me.
 23 And, Michael, you said you wanted me to talk
 24 about the project a bit?

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1 MICHAEL COLLINS:
 2 If you think --
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 Yeah.
 5 MICHAEL COLLINS:
 6 What were you asked to do? What have you done?
 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 8 Well, it was -- I believe a while back, I can't
 9 know the exact date but I know we met with you,
 10 Michael, and Caitlin Urquhart. I assume she's
 11 off on maternity leave. But you asked me if
 12 there was a group looking at trying to compile
 13 some statistics. And I know you (audio drops -
 14 inaudible) did a number of statistics, I think
 15 maybe some more contemporary stuff. And then
 16 there was a look at potentially some more of the
 17 historical stuff.
 18
 19 Now my report does have a few
 20 contemporary-type -- you know, contemporary-type
 21 statistics and everything. But I was tasked with
 22 looking at a whole bunch of historical documents
 23 and kind of tallying those and seeing where, you
 24 know, what we feel would be maybe relevant

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1 statistics with that, and then kind of compiling
 2 those and tallying those and then showcasing
 3 those as best I could.
 4
 5 I'll be honest, it was a lot of stuff. I mean,
 6 we're talking, I don't know if it was quite 200
 7 but at least -- but at least a hundred documents
 8 of various sizes. We're talking meeting minutes,
 9 proposals, media reports, articles from old
 10 Maclean magazines, that kind of stuff. And they
 11 were all -- they were all in a different -- you
 12 know, all in different formats and everything
 13 like that. They were supplied to me, I believe,
 14 by the Inquiry staff.
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 16 That was -- you know, it took a long time to go
 17 through with it. I used Adobe Pro to kind of --
 18 my best to -- I mean, some of the documents were,
 19 you know, readable. Some of them were not
 20 through Adobe but, you know, I did my best to
 21 scan through, look for keywords. Like, let's say
 22 kinship care or let's say foster care or this or
 23 that or whatever. And then kind of tallied that
 24 up. That was, you know, a long process. Then

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1 going back to it and seeing which ones I thought 2 would be, you know, acceptable to use. And then 3 finally charting in graphs and that kind of stuff 4 and making an analysis on that. 5 MICHAEL COLLINS: 6 Would you like now to summarize your findings? 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 8 Yeah, I would. I do have -- I did make an 9 amended report. I don't know if that -- if 10 people have that or not, but that's the one I 11 need to present today. I spoke to leadership 12 about the report and a certain finding that 13 preferred not to -- you know, for to put an 14 amended report. So I'd like to put that one 15 forward. 16 17 I don't know if it would better if I shared my 18 screen or if I send it to you, Michael, and then 19 you can go through it. But we can do either or? 20 What do you -- what do you think would be best, 21 Michael? 22 MICHAEL COLLINS: 23 I think you could -- can you present your 24 findings as you would like?	1 JUDITH RAE: 2 That's what it says in the document name. Yeah? 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 4 Yeah, yeah, yeah. But that is -- 5 JUDITH RAE: 6 Okay. No problem. I'm going to put it up now. 7 (File-sharing discussion.) 8 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 9 Okay. So we have the table of contents. I guess 10 I'm going to go through that quickly. So we have 11 the introduction and preamble. We can follow up 12 with some historical statistics from various 13 sources. Total cases, foster case, institutional 14 group home cases, followed by quarterly 15 provincial statistics, including foster and 16 kinship estimates from NL. And then as an added 17 bonus, I added some regional health survey 18 statistics from a recent regional health survey 19 that was completed in Sheshatshiu just last year. 20 21 Okay. So I'll go through the preamble again. 22 It's a lot -- it's pretty similar to what I spoke 23 to earlier. So in December 2025, the Inquiry 24 team asked me to look into several items related
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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 2 Yeah, okay. I'll share my screen, if that's 3 possible. Is the gentleman from audio company 4 there that is the host of this? Yes? Okay. 5 (File-sharing discussion.) 6 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 7 Can I send it to you, Judith, and then you can -- 8 then somebody can, like, go through it page by 9 page as we go through. Would that be possible? 10 JUDITH RAE: 11 That's fine with me if it's okay with others. I 12 don't mind. 13 MICHAEL COLLINS: 14 Fine with me. 15 (File-sharing discussion.) 16 JUDITH RAE: 17 All right. I'm just opening it. Mike, on the 18 first page it still says February 13. But as 19 long as you're sending me whatever is your latest 20 version. 21 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 22 Oh, that's my latest one, yeah. From what I can 23 gather, yeah. February-March draft. Let me 24 check here.	1 to statistical findings of historical Innu 2 material. So I manage several data-related 3 initiatives in the local communities. I'm 4 actually the lead of the -- of an Innu data 5 initiative program with IRT. So it was an 6 opportunity -- you know, it was a good fit. It 7 was an opportunity for me to showcase some very 8 important indicators and analysing progress with 9 the Innu community on those issues. So I was 10 tasked with reviewing, you know, a very vast 11 number of historical documents, emails, letters, 12 media articles, et cetera, that were archived 13 from the community for the Inquiry team. And 14 that forms the Historical Statistics section of 15 the report. 16 17 I also reviewed more recent statistics from ISC 18 (Indigenous Services Canada) as seen in the 19 Maintenance Report Analysis. 20 21 Next, I reviewed documents from the Newfoundland 22 and Labrador government. And that's seen in the 23 Quarterly Statistics section of the report. And 24 that gives you an estimated (inaudible) kinship

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1 and foster homes. 2 3 I've indicated a few indicators, three, I 4 believe, from the recent RHS survey that 5 showcase, you know, culture, a connection of 6 culture and community, child care and foster care 7 system. And that's only in Sheshatshiu because 8 Natuashish did not take part in the survey as of 9 that date. And from what we gathered, they will 10 be doing a similar survey with FNIGC, which is 11 the, I guess you'd call it, the Stats Can of the 12 Indigenous world of the, you know, First Nations 13 world anyway. They'll be doing that in this 14 coming year. I believe in the summertime. 15 16 So let me roll down a little bit, Judith. Thanks 17 so much. I'd like -- oh, no, I'll finish off my 18 last statement there on the preamble. Yeah. 19 Okay. So I'd like to thank the Inquiry team, 20 Caitlin, Michael John Collins and others, 21 including you, Judith, and Jodie and a number of 22 people that helped me along the way, as well as 23 the leadership at both band councils. Because I 24 did speak to them on -- you know, on a number of	1 discuss, have a discussion after. How does that 2 sound? That's good? Okay. 3 4 Okay. So the population estimates, you know, 5 once again, it was you know, a big mass of 6 various different documents, you know, some of -- 7 you know, of all kinds of different data quality 8 from emails to -- you know, to media articles to 9 anecdotal things in (inaudible). And as you go 10 back in a lot of these statistics, especially 11 once you go back to like -- well, I don't want to 12 call it the pre-internet age, but, you know, in 13 Labrador the pre-internet age was a little later 14 than everywhere else, right? But we went through 15 and I tally -- I found these particular findings. 16 So this is the best, you know, you can do -- you 17 can kind of get together from those times. 18 19 So just to go through it real quickly. You got 20 Sheshatshiu and Natuashish, in '93 finding, you 21 got 950 in Sheshatshiu. You got 500 in 22 Natuashish. We got a 500 finding in '94 for 23 Natuashish. I actually believe, to go back in 24 time, it wasn't Natuashish at that time. It was
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1 approvals and the like, for the opportunity to 2 provide the document. 3 4 You know, the findings hopefully speak to 5 potential new policies, views and direction for 6 protection work in both communities. You know, 7 it was -- I will tell you what, it was a lot 8 of -- it was going through a lot of stuff. And 9 as one person, it was pretty -- a pretty large 10 task, but, you know, I really hope that these 11 statistics and what we find can bring some value. 12 Thanks. 13 14 Okay. So let's start with some historical 15 statistics. So as we -- are we doing questions 16 as we go along or are we going to do questions, 17 you know, at the very end? Like, I don't know 18 who -- is it up to me or... 19 MICHAEL COLLINS: 20 I think you should continue to present your 21 findings as you think appropriate. 22 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 23 Yeah. No problem, Michael. What I'll do, I'll 24 go through the entire document and then we can	1 Davis Inlet, which is the community that came out 2 -- you know, that was moved to Natuashish at that 3 time. But it's the same Nation. 4 5 '97, from there on, and there's no other 6 Natuashish findings. You got '97, you got 1148. 7 '99, there was -- it went from 1100. I noted 8 that that's an unlikely estimate. And in 2009 9 there was one for 1599. 10 11 And go down a little bit to it. Thank you. So 12 these are anecdotal population estimates, once 13 again from media and meeting minute sources 14 regarding Sheshatshiu. You know, the community 15 saw a period of growth in the research. I 16 excluded that '99 figure from the charts. It 17 appears unreliable and unlikely. I mean, it's 18 pretty impossible, if not impossible, that a 19 population dipped between the -- between those 20 two times when the -- we all know the population, 21 particularly in those days, was growing 22 exponentially. I don't know about exponentially, 23 but growing bigger, you know, at a very fast 24 rate.

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1 In recent years, the community has a population
 2 of 2000 from our community estimates, when you
 3 look at this (inaudible), showcasing an
 4 approximate doubling of population since '93.
 5 And we know that's a very high birthrate compared
 6 to the rest of the country.
 7
 8 Regarding Natuashish, or the former Davis Inlet,
 9 we only have a '92 and '93 estimate featuring 500
 10 persons. Current estimates placed the population
 11 closer to 1000. And so this, you know, showcases
 12 an approximate doubling of the population since
 13 '93.
 14
 15 In looking at the recent estimates, you know, the
 16 population of both communities have grown
 17 significantly faster than the Canadian and
 18 Newfoundland and Labrador population growth. Go
 19 down.
 20
 21 All right. So it's a very sensitive topic, which
 22 is the suicide rate and as per 100,000. And once
 23 again, I kind of calculated this based on some of
 24 the total of -- you know, some of the totals that

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1 we saw there to try to make it based on the rate
 2 which is generally recorded as per 100 thou. So
 3 suicide during the period -- the time periods of
 4 '98 and '97 were noted various anecdotal (audio
 5 drops - inaudible). Calculation is the range to
 6 -- like, to put suicide rates at an extremely
 7 high rate during this range and this was a per
 8 year rate. Natuashish, the former Davis Inlet
 9 was -- you know, was actually quite a bit higher
 10 than the rates seen in Sheshatshiu.
 11
 12 So I'll just go back up there. '90 to '98, we
 13 don't have anything for Shesh, but we see, like,
 14 the suicide rate as per year rate for 100 thou at
 15 178. And then we do have 97 to 2009, there was a
 16 recording of that range. And then breaking it
 17 down to a yearly, you got 5.7 (phonetic) in
 18 Shesh -- pardon me, Sheshatshiu. And then Davis
 19 Inlet, Natuashish you've got 164.1. Gives you an
 20 average between communities at 119.
 21
 22 So we go back down to my third paragraph there,
 23 you've got in recent time suicide rate in Canada
 24 is 9.5 per 100K. And that's from 2023 Public

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1 Health Agency. Newfoundland and Labrador, 17.3.
 2 It is considerably higher in Newfoundland than it
 3 is in the rest of the country. So it's over ten
 4 times Canadian average rate. And that's it for
 5 suicide.
 6
 7 Now, I'm not going to go through each number here
 8 on the out of community, but in the province
 9 rates. So I'll just go right down to the
 10 analysis piece. Thanks.
 11
 12 Okay. So these charts look at, you know,
 13 out-of-community placements within Newfoundland
 14 and Labrador in both communities. And I've seen
 15 some differing friends from '14 to '18. So
 16 regarding Sheshatshiu (inaudible) First Nation,
 17 we've got a number that stayed steady near the 30
 18 mark. Staying close to that average in most
 19 years. Regarding Natuashish, you seen a steady
 20 uptick to a near doubling from 2014 to 2018.
 21
 22 Okay. So this is out-of-province placements from
 23 2012 to 2018. And some of the re-edits I did, I
 24 took away some of the low totals. So it's

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1 less 5. You can see it's like a very -- it's a
 2 very low number. Potentially 1 or 2. But we
 3 leave it redacted. That's a good statistical
 4 practice. So once again, it's from a number of
 5 different sources that were from those emails and
 6 proposals and media articles and minutes.
 7
 8 So I'll go back down. I'll go through every
 9 single number there because there's quite a few.
 10 So a brief analysis. You know, the charts look
 11 at out-of-community placements solely outside of
 12 this province in Newfoundland and Labrador in
 13 both communities. So the rate has seen different
 14 trends from 2012 to 2018. Both communities saw a
 15 decrease, albeit we're dealing with very small
 16 totals.
 17
 18 So regarding Sheshatshiu, the number has
 19 decreased to approximately half from May 2012 to
 20 2018. And then regarding Natuashish, it's
 21 decreased even more, by about approximately
 22 two-thirds, from 2012 to 2018. And once again, I
 23 noted any totals less than 5 are redacted.
 24 Thanks.

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1 Okay. So I believe we got -- I received these 2 sources from ISC. Once again, I'm not going to 3 go through every number there but you see I've 4 got, you know, total cases that they had on 5 record from these particular files and you got 6 foster care, there was some group home and 7 institutional. I don't believe I put that in the 8 graph because it wasn't quite complete. But I 9 did put -- I did put some of them in so we can 10 have a little look there. So it's yeah, total 11 case foster care and the kind of comparison of 12 how much, you know -- I guess, the orange 13 representing foster care and the total cases 14 represented by blue. You see in most cases -- 15 except for one year, I believe, you see that 16 every -- you know, most foster cases take up the 17 majority of total cases from this maintenance 18 report. So I'll just go through the analysis 19 that I've written down. 20 21 Okay. So -- yeah, thanks, Judith. Perfect. The 22 chart shows the amount of total and foster cases 23 for Labrador Innu for ISC from the months of 2013 24 to 2023. The total cases appeared to have a	1 it's a bit more centred to youth in care. So in 2 that one, in particular, you've got youth in care 3 and all -- youth and care for Innu which has 4 increased. I believe this is the case. So as I 5 go through analysis that there was a policy 6 change in 2019. There you go. So you see that 7 is increased in both ways -- pardon me, in both 8 communities, I guess, you could say, the entire, 9 you know, Newfoundland and Labrador community. 10 And then also like the Innu community there is 11 also an increase in youth in care. But I think a 12 lot of that is attributed to the policy change 13 where the definition of youth was also to include 14 those aged 16 to 18. So, you know, you've got a 15 number of different children, you know, youth, I 16 guess, that are -- that can be eligible for youth 17 in care. And then, you know, you can see that 18 comparatively Innu growth from that policy change 19 was -- you know, was not as significant as for 20 the rest of the province, right? 21 22 Go down. And this is the one per capita that I 23 did and you can really see the difference there 24 because this is a percent of the registered Innu
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1 significant decrease in 2016, but the number has 2 steadily increased thereafter to a higher total 3 than 2013. 4 5 Similarly, foster cases all saw a decrease 2018, 6 but a significant -- with a significant kind 7 thereafter returning to original levels. 8 Overall, foster care cases are the most total 9 cases in every year, with the exception of 2018. 10 And I couldn't -- I wouldn't be able to tell you 11 why, but it didn't -- it's a much lower total for 12 that year in specific. 13 14 So I'll go down to the quarterlies. Okay. So 15 you see a chart there. That represents Innu 16 children in care in the blue, which is all 17 children in care, with some pretty steady lines. 18 Of course, you see alternative care kind of has a 19 little bit of a (inaudible), right? A little 20 bit -- some crest there. Whereas the Innu has 21 kind of stayed more or less steady based on that 22 chart. 23 24 Go to the next. Go down a little bit, Judith, so	1 population. 2 3 Now, a little bit of grain of salt with Innu 4 population. This is through -- this is through 5 the registry. So the registry, at times, 6 particularly in the earlier days, was not quite 7 as fulfilled or complete. Now we're at a point 8 where the registry, as in those, you know, Innu 9 members that did get registered, is at a very 10 high rate. So take, you know, a little grain of 11 salt there. But I mean, you know it still rings 12 through. You see that the percent of the Innu 13 population that are represented as youth in a 14 children in care, you know, is -- goes down 15 considerably. So I'll go through the analysis 16 now. 17 18 So the province of NL produces quarterly program 19 statistics where children -- pardon me, for child 20 protection in care. Quarterly documents provided 21 to me and I reviewed them with some analytical 22 charting, total youth in care and children in 23 care from '13 to '23. 2013 to 2013. 24

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1 Regarding children in care, the number of new
2 clients has been consistent with a slight
3 decrease. And then you saw NL had a bump with a
4 decrease back to its original totals.

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6 Regarding youth in care, both Innu and NL totals
7 expanded in 2019, as I previously said. And the
8 policy was -- you know, expanded the definition
9 of youth for that program to -- from 6 -- you
10 know, to include 16 to 18 years old. NL youth
11 expanded much more than the Innu youth in care.
12 Innu make an average of 17 percent of all cases
13 of youth in care and children in care.

14
15 Regarding the totals with the registered
16 population as per capita base, we saw a steady
17 decrease from approximately 7 to 4 percent of the
18 Innu population being represented.

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20 And I don't do a whole lot of, you know, analysis
21 on how programs were working and this kind of
22 stuff because I generally just like to stick to
23 the numbers. But, you know, the statistic may
24 represent, you know, a success from recent

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1 changes. (Inaudible) files have changes because
2 the amount has decreased of those -- you know,
3 those children and youth in care has decreased as
4 a function of Innu population rather
5 significantly.

6
7 So the next one. Okay. So next one is in
8 kinship care using an average of Innu in care
9 (phonetic) with NL. We see a chart there with
10 some funky bumps there towards the end. And I'll
11 just go right to the analysis with this one.

12
13 All right. So this one is purely on the total.
14 So we've got the program statistics for placement
15 type. You know, they're aggregated by region and
16 they don't break down in the Innu status. I did
17 work with Michael and Caitlin on this. So we had
18 to do some kind of, you know, our best guess, you
19 know, our best protections, I guess, best
20 calculations. So we adjusted the proportion of
21 new children in care. So remember in the
22 previous one we had 17 percent for average, so we
23 just used that as the percentage as we go along
24 and built into that kinship care one.

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1 So using the 17 percent average of all NL clients
2 being Innu status, kinship care of Innu in NL, as
3 seen in that chart, under that assumption, so the
4 quarter end of the month of March was used in all
5 these years.

6
7 In general, there were some various but not a
8 whole lot. And with all years totalling to 73
9 and 102 total clients. And I did note, yeah,
10 there was some potentially COVID-related
11 variations in the later years.

12
13 So go to the next one. All right. So this is
14 foster homes. And once again, I believe, we used
15 the 17 percent average. In the totals there you
16 see a see a pretty straightforward graph. So in
17 the analysis, once again, using the 17 percent
18 average of all NL clients being Innu status,
19 foster homes, Innu NL in Newfoundland and
20 Labrador under this assumption are seen in that
21 chart. So please note the results of foster
22 homes total and non-foster homes placement. So
23 just to -- you know, to make that
24 differentiation. The quarter, ending the month

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1 of March, we used them all years. In general,
2 once again, very minimal variation between 95 and
3 104 total.

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5 So go to the next one. All right. So I added
6 down my latest edit. So we're coming to the end
7 of the report. The RHS is a regional health
8 survey. And it's something that I didn't
9 administer, but a number of my colleagues at the
10 Round Table, we helped to put in motion.

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12 A little bit about the RHS. It's a national
13 survey and it's held, I believe, every three
14 years, I could be wrong on that, but by the
15 FNIGC. And then they have a number of satellite
16 offices. So for our sake, we were -- we're part
17 of the Quebec and Labrador group because it's
18 kind of based on the -- I believe the AFN
19 breakdowns of First Nations. So we were
20 (inaudible) with the group based out of Quebec
21 City. And they have a long name, the CSSPQNL
22 (sic). And they're -- that's a French -- that's
23 a French abbreviation for their council. It's an
24 organization that does a number of different

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1 things, but they are tasked with administering
 2 the survey. So they did -- they had a number of
 3 staff. We also had a number of Innu staff within
 4 the community go out there and provide a survey
 5 at about 100, say 200 -- about 1 -- I think 120
 6 is my best guess at this time, for the number of
 7 questions. But very -- bottom line is, very,
 8 very comprehensive survey. It looked at -- you
 9 know, it's called a Regional Health Survey, but
 10 it looked at -- it looks at things of foster
 11 care. It looks at mental health. It looks at,
 12 you know, education. It looks at culture. It
 13 looks at, you know, indoor plumbing. You know,
 14 you name it, like it's got it all, right? So we
 15 were able to put it in community of Sheshatshiu.
 16
 17 I'll also add that the HRS, from what we gather,
 18 every single other Innu community in Quebec has
 19 done it. And now Quebec has many different First
 20 Nations of -- you know, outside of the Innu,
 21 right? And not all of them have done it. But we
 22 believe that the majority -- we were told the
 23 majority of Quebec First Nations have completed
 24 this, right? And some have done it for a number

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1 of years so they have trend lines and that kind
 2 of stuff. So we're just getting off the bat, so
 3 within a three or four, when a cycle starts
 4 again, we'll be able to, you know, calculate
 5 trends.
 6
 7 So, you know, outside of the -- outside of, you
 8 know, mandate of this Inquiry meeting, you know,
 9 it's really a positive thing to have this survey
 10 take place. So I'll go right into it now.
 11
 12 So once again, regional health survey, national
 13 survey, survey held periodically by the First
 14 Nations Governance Centre (FNIGC) in many First
 15 Nations communities throughout Canada. So in
 16 that spring/summer of 2025-ish Sheshatshiu
 17 undertook the survey. Like I said before, many
 18 results came in, you know, on a vast array of
 19 topics: culture, education, housing. And I did
 20 speak to leadership about using these statistics
 21 for the Inquiry to kind of -- to showcase foster
 22 care, some kinship care and also, you know,
 23 feelings of belonging, connection to the
 24 community. I thought that would be just some

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1 added value.
 2
 3 So let's go to the first one. Make that more
 4 centre, please. Okay. So this first one kind of
 5 describes a sense of belonging to the local
 6 community. And you know, would you say it's, you
 7 know, very strong, somewhat strong, somewhat
 8 weak, very weak. And we can see that the
 9 majority, which I believe you got 81.6 percent,
 10 feel very strong or somewhat strong sense of
 11 community -- belonging to the community. So
 12 that's 4 out of every 5 people.
 13
 14 I will note, like, I mean, I don't have any
 15 directly comparative but at least, you know,
 16 anecdotally, when I look at -- it may not be a
 17 directly comparable question, but I looked at
 18 questions, let's say, in St. John's or for Ottawa
 19 or Thunder Bay and these kind of things. Like,
 20 when you look at other cities and a similar
 21 question has been asked, let's say a connection
 22 or belonging or satisfaction, those kind of
 23 things with their community, it's much, much
 24 lower than that. So it could -- at least

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1 anecdotally, I can tell you that the sense of
 2 belonging to the community is very -- is quite a
 3 positive rating.
 4
 5 So we'll go down. Regarding kinship care, so
 6 this is lifetime. And it's hard to find
 7 statistics of people who have ever been in
 8 kinship care, and you'll notice that with the
 9 final one of foster care as well, if they've ever
 10 been there in their lifetime. But this question
 11 was asked, like, in your lifetime. And this is
 12 total population. Have you ever been placed in
 13 kinship care? So I mean, majority, the vast
 14 majority have not. But it's a sizable minority,
 15 20 percent, 20.4 percent. 1 in 5 residents have
 16 been placed in kinship care.
 17
 18 Now I can't tell you if people in kinship care --
 19 you know, if that's -- you know, that's, you
 20 know, exponentially higher than other
 21 communities. But I can at least -- you know, to
 22 my mind that is quite a, you know, considerable
 23 amount of people, you know, from a population to
 24 be placed in kinship care in their lifetime.

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1 So go to the last one. Okay. So finally, I've
 2 got: Have you ever been placed in a foster
 3 family? And that's asked to the total
 4 population. This question looked at residents
 5 who were ever placed in the -- you know, in the
 6 foster care system in their lifetime. And it's
 7 an even larger number. Majority haven't. You
 8 got 68 percent that haven't, of course. But very
 9 sizable minority to my mind. Almost 1 in 3
 10 people have been placed in foster care in their
 11 lifetime. So it represents a really -- once
 12 again, I couldn't find any statistics that
 13 showcase this kind of question as to a broader
 14 population for comparison. But I can speak, at
 15 least anecdotally, in my opinion, that that is a
 16 -- that is a very high number for the population
 17 to have placed in foster -- in a foster family.
 18 All right.
 19
 20 So I believe that's the end of the report. I
 21 know we booked a whole day here, guys, but I
 22 don't know if we're (audio drops - inaudible),
 23 but I really want to thank you for your time and
 24 everything, and listening to my report there. So

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1 thank you.
 2 MICHAEL COLLINS:
 3 Thank you, Mr. Batchelor.
 4 And thank you, Judith, for displaying his report.
 5 I don't have any further questions. Any further
 6 questions of -- next party (inaudible)?
 7 JUDITH RAE:
 8 Okay.
 9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE:
 10 Michael, I just wanted to point out, Sarah is on
 11 the call with us now. She has to log off. So
 12 Mark Griffin is going to join. He's an ADM in
 13 our department.
 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 15 Yeah.
 16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE:
 17 So if you see (inaudible) you'll know why. Thank
 18 you.
 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 20 Okay.
 21 JUDITH RAE:
 22 Okay. I'll get started then.
 23
 24

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1 MR. MICHAEL BATCHELOR,
CROSS-EXAMINED BY MS. JUDITH RAE
 2
 3 JUDITH RAE:
 4 So good morning, everyone. And thanks very much,
 5 Mr. Batchelor. I'll call you that today, I
 6 guess. Try to follow the formality of it. So
 7 thanks very much for your report and for your
 8 presentation. So I'll just introduce myself. My
 9 name is Judith Rae. I work at a law firm called
 10 OKT, as you know. And as you, I think, know, we
 11 provide legal representation to the, what's
 12 called in the Inquiry the Innu Representative
 13 Organization. So that's Innu Nation and the two
 14 First Nations: Sheshatshiu First Nation and
 15 Mushuau Innu First Nation. And we also represent
 16 the Innu Round Table Secretariat. And so we
 17 represent those four Innu organizations jointly.
 18
 19 What I'm going to do in asking a few questions
 20 today, I'm going to -- I'm going to just kind of
 21 walk back through the report again with you.
 22 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 23 Yeah.
 24

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 And just ask a few questions here and there,
 3 primarily about sources, just to ensure we have a
 4 good understanding of the different sources.
 5 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 6 Yes.
 7 JUDITH RAE:
 8 And I have some here -- I have some of the
 9 sources I've pulled up in PDF, so I can put those
 10 on the screen if we need to. Or we can -- I
 11 think I'll probably -- I don't think we need to
 12 necessarily flip into the report. Everyone has a
 13 copy on the side. But if everyone, you know, if
 14 you just keep your copy of the report on the side
 15 there that will kind of help us go through it.
 16
 17 Okay. So I'm going to start with -- I'm just
 18 going to go page by page. So I'll start with
 19 page 4, which says "Historical Statistics." And
 20 first question is -- I think this is clear, but
 21 the chart at the top and then the graph, the bar
 22 graph -
 23 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 24 Yeah.

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 Those are the same sources, right? Like the bar
 3 graph isn't based on the numbers above?
 4 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 5 Yeah, they would correspond directly with the
 6 numbers above. Like, I mean, I just took those
 7 numbers that you see in the population estimates
 8 and then, you know, put the graph wizard on it
 9 and it created a graph similar to that. I mean,
 10 with some edits and stuff in terms of that. But
 11 those numbers in that graph there correspond
 12 directly with the population estimate, like
 13 numbers, if you will, just directly above it.
 14 JUDITH RAE:
 15 Okay. That's great. No, that's what I thought.
 16 I just wanted to, you know what I mean, just make
 17 it very clear. But that's it. That's certainly
 18 --
 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 20 Yeah, no problem.
 21 JUDITH RAE:
 22 Okay. And then under that, like under those two,
 23 you know, you cite five sources -
 24

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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 I do.
 3 JUDITH RAE:
 4 - with the ICC numbers for them. And I pulled
 5 them up, and I think I was able to confirm what
 6 they are. So just because the names of them
 7 aren't listed, what I'm going to do is just put
 8 them up on the screen and if you can just confirm
 9 if that seemed to be the right thing that you
 10 were looking at.
 11
 12 Now, of course, when I do this -- okay. So I
 13 have one -- this one comes first. All right. So
 14 this one is ICC-21, which is an article from
 15 Maclean's -
 16 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 17 That's it, yeah.
 18 JUDITH RAE:
 19 - from 1994. That -- does that look like the one
 20 that you used?
 21 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 22 That's what I wrote down here. I made a legend
 23 of all those -- of all those sources, like the
 24 numbers or whatever, and that corresponds.

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 Yeah.
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 I mean, I couldn't go there and point. Like, I
 5 mean, it's pretty long document. But, yeah.
 6 JUDITH RAE:
 7 Yeah, yeah.
 8 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 9 That's exactly right.
 10 JUDITH RAE:
 11 Yeah. No, that's fine. And I do think it has
 12 some population estimates in there. I don't know
 13 if I'm skilled enough to point to them. On the
 14 left here, if you -- I don't know if you guys see
 15 my cursor. But it does say, kind of midway down
 16 the left column it does mention "community of
 17 500," speaking about Davis Inlet.
 18
 19 And it also has a number for Sheshatshiu, if you
 20 go over to the right column and a little bit
 21 higher than that. It mentions Sheshatshiu where
 22 Labrador's 800 Innu live. That number didn't
 23 make it into the chart. I don't know if you have
 24 any -- like you -- I don't know if it was maybe

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1 if you hadn't seen it or if you chose not to use
 2 it?
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 I couldn't answer at that time. I mean,
 5 potentially I saw and I thought it wasn't
 6 reliable enough. But, yeah.
 7 JUDITH RAE:
 8 Okay. Okay. I'll just go to the next one. So
 9 this is ICC-2209. And it's some kind of
 10 background, or it's says at the top "from Diane."
 11 So I think it's from, essentially, what's now
 12 ISC.
 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 14 Yeah.
 15 JUDITH RAE:
 16 And it does have some of those population stats
 17 right at the top. Does that look like the
 18 document you used?
 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 20 Absolutely.
 21 JUDITH RAE:
 22 Okay. And I'll flip to, what I think is the next
 23 one. Yeah, so this document -- let me just look
 24 back at my notes. It doesn't say the ICC number

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1 on it when I pull it up. But I think this, when 2 I pulled it up, is ICC-2798, which was the third 3 one you used. And it's also an exhibit in the 4 Inquiry. The exhibit number is P-19, which is 5 Sheshatshiu's <i>Community Needs Assessment</i>. And it 6 appears to be from around 1997. So I think that 7 lines up with the third time frame or whatever. 8 And then somewhere down it -- yeah, so it has 9 that population number in there. 10 11 Does that look like the document you used? 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 13 Yeah, absolutely. 14 JUDITH RAE: 15 Okay. And the next one is ICC-2554. It's 16 another Sheshatshiu <i>Community Assessment</i> from 17 1999. 18 19 So does that sound like it's probably the 20 document you used? Does that look like the 21 document you used - 22 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 23 Yes, yeah. 24	1 JUDITH RAE: 2 Yeah. 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 4 So I mean, to the best of my mind, you know, I 5 think I did the best there. But I did put it in 6 there. That's why I thought it was unreliable 7 because it showed a smaller one in the previous 8 time frame, which would be, if not impossible, 9 implausible, right? Yeah. 10 JUDITH RAE: 11 Okay. And the last one for this page is 12 ICC-0151, which I think is this document, which 13 is another <i>Community Health Needs Assessment</i>. 14 It's from 2011. And I think it also -- no, 15 that's right. So yeah, no, for a second I was 16 thinking if it was an exhibit, but I don't -- I'm 17 just looking back. No, I don't think it is. I 18 think it's just the one of them that is. But 19 this is -- 20 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 21 That's <i>It Takes a Community to Raise a Child?</i> 22 Yeah. Yeah, that's right. 23 JUDITH RAE: 24 Yeah, that was the other document you used?
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1 JUDITH RAE: 2 - for the 1999 figure? Yeah. Somewhere there -- 3 oh, yeah, and there's the population figure. 4 It's not hard to find. It's right there. And 5 that's the one that you thought might look 6 unlikely. 7 8 Can you help just explain why you thought it 9 might be unlikely or unreliable? You mentioned 10 just, it -- because it was lower? 11 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 12 Yeah, I mean, it's -- I think -- I don't have it 13 front of me right now, but there was a finding 14 the year or two before, right? And it showed 15 that the population dipped, right? If you were 16 follow that -- you know, that thread of logic. 17 So to my mind if -- it didn't shrink, you know, 18 in the period of time. The population, to my 19 mind and from what we studied, like doesn't 20 decrease in the community. So that's why I found 21 it unreliable or unlikely source. But I did 22 include it because, I mean, it was written there 23 in that fashion, right? So I mean, a lot of 24 these are estimates Judith, right?	1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 2 Yeah. Yeah. I made a legend there prior to this 3 meeting on all the different sources that I put 4 there and that corresponds with it. 5 JUDITH RAE: 6 Okay. All right. Thank you. Okay. So I think 7 then we've wrapped up the sources for page 4. So 8 I'm just going to turn over to page 5. Oh, I had 9 one other question, sorry, about page 4. You 10 mentioned it in your presentation. So in the 11 Analysis section on page 4? 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 13 Yeah. 14 JUDITH RAE: 15 You mention kind of current estimate from ISC and 16 community sources for the two populations, closer 17 to 1,000 for Natuashish and about 2,000 for 18 Sheshatshiu. 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 20 Yeah. 21 JUDITH RAE: 22 Is there any more you can kind of tell us about 23 those sources? 24

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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 2 I think I just kind of more or less put that on 3 anecdotally. You know what I mean? We know that 4 community -- you know, in the community. But I 5 mean, you can confer with -- you know, through 6 some of my work with the IRT and the data 7 initiative that those numbers are closer to that, 8 right? And I know -- I mean, the top of my mind, 9 I know the -- when we did a Sheshatshiu 10 community-based report on population, I think it 11 was, like, a 2117 as of, like, December 2023, you 12 know. This is going from the top of my mind, 13 right? 14 JUDITH RAE: 15 Yeah. 16 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 17 But I mean, it's along those lines. You know, 18 and it's from, you know, both the community and 19 the reports, (inaudible), some of the ISC 20 registration. Now, with ISC registration, you 21 know this, Judith, like the -- you know, the 22 registrations don't -- aren't -- are usually not 23 as high as the full community total. 24	1 the stat from '97 to 2009. So I did find it. So 2 where -- sorry, I mentioned the page and then I 3 didn't write it down actually. 4 5 Does this look like the right document to you, 6 even if I don't find the right page? 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 8 Yeah, it's the right document. The document -- 9 what was the -- what was the number for it? 0? 10 0158, right? 11 JUDITH RAE: 12 The suicide rate, yeah. So it mentions here -- 13 oh, here it is, yes. 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 15 Okay. Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's right. 16 JUDITH RAE: 17 Okay. And then the other -- 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 19 I found it. I found it. Yeah, go ahead. No, go 20 ahead. 21 JUDITH RAE: 22 Oh, it's okay. No, go ahead. What were you 23 going to say? 24
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1 JUDITH RAE: 2 Yeah. 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 4 But we have noticed in recent years, particularly 5 now, like it's really getting close, maybe even 6 as much as 95 percent of the community, if not 7 more, are getting registered. So the registry 8 total is actually pretty good reflection of the 9 community total in the past few years, maybe 10 three, four years. 11 JUDITH RAE: 12 Okay. Okay. So I'll -- we can move over to page 13 5 - 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 15 Yeah. 16 JUDITH RAE: 17 - where there's some stats here on suicide rate. 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 19 Right. 20 JUDITH RAE: 21 The first one is ICC-0158. That looks -- so I 22 pulled that up. It's this document, "<i>Labrador</i> 23 <i>Innu Community Needs Assessment Summary</i>." Sorry, 24 from 2012. And I think what this is informing is	1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 2 That was 0158, right? 3 JUDITH RAE: 4 Yes. 5 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 6 Yeah, I got -- I put down "<i>Innu Community Needs</i> 7 <i>Assessment</i>." Maybe it was -- that was wrong, I 8 guess. I guess this is different. 9 JUDITH RAE: 10 This is, I think, a provincial summary of the -- 11 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 12 There it is. There it is. Community Needs 13 Assessment. 14 JUDITH RAE: 15 Yeah. 16 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 17 Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, okay. 18 JUDITH RAE: 19 Okay. 20 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 21 Yeah. 22 JUDITH RAE: 23 And then the other one, I had trouble finding. 24

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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 Yeah.
 3 JUDITH RAE:
 4 So it mentions preprod. So I'll just explain. I
 5 think preprod relates to OKT's database,
 6 potentially, that we've used for the Inquiry.
 7 Now, I do think all the sources in here --
 8 because you were provided them from the Inquiry,
 9 they should have -- and all the ones that --
 10 almost all of them I was able to find did have an
 11 ICC number. I pulled up preprod-00171, and it
 12 came up with this document, which is -- the ICC
 13 number for it is 79. But this document, I
 14 couldn't find any stats in it that related to
 15 suicide. This is just a two-page document. So
 16 I'm guessing this not the document you used.
 17
 18 Do you recall what was the other document that
 19 you used?
 20 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 21 This is what we're talking about, PP --
 22 preprod-171?
 23 JUDITH RAE:
 24 Yeah.

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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 I've got *Sheshatshiu Community Assessment*. It's
 3 something similar to the previous one. But it
 4 was -- I wrote down that it was the *Sheshatshiu*
 5 *Community Assessment*. I don't have the year or
 6 anything like that, but that was the title of the
 7 document. Because I do -- I know when I did all
 8 this I copied, pasted every single, like, nugget
 9 of information.
 10 JUDITH RAE:
 11 Yes.
 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 13 Put it in this really big Word document. It's
 14 a -- I don't know how many pages. A lot of
 15 pages, right.
 16 JUDITH RAE:
 17 Yeah.
 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 19 Maybe more. And I did put that there. So it
 20 was a -- it was a *Sheshatshiu Community*
 21 *Assessment*, (inaudible). But I don't have it.
 22 JUDITH RAE:
 23 Okay. Thank you for that. That's good. So we
 24 could -- we have -- there was a few that we just

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1 looked through. I'm not going to go back and
 2 look through them all now.
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 Yeah.
 5 JUDITH RAE:
 6 But we could, maybe -- perhaps, if possible, if I
 7 might ask if the Inquiry could maybe just work
 8 with you, Mike. And, Mr. Collins, maybe if you
 9 could work with Mr. Batchelor just to confirm
 10 which source that is, that would be helpful.
 11 (Request 1)
 12 MICHAEL COLLINS:
 13 (Inaudible). Thank you.
 14 JUDITH RAE:
 15 Okay. Thank you. Okay. So we can turn, then,
 16 to page 6. So page 6, I think this is where
 17 your -- so the out-of-community placement, so if
 18 I understand your presentation, right, Mike, this
 19 is still based on, you know, what -- your work
 20 kind of going through a number of documents
 21 provided to you by the Inquiry. And --
 22 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 23 That's right, yeah.
 24

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 And pulling from that. Okay. So I've pulled up
 3 the list. So you cite, at the bottom it says
 4 ICC preprod." I think these are ICC numbers and
 5 which is Inquiry numbers. So I'll just run
 6 through them and you can tell me if you think
 7 they're -- if they are the correct ones.
 8 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 9 Yeah, you got it.
 10 JUDITH RAE:
 11 So the first is -- ICC-27. Hold on. That's not
 12 it. I got to find it. Is that one that we
 13 already looked at? Hold on.
 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 15 No.
 16 JUDITH RAE:
 17 No. Hold on, let me just see if I neglected to
 18 open it. Apologies, everyone. Give me a sec. I
 19 just might need to go back into my document here
 20 and hopefully find it. Oh I see, okay. I'm just
 21 saying verbally the wrong thing. So it's at the
 22 bottom of the page on page 6 -- so sorry, in the
 23 middle of the page but at the bottom of the
 24 charts, it said "ICC preprod." And when I --

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1 when we looked at this, I think what we found is
 2 that we think they are preprod numbers, meaning
 3 numbers that other people in the Inquiry, other
 4 parties might not understand what they are. But
 5 we've been able to figure out which ICC number
 6 those are.
 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 8 Okay.
 9 JUDITH RAE:
 10 So okay. I will come back here. So hold on. I
 11 was in the right spot and now I've just messed
 12 up. So this is it.
 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 14 Yes.
 15 JUDITH RAE:
 16 So you can't see the full document title here,
 17 sorry, because I have so many things opened. But
 18 where it says at the top "P-168," that's an
 19 exhibit number, P-168. And it says, "ICC 1602."
 20 This preprod says "27." And that document is
 21 this Sheshatshiu *Out-of-Community Review Report*
 22 from May 2016. Is this the document -- one of
 23 the documents you used as a source?
 24

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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 Yeah, community report out of place -- yeah,
 3 out-of-community, yeah.
 4 JUDITH RAE:
 5 Right. Okay. And I'll just show it has -- it
 6 definitely has a number of stats in it. Children
 7 in care, type of. And I think it gets into, you
 8 know, how many were out of community and so on.
 9 Because it's focusing, as it says, on who was out
 10 of community. So that's part of the stats here.
 11
 12 Okay. The next one is this one. So this one,
 13 it's also an exhibit, P-344. And the preprod
 14 number is 28, which is what's listed in your
 15 document. The ICC number is 1603. And this
 16 document is *Keeping Innu Children Closer to Home*,
 17 which is a kind of proposal that the Innu put
 18 together for the placement, what's also known as
 19 the *5 Placement Plan*. It does have some stats in
 20 it around Innu children placed out of the
 21 community.
 22
 23 Is this one of the sources you used for this
 24 page?

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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 Yes, it is.
 3 JUDITH RAE:
 4 Okay. So I just kind of scrolled there. It has
 5 some stats on that and location. The next one is
 6 preprod-1870. That one is not an exhibit, but
 7 it's ICC-1732. So that is a meeting of the CYFS
 8 subcommittee. So that's an IRT committee, a
 9 tripartite committee. I believe CYFS would be
 10 Child, Youth and Family Services. Is that your
 11 understanding?
 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 13 What was it, 1870?
 14 JUDITH RAE:
 15 Oh, CYFS. I just -- I think it's Child, Youth
 16 and Family Services. Is that how you would read
 17 it?
 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 19 Yeah. No, I'm just saying what number were you
 20 saying this was? This is -- you got a preprod in
 21 ICC?
 22 JUDITH RAE:
 23 That's right. So the preprod number --
 24

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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 Yeah, yeah, that's right. The April 2017 IRT
 3 meeting minutes. Yeah.
 4 JUDITH RAE:
 5 That's right.
 6 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 7 That's right.
 8 JUDITH RAE:
 9 2017 IRT meeting minutes.
 10 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 11 Right. Yes.
 12 JUDITH RAE:
 13 That's what your notes say.
 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 15 That's right.
 16 JUDITH RAE:
 17 It has some emails from Susan Walsh and then it
 18 has, basically, a bunch of materials from this
 19 meeting with somebody's notes. So this is
 20 something the Inquiry, you know, has pulled up.
 21 And I believe it does have some stats in it, if I
 22 find it. Here. So it has a bunch of stats here
 23 and some graphs, and a few more here kind of
 24 written out.

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1 Does that look familiar? Is that the source?
 2 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 3 Yeah, yeah, it looks really familiar. Yeah. I
 4 recognize this document, yeah.
 5 JUDITH RAE:
 6 Okay. And the last one is preprod-1900. That is
 7 ICC-1762 and it's a group home proposal. So kind
 8 of further to the *5 Placement Plan*, this is
 9 specific to the proposal for the group home in
 10 Sheshatshiu. And it does have some stats
 11 somewhere in there.
 12 Do you know if that's your last source for this
 13 document?
 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 15 Yeah, that looks correct. Yeah.
 16 JUDITH RAE:
 17 Okay. I don't know if I can find where they are,
 18 but it would make...
 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 20 It's the group home proposal, yeah.
 21 JUDITH RAE:
 22 It's the group home proposal, that's what your

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1 note said. Okay. I won't scroll through to try
 2 to find it. Okay.
 3 Did that catch all the sources for this page?
 4 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 5 To the best of my knowledge what I wrote down,
 6 yeah.
 7 JUDITH RAE:
 8 Yeah. Okay. Okay. So let's go to page -- oh, I
 9 have one other question about -- a couple of
 10 questions, actually, just to confirm a few things
 11 for this page.
 12 So for this page, page 6, is -- am I correct in
 13 understanding that you didn't use, say, the
 14 quarterly reports or, you know, those other or
 15 the ISC maintenance reports? That you were just
 16 using the historical documents that we just went
 17 through?
 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 19 That's correct. I just used exactly what was
 20 sent to me like in this, you know, treasure-trove
 21 of different -- a lot of different sources, a lot
 22 of different reports. I just went on that. And

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1 they may be duplicated or even countered by some
 2 of these, like, maybe more official reports that
 3 you get from Newfoundland, I'm not sure. But for
 4 this particular -- this one here is the
 5 historical stuff. So like you saw, we went
 6 through minutes and all that kind of stuff on the
 7 preprod and stuff, it is just strictly from that
 8 stuff that I -- yeah.
 9 JUDITH RAE:
 10 Okay. Great. And just to confirm, you know, the
 11 kind of housekeeping matter I confirmed before,
 12 the bar graph is made from the chart is my
 13 understanding.
 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 15 It's from the chart.
 16 JUDITH RAE:
 17 So those would match up?
 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 19 They would match up, yeah.
 20 JUDITH RAE:
 21 They'd match up, okay. And one other question,
 22 I'm not sure if you can answer. But you know, in
 23 saying placements, out-of-community placements -
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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 Yeah.
 3 JUDITH RAE:
 4 - do you have an understanding of what that
 5 encompasses? Did you see references to, say, in
 6 care or custody of the province? Do you know if
 7 it would include kinship or are we talking about
 8 those in care or custody of the province?
 9 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 10 I don't -- I really wouldn't be able to answer
 11 that. I don't know if that includes that or not.
 12 I'm not -- where it's more into statistical, I
 13 don't know the intricate -- like particularly
 14 like -
 15 JUDITH RAE:
 16 Right.
 17 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 18 - how much that would encompass, as much as I
 19 just reported what it said on the sheets, right?
 20 JUDITH RAE:
 21 Fair enough. I mean, I think it's possible that
 22 it is quite a bit more likely that it would be in
 23 the care and custody of the province since people
 24 are out of community, and kinship placements

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1 would -- might not be covered in that. But does
 2 that make sense to you?
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 That makes sense to me, yeah.
 5 JUDITH RAE:
 6 Okay. And did you find any numbers that went
 7 later than May 2018?
 8 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 9 I mean, it's been such a long time. Possibly,
 10 but I'm thinking -- I've -- I don't believe so.
 11 JUDITH RAE:
 12 Yeah. Okay. And same with earlier than 2014?
 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 14 I definitely -- looking back, like probably did
 15 see some stuff later than '18, but maybe not. I
 16 can't answer that question. But definitely if it
 17 was earlier than '14 I would have put it in for
 18 sure because we were looking to focus on
 19 historical, and this was --
 20 JUDITH RAE:
 21 Yeah.
 22 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 23 You know what I mean? Yeah.
 24

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 Yeah. Okay. So this is what you found?
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 Yeah.
 5 JUDITH RAE:
 6 Okay. Okay. Thank you. So we can then turn to
 7 page 7.
 8 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 9 Yeah.
 10 JUDITH RAE:
 11 Which is out-of-province placement.
 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 13 Right.
 14 JUDITH RAE:
 15 Okay. So before running through the sources, I
 16 just want to ask about the redaction. So you
 17 mentioned in your -- in the report analysis and
 18 you explained it in your presentation, that you
 19 redacted numbers less than 5. You mentioned that
 20 just as a good statistical practice.
 21
 22 Can you just explain that a little bit more for
 23 us?
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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 Sure. I mean, I thought about keeping them in
 3 there. I think some of them were for three and
 4 everything like that. But I know, in general,
 5 when we do statistics like, you know, be it Stats
 6 Can or other -- you know, when you have a lower
 7 number, let's say it's less than 5, there's a
 8 sense that you might be able to identify those
 9 people if there's one person, you know, that is
 10 that. And you know they're the one person in
 11 that stat. So it's just general practice when
 12 you have really low numbers like that. And
 13 generally 5 is the magic number that you redact
 14 out.
 15 JUDITH RAE:
 16 Okay. So I'm not -- I could put the document on
 17 the screen if you want, but if you could look at
 18 page 7.
 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 20 Yeah, I'm looking at it.
 21 JUDITH RAE:
 22 You're looking at it, okay. On the rows where
 23 there's been a number redacted -
 24

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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 Yeah.
 3 JUDITH RAE:
 4 - the total follows -- equals the Sheshatshiu
 5 number. And so I would just like to ask, is it
 6 safe to assume that, in fact, that total is
 7 higher?
 8 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 9 It -- well, it herbally is actually. And it's a
 10 good oversight that he mentioned there. Because,
 11 yeah, like the total is indeed higher because the
 12 number -- it wouldn't be zero and it would be
 13 between 0 and 5, right? So let's say that last
 14 one, which is like 7, for Sheshatshiu and
 15 redacted for Natuashish, and the total is 7, the
 16 total actually is upwards of 7, minimum 8 and
 17 then like maximum 7 plus 4. You know what I
 18 mean? Eleven or whatever.
 19 JUDITH RAE:
 20 I understand, yeah.
 21 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 22 (Inaudible) the math really quickly here, but you
 23 get the idea, yeah. It's if the -- the total
 24 would be higher, yes.

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 Okay. I understand.
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 So you can redact the total or you can just say
 5 higher than 7, yeah.
 6 JUDITH RAE:
 7 Okay. Thank you. And so if I can make a
 8 suggestion, if you do decide to do an updated
 9 version of the report, one possibility could be
 10 to include a total for those rows, but not
 11 include either community number so that we're not
 12 using any number less than 5, but we do get an
 13 accurate total. (Request 2) Just a suggestion.
 14 It's to take into consideration perhaps because I
 15 worry a little bit about those totals being kind
 16 of nonrepresentative.
 17 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 18 Sure, yeah. And you're absolutely right, Judith.
 19 Those redacted totals, when you combine them
 20 both, they wouldn't be higher than the total that
 21 was there, which is kind of an automatic, I guess
 22 you could say, count. And it counted the
 23 redacted as zero, but really it's at least one.
 24 So that's correct. Yeah.

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 Okay. Great. So then I'll just do the sources.
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 Yeah.
 5 JUDITH RAE:
 6 So first when we actually looked at this document
 7 before, which is preprod-28, it is ICC-1603, and
 8 it's Exhibit P-344, which is the *5 Placement*
 9 *Plan, Keeping Innu Children Closer to Home*.
 10
 11 Does that look like one of the -- your sources?
 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 13 Yes, it is.
 14 JUDITH RAE:
 15 For this page?
 16 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 17 Yeah.
 18 JUDITH RAE:
 19 Yeah, okay. The next one I have is preprod-1856,
 20 which is ICC-1718. And that one is also an
 21 exhibit, which is P-192. Does this look like --
 22 so this has minutes of an IRT meeting from 2016.
 23 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 24 That's what I have written, yeah.

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 That's what you've written as well. Okay.
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 Yeah.
 5 JUDITH RAE:
 6 And maybe I just didn't look at it carefully
 7 enough. I didn't notice where the stats were in
 8 here, but it may be that I'm -- just didn't see
 9 them. They -- they had a short -- it did mention
 10 here, 64 outside the communities. But it didn't
 11 mention an out-of-province number that I could
 12 find.
 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 14 Okay.
 15 JUDITH RAE:
 16 It's probably a bit hard to ask you to recall
 17 right now, having not gone back to it.
 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 19 I mean, it's a long time ago. I mean, from what
 20 I gather, that was the one that I put down. I
 21 mean, wrote that down in the legend so hopefully
 22 it's -- I mean, I would hope -- think that it
 23 would be there but if -- you know. I could have
 24 made an error, you know. It's possible, yeah.

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 Yeah, I understand. And that's fine. And if
 3 there -- that might be one to just double-check,
 4 if you do go back. (Request 3)
 5 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 6 Okay. I'll make a note of that. Yeah.
 7 JUDITH RAE:
 8 Okay. The next one is -- like, and I haven't
 9 reinstructed all the charts or anything so I
 10 don't really know. But this one is preprod-1857,
 11 and so that is ICC-1719, which an exhibit, P-199.
 12 It has materials from an IRT CYFS committee
 13 meeting from February 2016. It looks like this.
 14 And just have some stats in it in here.
 15
 16 Does that look like one of the documents you used
 17 for this page?
 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 19 That's 1857? Like based on what I put there,
 20 right? Yeah, '15-'16 meeting minutes that's what
 21 I got.
 22 JUDITH RAE:
 23 That's right.
 24

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1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 2 Yeah.
 3 JUDITH RAE:
 4 That's right. Okay. Yeah. That's right. And
 5 this one is preprod-1870. I think this is one of
 6 the ones we looked at before. It's ICC-1732.
 7 It's a CYFS committee meeting from 2017. And we
 8 had looked at it before. It does have a page or
 9 two, if I'm not -- with some stats. Does this
 10 look like one of the ones you would have used for
 11 that out-of-province page, page 7?
 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 13 Yes, that's right.
 14 JUDITH RAE:
 15 Yeah, okay. I think there's just a couple more.
 16 Preprod-1873 is this document which is ICC-1735.
 17 It's -- it looks to me like a provincial
 18 government briefing about an IRT meeting held in
 19 June 2018, and it has a number of kind of pieces.
 20 But it does have some notes on statistics.
 21 There's some there, and I think a bit more follow
 22 in the materials, if I'm not mistaken. Oh,
 23 sorry. There is a bunch of other stuff in here.
 24

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1 But do you recognize this as the document you
 2 would have used -- one of your sources for page
 3 7? Mike, I think you're on mute.
 4 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 5 Yeah, that's right. That looks very familiar. I
 6 can see, you know, the nature of these documents,
 7 Judith, like how they're -- sometimes they --
 8 they're different lengths and sometimes -- I
 9 mean, this one, in particular, it looks like it
 10 kind of changes formats altogether into, like, a
 11 statistical -- you know what I mean?
 12 JUDITH RAE:
 13 I do.
 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 15 So very --
 16 JUDITH RAE:
 17 It would have been --
 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 19 Yeah, go ahead.
 20 JUDITH RAE:
 21 I can imagine it was a lot of work for you to
 22 sift through.
 23 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 24 Yeah, it was. It really was.

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 Okay. And the last one for this page is
 3 preprod-1900. And that is we -- looked at
 4 it before.
 5 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 6 Group home proposal.
 7 JUDITH RAE:
 8 Yeah, the group home proposal. Okay. And is
 9 that the document you have referenced for this
 10 page?
 11 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 12 Yes, yeah.
 13 JUDITH RAE:
 14 Okay. Thanks very much. So that takes us
 15 through that piece of work. Thank you for your
 16 patience with me on that. And I do have some
 17 questions on the other pages.
 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 19 Yeah.
 20 JUDITH RAE:
 21 So just want to -- oh, sorry. And just for page
 22 7, I don't know if I asked this, but just
 23 confirming that the chart follows the -- sorry,
 24 the graph follows the chart? Like, the bar graph

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1 that's attached?
 2 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 3 Oh, yeah. Absolutely. Every time, yeah.
 4 JUDITH RAE:
 5 Okay. And -- okay. Turning to page 8. So for
 6 the remaining pages I don't have the sources and
 7 I don't, to my knowledge, think they have ICC
 8 numbers. So I just wanted to ask some questions
 9 about those. And you've indicated the source for
 10 this page as ISC Maintenance Report. Or that --
 11 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 12 Yes, that's right.
 13 JUDITH RAE:
 14 It -- actually, it just says "ISC," and then in
 15 the bar graph it says "Maintenance Report." Can
 16 you just tell me a little bit more about the
 17 source or sources for this page?
 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 19 Right. I don't know if that was -- I can't
 20 recall where it was sent to me. It from have
 21 been from OKT or mostly likely, the Inquiry, you
 22 know, people but -- and I don't believe I had ICC
 23 numbers or I would probably put it there, right?
 24 But the -- what I see is, they were reports, I

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1 guess. There was a monthly report. I believe 2 it's for many different months. So what I did 3 was I just put -- I picked, you know, arbitrary 4 month, like June, and then just kind of put what 5 was written on there. And I guess, it broke down 6 by, like, total cases, foster care, group home 7 institutional. And there might have been other 8 details. But in terms of what I could, you know, 9 at least, graph out or table out, that's what I 10 -- that's what I based it on. 11 JUDITH RAE: 12 Okay. So is it one document or is it a series of 13 documents; do you recall? 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 15 I believe it was a series of documents. 16 JUDITH RAE: 17 Yeah. 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 19 Like, I believe, for 2013, you had, say, you 20 know, a bunch of different months. And then, you 21 know, and so on and so forth. '14, '15, '16 and 22 so on. And then I just picked June as a month to 23 go forward from there. 24	1 ask you to work with Mr. Collins, perhaps, to 2 share those documents as a follow-up. I am not 3 convinced they currently have ICC numbers that 4 were provided in the disclosure. But I, of 5 course, could be wrong about that. But if I may 6 ask for those to be identified with ICC numbers 7 and shared, that would be very helpful. (Request 8 4) 9 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 10 Sounds good. 11 JUDITH RAE: 12 Okay. Great. Thank you very much. And 13 Mr. Batchelor, do you have any information just 14 to -- do you know anything about how those 15 maintenance reports were made or why they were 16 made, or do you know anything else about kind of 17 where they come from? 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 19 No, I'd only be guessing if I were to tell you 20 how they were made or who filled them out or 21 anything like that. I was just going based on 22 what was written on them. 23 JUDITH RAE: 24 And did you see any reports from after June 2023
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1 JUDITH RAE: 2 Okay. And do you have a number or other -- you 3 don't -- another kind of identifier for these 4 documents? 5 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 6 I don't believe they had ICC numbers. I could be 7 mistaken, but I don't have them in front of me. 8 No. No. 9 JUDITH RAE: 10 Okay. So as a follow-up -- 11 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 12 But I can get you the report. Yeah. 13 JUDITH RAE: 14 Pardon. Sorry, pardon? Go ahead. 15 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 16 Oh. Yeah, I do have them on -- like, I do have 17 the documents of these that correspond with 18 this within my -- you know, on my hard drive and 19 everything like that. So I can look into that. 20 But from what I gather, they didn't have ICC 21 numbers or I would have included them. I could 22 be mistaken. 23 JUDITH RAE: 24 Okay. Thank you. So if I could, as a follow-up,	1 or from before June 2013? 2 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 3 I don't believe. Honestly, I don't believe I 4 saw anything after 2023. Although most likely 5 not. But definitely nothing before 2013 because 6 we were kind of looking for more historical 7 stuff, and I would have been -- I wanted -- when 8 I made this, I was looking for stuff that was -- 9 I was hoping to go back as far as we could, 10 right? But, so I don't believe that I did see -- 11 but I don't believe I actually went past 2023 12 either. And I know for sure we didn't go before 13 2013. 14 JUDITH RAE: 15 Okay. Thank you. Just noting that we're kind of 16 in the last few months of the Inquiry. If I may, 17 Mr. Collins, ask if Commission counsel could just 18 perhaps follow up with the Federal government to 19 see if there are any additional years available 20 that could be looked at as we wrap up? (Request 21 5) That would be appreciated too. 22 MICHAEL COLLINS: 23 We'll see. 24

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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 Okay. Thank you. In terms of -- this may be --
 3 again, I'm asking questions that may not be
 4 answerable by you, Mr. Batchelor. But in terms
 5 of the categories used in these reports, what
 6 they call foster care, group home and
 7 institutional, do you know how they define those
 8 categories? How ISC defines them or these
 9 reports define them?
 10 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 11 No, I don't.
 12 JUDITH RAE:
 13 Okay. Something we noticed when we reviewed them
 14 is that the total case -- when we reviewed this
 15 page of the report, is that the total cases
 16 column is more than the categories of foster
 17 home -- foster care group home and institutional,
 18 even where there's numbers for all three.
 19
 20 Did you -- do you know if there's additional
 21 categories, or do you have any kind of thought --
 22 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 23 From my recollection -
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1 JUDITH RAE:
 2 Yeah.
 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 4 - from like way back when I did this, there may
 5 have been additional categories, yes. And they
 6 were very - what's the word like, you know -
 7 mixed. You know what I mean? Like, occasionally
 8 they were there; occasionally they weren't. But
 9 there was a couple of additional categories. I
 10 can't remember from the top of my mind what they
 11 were. But I believe that there was a couple --
 12 like a few times, anyways, where they -- that did
 13 appear, yeah.
 14 JUDITH RAE:
 15 Okay. They just were smaller, were not as
 16 consistently given?
 17 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 18 That's correct, yeah.
 19 JUDITH RAE:
 20 Okay. Okay. Thanks. Okay. So turning over to
 21 pages 9 and 10, the quarterlies, as it says. So
 22 on page 10, in the middle of the page there, it
 23 gives the source as Government of NL Quarterly
 24 Statistics for Child Protection and In Care. So

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1 there's another source mentioned there too, but
 2 I'll just start with that.
 3
 4 So my understanding is that that is the source
 5 for the charts on page 9.
 6 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 7 We're talking about the youth in care and all
 8 that stuff? Yeah, yeah. That was the source
 9 with these quarterly statistics. And they may
 10 have an ICC number, but I didn't put them in
 11 there because I thought that was sufficient to
 12 put that they were quarterly statistics from
 13 Government of NL for child protection.
 14 JUDITH RAE:
 15 Okay. I haven't seen one. So similar -- and I
 16 don't believe we have those documents. So
 17 similarly, if I could ask if you and Mr. Collins
 18 could work together to ensure that those -- well,
 19 I mean, I know, Mike, you can't ensure the ICC
 20 number part.
 21
 22 But, Mr. Collins, if you could help us circulate
 23 those to the parties and identify ICC numbers for
 24 them? (Request 6)

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1 MICHAEL COLLINS:
 2 I'll help ensure that any information that's been
 3 identified and circulated.
 4 JUDITH RAE:
 5 Thank you. And similarly, if it's possible,
 6 Mr. Collins, to work with the Province to see if
 7 there are additional years available, say later
 8 than 2023 or earlier, if that's possible, if it
 9 could be looked into? (Request 7)
 10 MICHAEL COLLINS:
 11 (Inaudible). I'm slightly more concerned about
 12 trying to proceed -- expand the scope of the
 13 evidence that we have at this -- given the time.
 14 But we'll see what's possible.
 15 JUDITH RAE:
 16 Understood. I mean, just to -- our interest is
 17 just as we wrap up just trying to ensure the data
 18 we have is as current as possible. You know,
 19 just helps share part of the picture.
 20
 21 Okay. And looking at page 9, Mr. Batchelor,
 22 these two charts -- so unlike the other charts
 23 that you did, there isn't -- I'm not using
 24 careful enough words. There's two graphs here on

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1 page 9, the line graphs, but we don't have a kind 2 of chart or table -- like, we don't have a table 3 of the actual numbers that created it. 4 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 5 That's right, you don't. 6 JUDITH RAE: 7 And could I request for you to provide the tables 8 that informed these two line graphs? (Request 8) 9 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 10 Yeah, we can (audio drops - inaudible). I think 11 -- and I believe for this one, I don't think -- I 12 know I used at least two months, maybe 13 potentially more. Like, it was an enormous 14 amount of numbers to run, and that's why I didn't 15 put them in there, into the report because it's 16 just -- it was just -- it would have taken up the 17 whole report. I don't know. I'm exaggerating. 18 But you know what I mean? It would have been a 19 very, very long, maybe potentially, like, 20 horizontally long amount of numbers. And instead 21 I just put it in a graph form. But I do have 22 that. 23 JUDITH RAE: 24 Okay. If there's a way to do it, I would -- I	1 documents right from (inaudible). 2 JUDITH RAE: 3 Yes. And just to confirm, this is tracking as a 4 percentage of the whole Innu population, so not 5 like a child-specific population? 6 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 7 Yes, that's the entire population, registered 8 Innu population. Yeah, that's correct. 9 JUDITH RAE: 10 Yeah, okay. All right. Thank you. You -- just 11 turning to pages 11 and 12. So this one I just 12 want to make sure that I definitely understand 13 how the analysis was done. And you did go 14 through it in your presentation as well. But 15 here -- my understanding then is, and you can 16 tell me if this is right, you've noticed that on 17 average around 17 percent of - 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 19 That's right. 20 JUDITH RAE: 21 - Newfoundland and Labrador children in care are 22 Innu? 23 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 24 Right.
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1 would ask for that because especially when 2 looking at the Innu portion of the graph in blue 3 it can be hard to read the finer points, and you 4 know see the changes when it's kind of 5 compressed, like, you know. And if we can have 6 the actual numbers, it would just help us in 7 understanding it. And even if that could be an 8 appendix or something. I understand how it might 9 be long. But I think seeing the table there 10 would be helpful. 11 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 12 Okay. 13 JUDITH RAE: 14 Okay. And the final -- not final, just wrapping 15 up on this page 9-10. So turning to page 10, 16 Registered Population From ISC. So I understand 17 that to be like registered under the Indian Act 18 with Indigenous - 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 20 Yeah. 21 JUDITH RAE: 22 - Services Canada. 23 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 24 That's correct, Judith. You're familiar with the	1 JUDITH RAE: 2 Having looked at the quarterly data? 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 4 Yes. 5 JUDITH RAE: 6 And so you used -- you applied that percentage as 7 an assumption - 8 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 9 Correct. 10 JUDITH RAE: 11 - to the number in kinship? 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 13 That's right, yeah. 14 JUDITH RAE: 15 Okay. And so this isn't based on actual Innu 16 kinship data. It could be different? 17 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 18 It's -- no, I mean, you know what? And it may be 19 a bit of a reach too, you know what? Because 20 it's -- you know, why are using some assumptions 21 that it's 17 percent, but I just (audio drops - 22 inaudible) the Inquiry team, like this is 23 probably, like, the best we can do. And I know 24 there was an appetite for some of this kinship

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1 information. So it's the best... (Audio drops.) 2 JUDITH RAE: 3 Okay. Thank you. There was a bit of an internet 4 blip there, but do you want to just repeat that 5 answer one more time? It basically came across 6 but just in case, that might be a good idea. 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 8 Sure, yeah. I mean, we didn't have the actual 9 Innu kinship numbers. I'm trying to (inaudible) 10 on my brain, but I remember it was something like 11 if there was some total kinship and there was 12 Labrador and you know, there was everybody but, 13 so I just used an average 17 percent and just put 14 that in each year, and then created this kind of 15 total. So it's not particularly -- I mean, it's 16 a best guess. It's an estimation, really, of 17 what it could be. 18 JUDITH RAE: 19 Okay. Thank you. And it was the same kind of 20 approach on page 12 for foster homes. So this is 21 an actual number - 22 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 23 That's correct. 24	1 that -- that's my understanding; is that correct? 2 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 3 That's very correct, yeah. It's confidential to 4 the Nation. So we did get approval, from the 5 band manager, actually to -- I showed him the 6 specific statistics. And I thought it was 7 beneficial to the Inquiry to kind of showcase 8 that a little bit, and that's why they're there. 9 JUDITH RAE: 10 Okay. Thank you. So I'm not going to ask for 11 you to produce the source, given that. 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 13 Right. 14 JUDITH RAE: 15 But just -- is there -- I mean, is there an 16 official name or kind of other way we can refer 17 to it? Like, basically it's a regional health 18 survey. It's held by FNIGC (First Nations 19 Information Governance Centre). It's results for 20 Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation from 2025. 21 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 22 Yes. 23 JUDITH RAE: 24 Is there any other information -
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1 JUDITH RAE: 2 - of the new foster homes? 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 4 Yeah. 5 JUDITH RAE: 6 Okay. It's an estimate based on that assumption? 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 8 Yeah, using an assumption. Yeah, it's an 9 estimated base on assumption, yeah. 10 JUDITH RAE: 11 Okay. Okay. So the last part is the RHS. 12 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 13 Yeah. 14 JUDITH RAE: 15 So just turning to that. So I know what this is, 16 and but I just want to make sure everyone else 17 knows what this is. And you did explain, I 18 think, really well in your presentation today. 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 20 Thank you. 21 JUDITH RAE: 22 And my understanding is that the survey results 23 for Sheshatshiu belong to Sheshatshiu Innu First 24 Nation and are confidential to them. That -- is	1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 2 That's all correct. 3 JUDITH RAE: 4 - or whatever that you would add to identify it? 5 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 6 I think that's everything. I mean, regional 7 health survey, like, select the statistics, you 8 know, for the Inquiry. And, yeah, I mean done by 9 the FNIGC. I guess the CSSPQNL, to be more 10 accurate. FNIGC is more the parent company. 11 JUDITH RAE: 12 Yeah. 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 14 You know, in ownership, I guess, of the SIFN. I 15 just thought, you know, where we have some 16 interesting data and little bit, maybe, beyond 17 the scope of what I was asked to do. But 18 nevertheless, some interesting statistics that I 19 thought would be beneficial for you guys going 20 forward, since it belonged in the community. 21 Some kinship care, I know there was discussion on 22 that. We did our best with the estimate there. 23 And then like total, you know, lifetime in a -- 24 potentially, like, have been in a foster home.

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1 So I just thought it would be some added value, I 2 guess. 3 JUDITH RAE: 4 Definitely. No, definitely. I can see why it's 5 relevant. And I just have one other question 6 about it. The age range of the respondents. 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 8 Yeah. 9 JUDITH RAE: 10 So in the first graphic it says 12 -- what I 11 think is 12-year-old plus. So the respondents 12 are ages 12-plus; is that right? 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 14 That's correct, yeah. 15 JUDITH RAE: 16 And then for the next two, the one about kinship 17 care and foster care, do you know what was the 18 age range of those respondents? 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 20 I think that, from what I gather of the survey, 21 like those under 12, their mom or dad or guardian 22 answered the question on behalf of them. I could 23 be a little wrong, but I believe that there was 24 that kind of, I don't know, zero. Like, there	1 you know what I mean, before. Like maybe it 2 wasn't asked to them. The parental-type question 3 wasn't asked to them on that particular question 4 on the sense of belonging. 5 JUDITH RAE: 6 Yeah. Or it may be harder to know what 7 someone -- what a child -- you know what I mean? 8 Because you have to get it direct from their 9 subjective experience, more subjective. Okay. 10 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 11 Yes, that's true. 12 JUDITH RAE: 13 I understand that. Okay. Thank you very much. 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 15 Yeah. No problem, Judith, thank you. 16 JUDITH RAE: 17 And that covers -- that covers all my questions. 18 Thanks very much. 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 20 Thank you. I need, like, five minutes for a 21 bathroom break there, guys. Is that okay? Or 22 two -- two minutes. 23 MICHAEL COLLINS: 24 So we could --
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1 was, like, a 5 to 12. I could come back and tell 2 you, but. There is a reason why there's 12-plus 3 and total pop. Because I know at 12 and up they 4 answered it themselves. And I think there was an 5 age range below, I don't know how young or 6 whatever, but like, that one there like their 7 parents answered. Because there was very young 8 age range in which the mom or dad or whatever 9 would answer on behalf of them. So when it's 10 total pop, it includes that. And when it's 11 12-year-olds plus, it's just those 12-year-olds. 12 12-year-olds and up. 13 JUDITH RAE: 14 Oh, I see. So -- and it says "total pop." I 15 see. So that would include parent answering on - 16 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 17 On behalf of that age group. 18 JUDITH RAE: 19 - the experience of their child. Yeah. 20 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 21 Yes, yeah. And then with the sense of belonging, 22 I guess it was just the straight answers from 23 those 12-year-olds and up. And I guess that 24 maybe the parents didn't answer that question,	1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 2 I need a bathroom break here, guys. 3 MICHAEL COLLINS: 4 Okay. Very good. 5 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 6 Okay. 7 MICHAEL COLLINS: 8 We'll take two minutes. But I'd also like to -- 9 while you're gone, let's talk about timing. 10 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 11 Okay. I'm... 12 CATHERINE BOYDE: 13 Yeah. Michael I was going to say, I can do my 14 cross now. I don't think I'm going to take very 15 long because I think Ms. Rae covered a few 16 questions I had. So I leave it up to you if you 17 think it makes more sense to take the lunch break 18 now, or if you want me to plow ahead. I may 19 have, I don't know, 15 or 20 minutes. 20 MICHAEL COLLINS: 21 Do we have (inaudible) from Canada? 22 VICTOR RYAN: 23 I don't have more than two to three minutes of 24 questions.

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1 MICHAEL COLLINS:
 2 I think we -- plowing through sounds like it
 3 makes the -- makes sense.
 4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:
 5 Okay.
 6 CATHERINE:
 7 Okay. And we'll take five minutes now then?
 8 MICHAEL COLLINS:
 9 Yeah.
 10 CATHERINE:
 11 Okay.
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 13 (Off the Record)
 14
 15 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN:
 16 Do we have everyone back or we're still waiting
 17 for Catherine, are we?
 18 CATHERINE:
 19 I'm back. Thank you.
 20 UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN:
 21 Oh, perfect. All right.
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1 MR. MICHAEL BATCHELOR,
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 3 CATHERINE BOYDE:
 4 Yeah. So, Mr. Batchelor, I don't have too many
 5 questions. There's just a few things I wanted to
 6 clarify. And I'm going to start by asking you a
 7 pretty general question, I guess, about the
 8 sources of the information.
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 10 So in the first couple of sections, historical
 11 statistics, et cetera, you talk a lot about using
 12 the anecdotal evidence in the historical
 13 documents, like meeting minutes, things like
 14 that. And those documents -
 15 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 16 Right.
 17 CATHERINE BOYDE:
 18 - would have been provided to you. This was not
 19 independent research you were doing; that's -- is
 20 that correct?
 21 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 22 That's correct.
 23 CATHERINE BOYDE:
 24 Okay. And who -- like, what would your source of

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1 those documents have been? Would they have been
 2 provided by Commission counsel or community
 3 leadership? Where were the documents coming
 4 from?
 5 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 6 I had maybe two or three -- one particularly big,
 7 for lack of a better word, like send-out of all
 8 these -- of all these statistics. And I could
 9 down load it from a provincial server. So it was
 10 provided through the Inquiry, you know, the
 11 Inquiry Commission. And like I said, like, it
 12 was from a different -- we went through all the
 13 sources with Judith there. But like many
 14 different kinds of sources, such as like meeting
 15 minutes. Like Maclean's article, I know was
 16 included this one. You know, proposals, emails,
 17 all that kind of stuff. So it was all from that.
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 19 And my guess is for population -- or not guess,
 20 my educated guess, for lack of a better word,
 21 they were -- I don't think they were tallied so
 22 much as it's just anecdotal at the time, but
 23 recorded.
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1 CATHERINE BOYDE:
 2 So you mentioned just later on in the report, for
 3 example, the survey that was done in the
 4 community that talked about kinship placements
 5 and sense of alone. So that would have come from
 6 the band itself. Am I right in saying that?
 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR:
 8 No, that's not right. That's coming from the --
 9 I mean, the band owns it. I mean, based on, you
 10 know, maybe, like, the OCAP principles. But --
 11 not to go too in-depth, but it's like data that's
 12 generated like a survey like this is therefore
 13 owned by the band council. So this was done by
 14 the FNIGC's offshoot, the CSSPQNL, based out of
 15 Quebec City. And then once -- they have it on
 16 their server and also, you know, the band council
 17 also has a copy of all the results of this survey
 18 for many, many different -- much more broader,
 19 you know, line of questions than what I put here,
 20 but I just selected three for it. So in a sense,
 21 yeah, the band council owns it, but it was done
 22 through the CSSPQNL/FNIGC.
 23 CATHERINE BOYDE:
 24 Okay. But I guess just to clarify, did that come

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1 to you through the Commission or was that 2 provided to you -- like, did you have to go out 3 and seek yourself or did they supply them? 4 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 5 I supplied. Yeah, we have -- I have access 6 through it myself. So this was independent. I 7 put it in additionally outside of the -- it was 8 not provided to the Inquiry at all. 9 CATHERINE BOYDE: 10 Okay. 11 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 12 Yeah. 13 CATHERINE BOYDE: 14 Okay. Was there any other information that you 15 sought out yourself or did everything else come 16 from the, I guess, Commission itself? 17 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 18 Every -- yeah, everything else came from the 19 Commission itself. I guess when I did a few 20 comparisons when I'm looking at this report, 21 where I put like, you know, suicide rates are 22 higher. You know what I mean? Like, the -- so, 23 yeah, like, when I looked up the rates, like, 24 from Public health Agency of Canada and then the	1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 2 Yeah. 3 CATHERINE BOYDE: 4 And you said you didn't think that was likely, 5 based on the fact there was a bit of a dip and 6 the population is generally rising. Is that 7 accurate? 8 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 9 That's accurate. I mean, where I'm looking at 10 it, '97 you had 1148. To put in the chart that 11 it went down by 48 people two years later is 12 impossible. So I mean, I debated, you know, 13 removing the entire value from the chart itself, 14 which maybe I should have done. But I did 15 include it anyway because it was written. But I 16 just wanted to put it there. So I guess, maybe 17 it kind of showcases the anecdotal nature of the 18 population estimates, right? 19 CATHERINE BOYDE: 20 Right. Were there any other, I guess, anecdotal 21 sources that you had concerns about their 22 accuracy or is that the one that stands out for 23 you? 24
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1 -- on suicide in Canada and in Newfoundland and 2 that kind of stuff, that was independent. But 3 other than that, all the actual, like, stuff in 4 the graphs outside of the RHS, their survey 5 stuff, that was all provided to me. 6 CATHERINE BOYDE: 7 The anecdotal -- I'm calling them the anecdotal 8 sources you used to - 9 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 10 Yeah. 11 CATHERINE BOYDE: 12 - to pull, say, the population estimates, where 13 those sources would have cited their original 14 source, did you consult those original sources, 15 or were you relying on the -- you were relying on 16 the anecdotal reports that were provided to you? 17 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 18 I was relying on the anecdotal reports provided 19 to me. 20 CATHERINE BOYDE: 21 And where the sources didn't have, I guess, an 22 original source, you mentioned you had some 23 concern with one of the figures, the 1999 24 Sheshatshiu population estimate.	1 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 2 Not particularly. That one, that was the one 3 that really stuck out to me. 4 CATHERINE BOYDE: 5 Okay. And did you -- were you provided with any 6 census data or did you look at any census data 7 when you were looking at the population, or were 8 you keeping a focus on the historical documents? 9 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 10 Census is not a particularly strong indicator 11 in the -- on the reserve communities because 12 there's not often -- like, it's very incomplete. 13 And just going by the top of my mind, like I know 14 when we tried to look at census for Sheshatshiu 15 it is like the population total through the sen, 16 like, it's just, like, the population total 17 through the census are just very, very low. I 18 don't know if that's through low completion of 19 the census or whatever, but it didn't -- I didn't 20 consult the census. I've looked at the census 21 over the years and it's just not -- it's not very 22 accurate. So no, I didn't put the census at all. 23 CATHERINE BOYDE: 24 And I asked you if you did any independent

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1 research and you answered that. But I just want 2 to clarify, in terms of like media reports, you 3 referenced a couple of media reports. 4 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 5 Right. 6 CATHERINE BOYDE: 7 Did you do any research, like looking at old, I 8 guess, newspaper articles, things like that, or 9 you were just focused on the documents you were 10 provided? 11 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 12 It was the documents that were provided. But the 13 documents that were provided did include media 14 reports. Like, for example, the ICC text. YZB 15 was the Maclean's article, right? And I remember 16 Maclean's came up quite a bit in it, actually. 17 But, yeah, so I didn't do any independent 18 research on any independent media articles at 19 all. I just was given what was -- I think the 20 Inquiry people did a scan through and then they 21 provided that to me. 22 CATHERINE BOYDE: 23 Right. And that was -- that was, I guess, 24 communicated to you as the scope of the report,	1 That was, you know, through my own, you know, 2 search. 3 CATHERINE BOYDE: 4 Let's see, okay. On page 3 -- sorry, page 8, and 5 you were asked this by Ms. Rae, the totals in the 6 foster cases group home and institutional and the 7 total is not adding up. And you said there were 8 other categories. 9 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 10 Yeah. 11 CATHERINE BOYDE: 12 Do you remember what the other categories were? 13 I'm assuming the figures must have been small? 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 15 They were small. And I can't remember the title 16 of those different, I guess, you'd call it types 17 of care, types of cases. 18 CATHERINE BOYDE: 19 Okay. But they would have been other, I assume, 20 types of care. Other different forms of -- 21 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 22 There was. I remember -- I mean, they were a 23 form, like a Federal form. And then there was, 24 like, you know, total cases. I think I actually
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1 was it? 2 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 3 Yeah. I don't really understand the question. 4 What do you mean? 5 CATHERINE BOYDE: 6 I'm just looking at your preamble here. The 7 Inquiry team asked you to look into several 8 items. So as you understood it, the request was 9 to take the items that you were given and - 10 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 11 Yes. 12 CATHERINE BOYDE: 13 - and pull data from that, not to do your own -- 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 15 I wasn't -- I wasn't instructed to go, you know - 16 CATHERINE BOYDE: 17 Yes. 18 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 19 - and like, independent searches, particularly 20 media stuff. Although, like we said earlier, 21 there was a few things with the comparison stuff 22 on the analysis. I didn't do a whole lot. But 23 like the Public Health Agency stuff, that was not 24 included under the stuff that was given to me.	1 have to manually count the total of cases of 2 reviews on the bottom. But I -- but there was 3 that. And then there was, like, group home and 4 then institutional, and then maybe there was some 5 other ones. Some of them were left blank, right, 6 in a lot of the cases. 7 8 So really, like, I did add group home and 9 institutional for some context, but really, like 10 the foster care showed up on each one of these. 11 So it's really just kind of maybe more focused in 12 on that. 13 CATHERINE BOYDE: 14 Okay. I'm just going to ask you about something 15 on page 10 of your report. That is the percent 16 of registered Innu population represented as 17 youth and children in care. That's this chart 18 there. 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 20 Yes. 21 CATHERINE BOYDE: 22 You said -- and let me know if you need a second 23 to pull it up. Halfway down your written 24 explanation you said, "NL saw a bump from 2013 to

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1 2020 with a decrease back to its original 2 totals." 3 4 And it wasn't clear. What would those original 5 totals -- where would they have been coming from? 6 Because I understand you didn't have pre-2013 7 data? 8 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 9 Oh, I just meant like 2013 went back to 2013 10 totals, when you look at the policy I see. 11 CATHERINE BOYDE: 12 Oh, okay. 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 14 Yeah. Like, that's what I meant. Like, yeah, it 15 could have been clear, right? Like, the 2023 16 results went back to the 2013 result. Like, 17 totals kind of, right? You can see it starts 18 around just below 800 and ends up around 800 19 with, like, a mountain in the middle. 20 CATHERINE BOYDE: 21 Yeah. 22 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 23 Like a small mountain but nevertheless, right? 24	1 if it was asked like just as it is or if there 2 was a little bit more, like, information or what 3 that question means when it was asked. I can't 4 answer that. I'm not sure. Okay. 5 CATHERINE BOYDE: 6 You -- at page 6. 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 8 Yeah. 9 CATHERINE BOYDE: 10 You had indicated -- again, the reporting here, 11 this is out of community placements, starting in 12 2014. Just hang on a sec. 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 14 Yeah. 15 CATHERINE BOYDE: 16 And you go up to 2018. Was there a particular 17 reason why the cutoff is 2018, or are you aware 18 of the reason why that was the cutoff? 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 20 Yeah. I believe I just looked through the 21 documents and actually is grateful to kind of 22 refresh myself when we went through each single 23 one today. I believe that was kind of the latest 24 ones that we saw that looked reliable, and so I
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1 CATHERINE BOYDE: 2 I had a question and this -- Ms. Rae sort of 3 touched on this in relation to a couple of other 4 charts, but at page 13 of the community survey, 5 that said -- I think it listed 20 percent, which 6 you classified as a sizable minority, 20 percent 7 of respondents, I guess, indicated or 8 self-identified that they had been in kinship 9 care such as extended family. 10 11 And you might not be able to answer this, but 12 would kinship have been defined in that question 13 as placed in the care of the Manager or just a 14 more traditional type, I guess, sort of Innu 15 adoption or Innu family placement? Are you aware 16 of, I guess, what kinship means in that context? 17 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 18 I can't answer if the question was asked in 19 greater detail than that. My hunch is that it 20 was, but I can't because it is, like, somebody 21 who's just taken the survey, right, might just 22 think like what does that mean, right? So like, 23 there might be a further explanation, but I can't 24 answer if exactly which is -- I can't answer you	1 believe that was the reason why. 2 CATHERINE BOYDE: 3 Just hang on a sec. I don't think I have any -- 4 I don't think I have any other questions right 5 now. I think Phil had already mentioned at the 6 outset if we had any other questions we might be 7 looking to follow up. I know there's some time 8 in April set aside for overflow. But I'm not 9 saying we're definitely going to require it, but 10 for now I think I'm good. 11 12 Thank you very much for answering my questions, 13 Mr. Batchelor. 14 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 15 Thank you. 16 MICHAEL COLLINS: 17 Government of Canada? 18 19 <u>MR. MICHAEL BATCHELOR,</u> 20 <u>CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. VICTOR RYAN</u> 21 VICTOR RYAN: 22 Hi. Good afternoon now. My name is Victor Ryan 23 and I'm counsel for the Government of Canada. 24 And as I indicated, I just have a couple of

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1 questions for you and they are all with respect 2 to page 10 of your report. 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 4 Okay. Let me go to it. 5 VICTOR RYAN: 6 Are you there? 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 8 I can't hear you. 9 VICTOR RYAN: 10 Oh, yeah, you're showing on my screen as, like, 11 low bandwidth. What about now, is this any 12 better? 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 14 I can hear you now, Victor. I can hear you now, 15 Victor. Yeah. 16 VICTOR RYAN: 17 Okay. Just please feel free to interrupt me if I 18 cut out again? 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 20 No problem. 21 VICTOR RYAN: 22 Do you have page 10 up on your screen? 23 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 24 I do, yeah.	1 higher total of actual like -- will reflect 2 better on the actual -- it will reflect better on 3 the Innu population as a whole that are 4 registered to the point where the last time I 5 checked it was pretty much around 95 percent of 6 -- at least of the whole population. So it's 7 becoming -- it's become a very reliable figure, 8 to my mind, of the accurate -- of the accuracy of 9 the population. Yeah. 10 VICTOR RYAN: 11 Okay. So in the time period that this chart is 12 covering - 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 14 Yes. 15 VICTOR RYAN: 16 - then you can let me know if you can answer this 17 question or not, is it your understanding that 18 the registration rate for the Innu is increasing? 19 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 20 The registration rate of the Innu is increasing? 21 Absolutely. Yes, it is. 22 VICTOR RYAN: 23 Okay. And do you know what the percentage of 24 Innu youth in total is of the Innu population? I
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1 VICTOR RYAN: 2 Okay. So you had indicated, I believe, when you 3 were running through your report, that at the 4 time that this chart covers the Innu were also 5 seeing an increase in registration. But I just 6 wanted to confirm that. 7 8 Are you talking about roughly this ten-year 9 period or are you talking about a different 10 period earlier on? 11 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 12 In general, I mean, I could just answer if -- I 13 don't know if that's in a roundabout way, but 14 like I can tell you that the registration, from 15 what I gather, like, it's -- I can't tell you how 16 much it goes up, but like it's going up to a rate 17 where the numbers do go up each year. You know, 18 we're a fairly new community to be registered. I 19 don't know if Judith and them would know better 20 than me. I'm going to say around the early 21 2000s. So registration has picked up to a really 22 large degree. 23 24 So, yeah, certainly, the later years will have a	1 know that you say here we're talking about youth 2 and children in care as a percentage of the 3 overall -- 4 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 5 Percentage of the population, yeah. It would be 6 a good -- it would be a very good comparison or 7 contrast, if you will, to see, like, how much -- 8 I know where you're going there. No, I don't 9 have that number in front of me, sorry. 10 VICTOR RYAN: 11 Okay. No, that's fine. And I just have one 12 other question. And again, if you can't answer 13 this just please let me know. But I see that 14 throughout the report you're using the term 15 "youth in care" and children in care." 16 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 17 Yes. 18 VICTOR RYAN: 19 And I think I understand the distinction, but I 20 was hoping that I could get the actual answer 21 from you. 22 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 23 I can't answer you that -- to that degree. I 24 mean, just went based on ones that you think are

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1 one children in care. I don't want to give you 2 the wrong definition. I can only give you, like, 3 my -- what I believe it to be, but it may be a 4 little off so I won't answer the question. 5 VICTOR RYAN: 6 No, that's fair. 7 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 8 Yeah. 9 VICTOR RYAN: 10 So when you're using those terms, you're taking 11 them from the source material and recreating them 12 in the report? 13 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 14 That's right. It's like -- you know, it's like 15 when you're reading the report you might not 16 under -- like, know the exact definitions of 17 everything but you're just reporting it as it is. 18 19 From what I gather, and I will say, like, I 20 believe it is the difference of the age range of 21 the children in care versus youth in care. But I 22 can't guarantee you what that means -- it means 23 exactly that. But I know it's along -- I believe 24 it's along those lines, yeah.	1 VICTOR RYAN: 2 Yeah. 3 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 4 Can I explain why there's, like, an apparent drop 5 down, is it, you're talking about, like? 6 VICTOR RYAN: 7 Yeah. Like, in your explanation you provide one 8 reason why, in 2019, there's a spike. You know, 9 it's not the whole reason but it's a reason. 10 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 11 Yeah. 12 VICTOR RYAN: 13 Did you see anything similar to explain the 14 little spike between 2016 and 2017? 15 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 16 I wouldn't know, no. 17 VICTOR RYAN: 18 That's totally fine. Okay. Those were my 19 questions. Thank you very much. 20 MICHAEL COLLINS: 21 I have no follow-ups. Does anyone (inaudible) 22 reply? 23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 24 No, not for me.
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1 VICTOR RYAN: 2 No, for sure. That's helpful clarification. 3 Thank you. Oh, my -- oh, sorry, I have one last 4 question, which is that - still looking at the 5 this chart - seems to me that there's, like, two 6 sort of big bumps. And I see that we can sort of 7 explain one bump being the expansion of the 8 definition of who's included. 9 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 10 Yes. 11 VICTOR RYAN: 12 But did you, in your review -- was there anything 13 that you saw that explained the 2016-2017, other 14 than perhaps there's just an increase in youth 15 and care? 16 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 17 Are we looking at page -- what page are we 18 looking at? Nine? 19 VICTOR RYAN: 20 It's still page 10. Or -- 21 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 22 Page 10? Oh. Oh, are we talking about, like, as 23 a percentage of the registered Innu population? 24	1 MICHAEL COLLINS: 2 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Batchelor. It does 3 seem like someone may want to ask you further 4 questions at another time. We'll see what can be 5 done about that. And thank you, everyone. 6 MICHAEL BATCHELOR: 7 All right. Thank you. Thank you. 8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: 9 Thank you very much. Bye. 10 11 (Testimony of Michael Batchelor concludes.) 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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Report:

Selected Data Findings for Inquiry – MIFN/SIFN

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Introduction and Preamble

In the summer of 2025, the Inquiry team asked me about looking into several items related to statistical findings of historical Innu material. As I manage several data related initiatives in the local communities, it was an opportunity to showcase very important indicators, while also analyzing progress for the Innu community on these issues.

I was tasked with reviewing a vast number of historical documents, emails, letters and media articles that were archived from the work of the Inquiry team, which form the historical statistics section of this report.

I also reviewed some more recent statistics from Indigenous Services Canada (“ISC”) as seen in the maintenance report analysis.

Next, I reviewed documents from the Newfoundland and Labrador (“NL”) government, seen in the quarterly statistics section of the report, with an estimated view on kinship and foster homes.

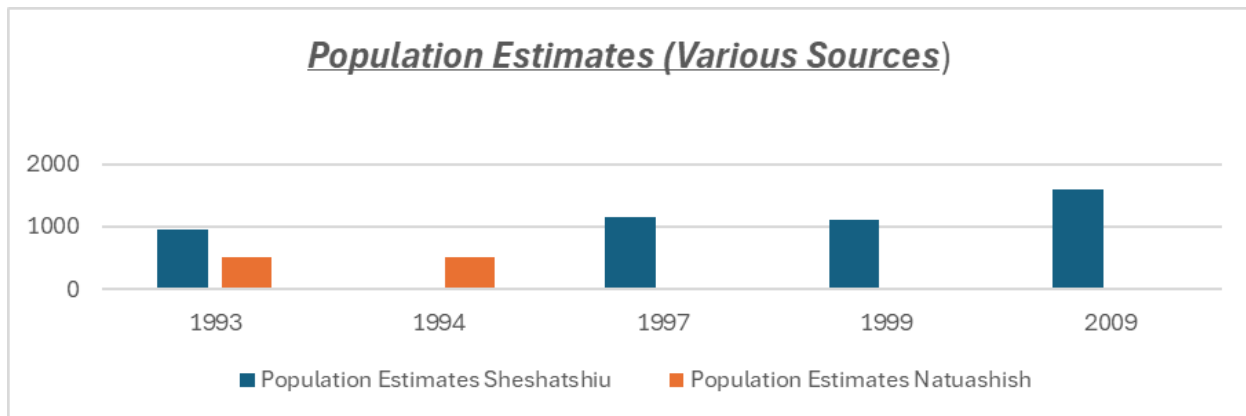
I have included a few indicators from the recent RHS (Regional Health Survey) that showcase indicators in context to culture, childcare and the foster care system in Sheshatshiu only. Natuashish has yet to take part in the RHS Survey, as of February 11, 2026.

I would like to thank the Inquiry team (Caitlin Urquhart, Michael John Collins and others), as well as leadership at both band councils for the opportunity to provide this document; the findings hopefully speak to potential new policies, views and directions for protection work in both communities.

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Historical Statistics

Population Estimates					
Year	<i>Sheshatshiu</i>	<i>Natuashish</i>	Total		
1993	950	500	1450		
1994	N/a	500	n/a		
1997	1148	N/a	n/a		
1999	1100	n/a	n/a	*unlikely estimate	
2009	1599	n/a	n/a		



Sources (ICC #): 0021,2209,2798, 2554, 0151

Analysis:

These are anecdotal population estimates from media and meeting minutes sources.

Regarding Sheshatshiu, the population of the community has grown in the period seen in the research. I have excluded the figure in 1999, as it appears unreliable and unlikely. In recent years, the community has a population of approximately 2,000, showcasing an approximate doubling of the population since 1993.

Regarding Natuashish, we only have a 1992 and 1993 population estimate featuring an estimation of 500 persons. Current estimates (from ISC and community sources) place the population at closer to 1,000 persons, showcasing an approximate doubling of the population since 1993.

In looking at recent estimates, the populations of both communities have grown significantly faster than the general Canadian and Newfoundland and Labrador population growth.

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Suicide Rate (/100,000)				
Year	Sheshatshiu	Natuashish	Total or Average	
1990-1998	n/a	178	n/a	
1997-2009	75.7	164.1	119.9	

Sources: ICC # 0158, pre-prod #00171

Analysis:

Suicide during the time periods of 1990-1998 and 1997-2009 were noted in various anecdotal reports and media.

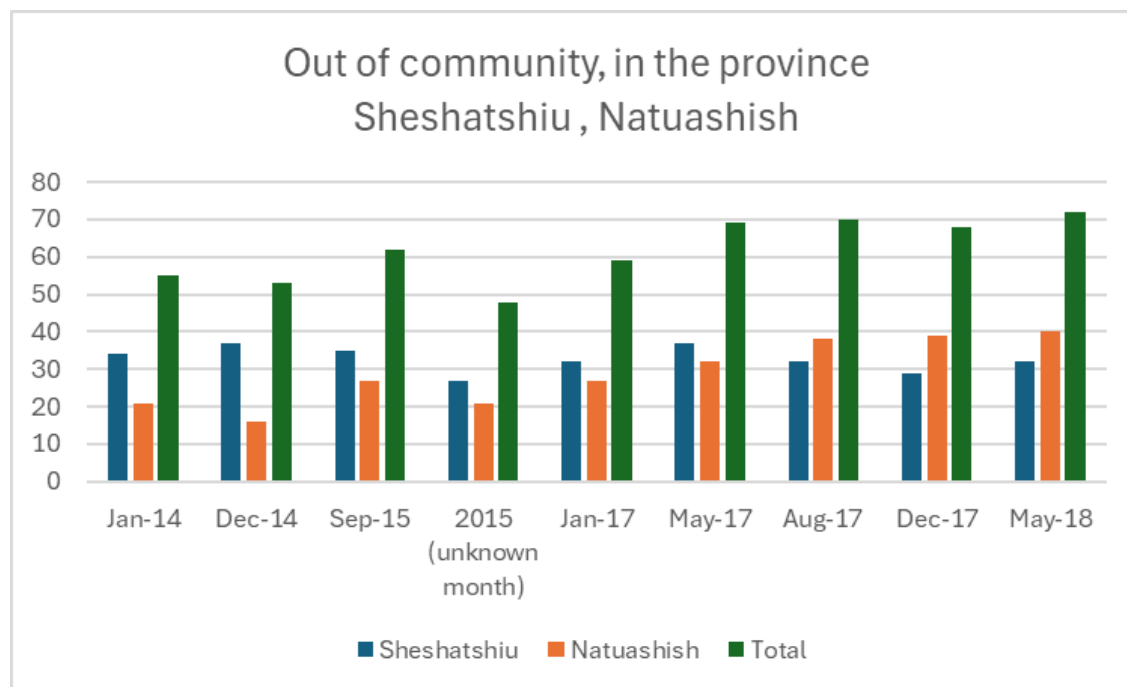
The calculation from this range to an annual suicide rate places both communities at an extremely high rate during this range. Natuashish (or the former Davis Inlet) was notably higher than the rate seen in Sheshatshiu.

In recent times, the suicide rate in Canada is 9.5/100k (2023, Public Health Agency of Canada) and in Newfoundland and Labrador is 17.3/100k (2024, Public Health Agency of Canada). The suicide rate (in the 1997-2009 range) is over 10x the Canadian average rate (2023).

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Out of community placements (in NL) 2014-2018

Out of community (not province)				
Year		Sheshatshiu	Natuashish	Total
	Jan-14	34	21	55
	Dec-14	37	16	53
	Sep-15	35	27	62
2015 (unknown month)		27	21	48
	Jan-17	32	27	59
	May-17	37	32	69
	Aug-17	32	38	70
	Dec-17	29	39	68
	May-18	32	40	72



Sources: ICC Pre-prod # 0027, 0028, 1870, 1900

Analysis:

These charts look at out of community placements (within NL) in both communities has seen differing trends from 2014-2018.

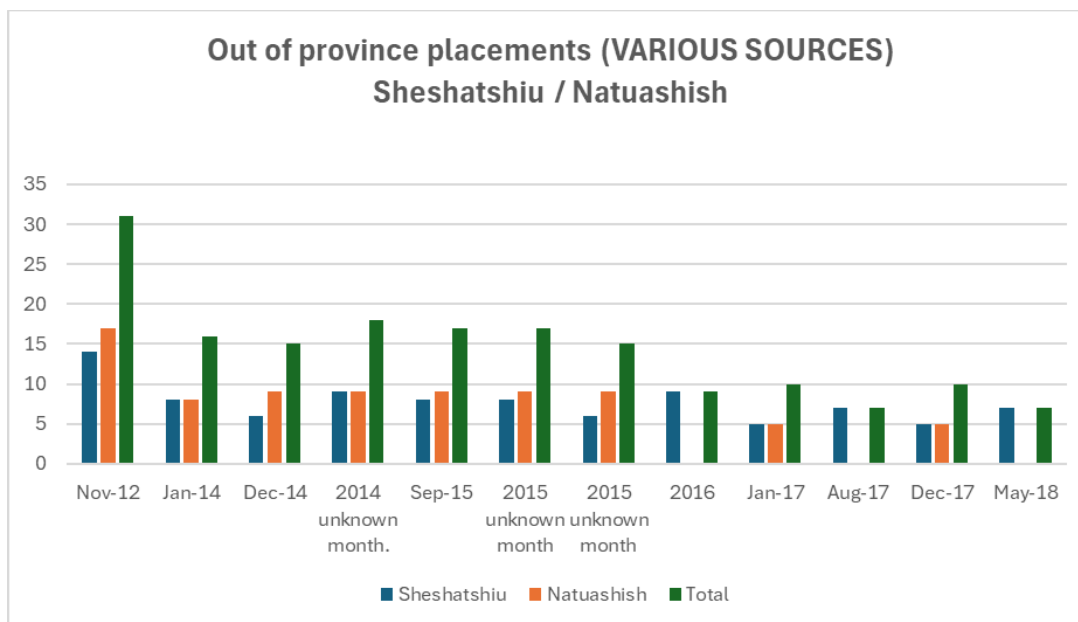
Regarding Sheshatshiu, the number has stayed steady near the 30 mark and has stayed close to the average most years.

Regarding Natuashish, the number has seen a steady uptick to a near doubling from 2014 to 2018.

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Out of province placements 2012-2018 (totals less than 5 redacted)

Out of province placements (Various sources)			
Year	Sheshatshiu	Natuashish	Total
Nov-12	14	17	31
Jan-14	8	8	16
Dec-14	6	9	15
2014 unknown month.	9	9	18
Sep-15	8	9	17
2015 unknown month	8	9	17
2015 unknown month	6	9	15
2016	9 Redacted		9
Jan-17	5	5	10
Aug-17	7 Redacted		7
Dec-17	5	5	10
May-18	7 Redacted		7



Sources: ICC Pre-prod # 0028, 1856, 1857, 1870, 1873, 1900

Analysis:

These charts look at out of community placements, solely outside of NL, in both communities. The rate has seen differing trends from 2012-2018. Both communities have seen a decrease, albeit dealing with very small totals.

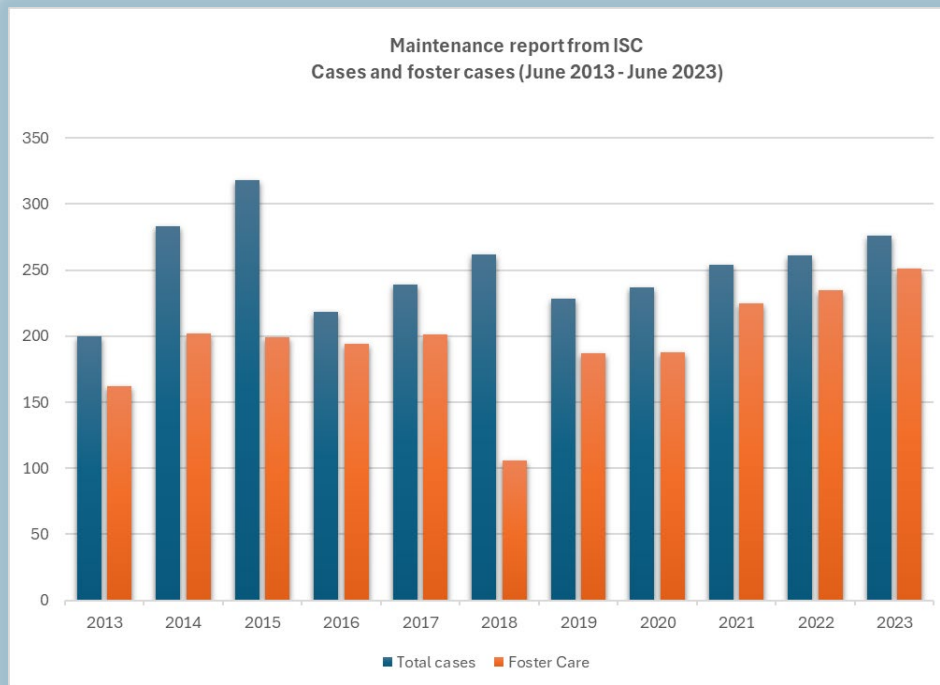
Regarding Sheshatshiu, the number has decreased approximately in half from 2012-2018.

Regarding Natuashish, the number has decreased by approximately 2/3 from 2012-2018.

Note: any totals less than 5 were redacted.

Total Cases: Foster Cases, Group Home and Institutional – ISC

Date	Total cases	Foster Care	Group Home	Institutional
Jun-13	200	162	Not given	Not given
Jun-14	283	202	Not given	Not given
Jun-15	318	199	Not given	Not given
Jun-16	218	194	Not given	Not given
Jun-17	239	201	6	Not given
Jun-18	262	106	21	Not given
Jun-19	228	187	18	9
Jun-20	237	188	13	13
Jun-21	254	225	13	9
Jun-22	261	235	12	8
Jun-23	276	251	Not given	13



Source: ISC

Analysis:

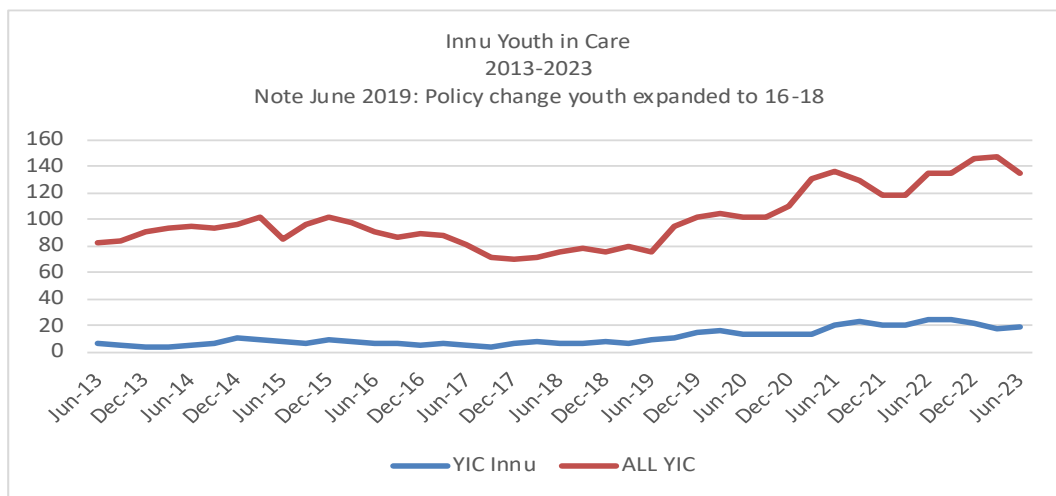
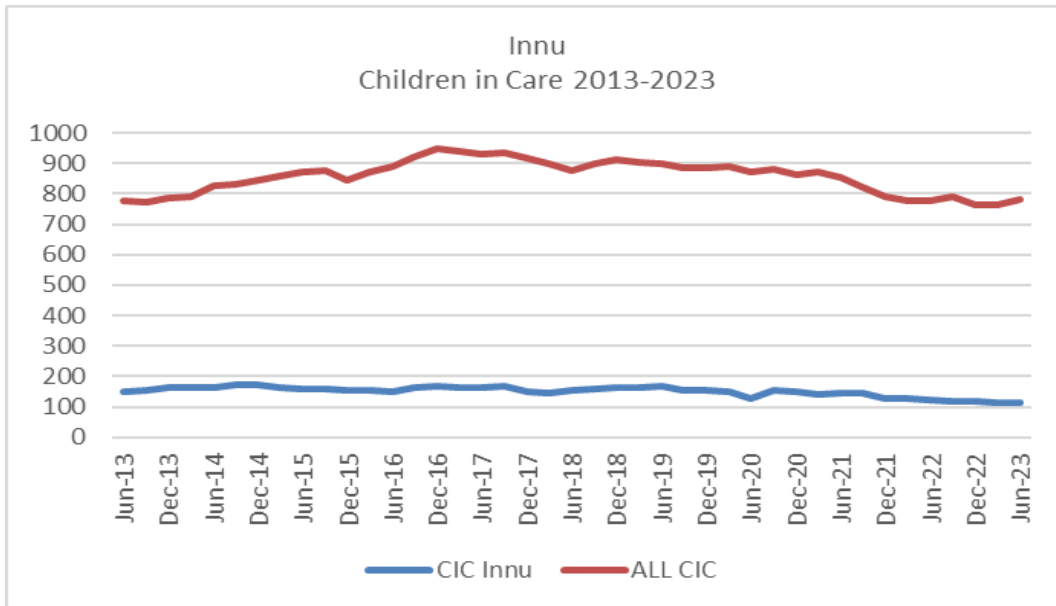
This chart shows the amount of total and foster cases for Labrador Innu as per ISC, from the months of June in 2013-2023.

Total cases appear to have had a significant decrease in 2016, however the number steadily has increased thereafter, to a total higher than in 2013.

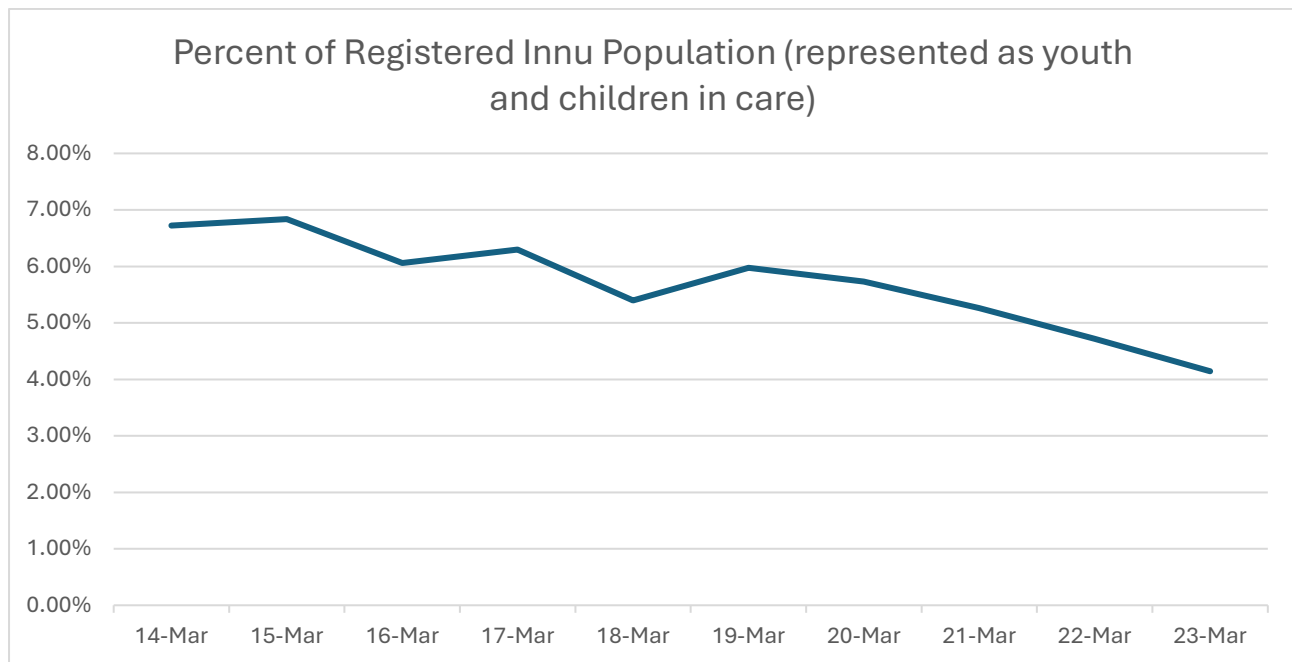
Similarly, foster care cases saw a decrease in 2018, with a significant climb thereafter, returning to original levels. Overall, foster care cases are the most total cases in every year, except 2018.

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Quarterlies – Children/Youth in care (Provincial Stats)



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Source: Government of NL, Quarterly Statistics for Child Protection and In Care; registered population from ISC

Analysis:

The province of NL produces quarterly Program Statistics for Child Protection and In-care. Quarterly documents were reviewed with analytical charting regarding total youth in care and children in care from 2013-2023.

Regarding children in care, the number of Innu clients have been very consistent, with a slight decrease. NL saw a bump from 2013-2020, with a decrease back to its original totals.

Regarding youth in care, both Innu and NL totals expanded in 2019; please note the policy expanded to youth of 16-18 years being included. NL youth in care expanded much more than Innu youth in care. Innu make an average of 17 percent of all cases in both Youth in Care and Children in Care.

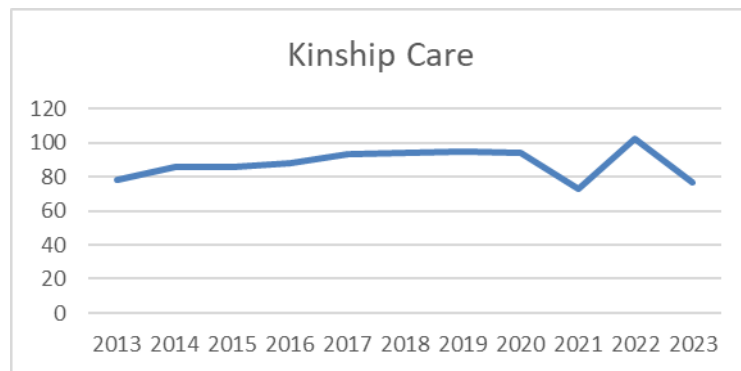
Regarding the totals with a registered population as a per capita base, we see a steady decrease from approximately 7 to 4 percent of the Innu population being represented by children and youth in care.

This statistic may represent success from recent changes. When looking at per capita, the amount has decreased as a function of registered Innu population.

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Kinship Care (using average of Innu in Care NL)

Number of clients in Kinship Care (Innu Estimate)				
YEAR	TOTAL			
2013	78			
2014	86			
2015	86			
2016	88			
2017	93			
2018	94			
2019	95			
2020	94			
2021	73			
2022	102			
2023	77			



Source: Government of NL, Quarterly Statistics for Child Protection and In Care

Analysis

The Program Statistics for placement type are aggregated by region and do not break down into Innu status. Thus, the totals were adjusted by the proportion of Innu children/youth for each quarter.

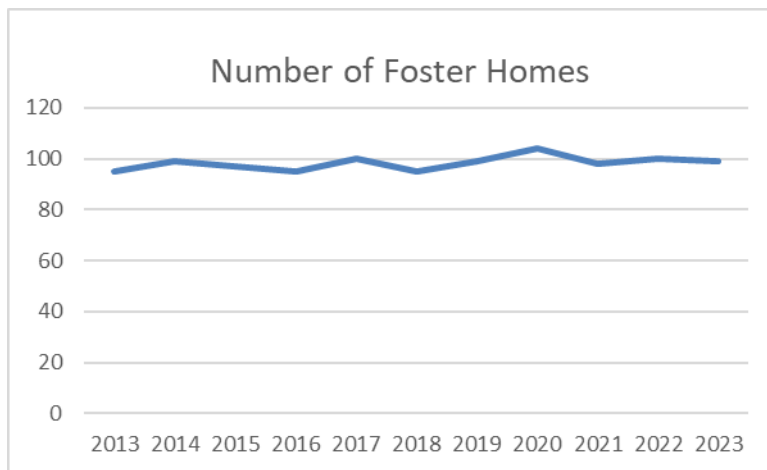
Using a 17 percent average of all NL clients in care being of Innu status, kinship care of Innu in NL (under this assumption) is seen in this chart. The quarter ending in the month of March was used in all years.

In general, there has been some variation, but not a lot - with all years totalling between 73 and 102 total clients, with COVID-related variations in later years.

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Foster Homes (using an average of Innu in Care NL)

Number of Foster Homes (Innu Estimate)			
YEAR	TOTAL		
2013	95		
2014	99		
2015	97		
2016	95		
2017	100		
2018	95		
2019	99		
2020	104		
2021	98		
2022	100		
2023	99		



Source: Government of NL, Quarterly Statistics for Child Protection and In Care

Analysis:

Using a 17 percent average of all NL clients in care being of Innu status, foster homes of Innu in NL (under this assumption) are seen in this chart. Please note, these results are foster homes total and not foster home placements.

The quarter ending in the month of March was used in all years.

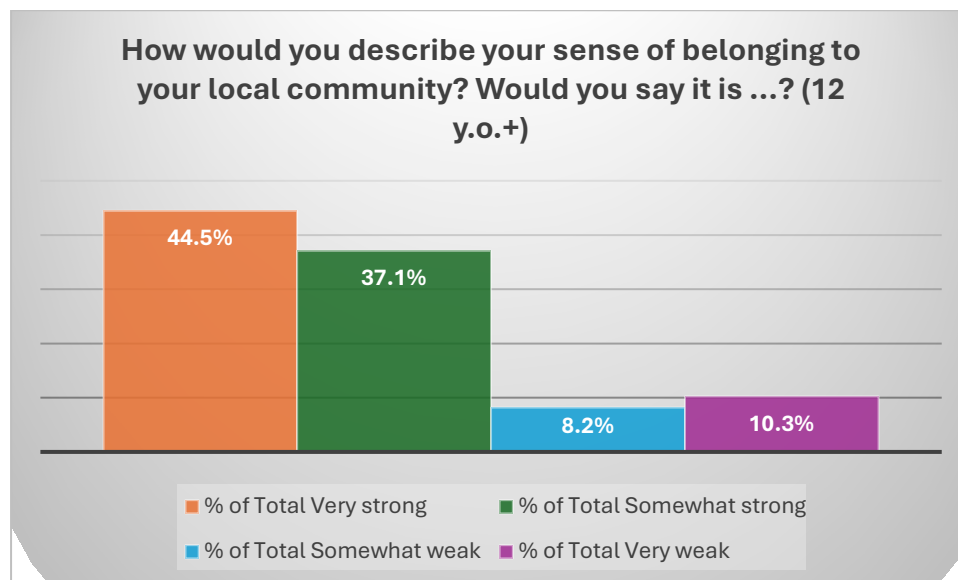
In general, there has been minimal variation, with all years between 95 and 104 total.

RHS (Regional Health Survey) Based Statistics (Sheshatshiu Only)

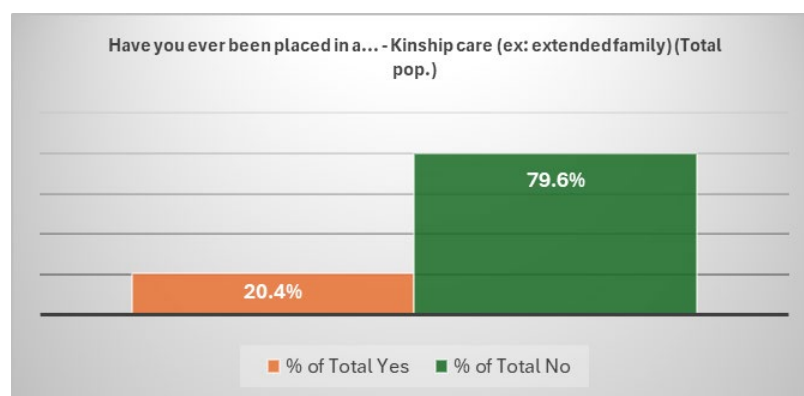
The Regional Health Survey is a national survey held periodically by the First Nations Information Governance Centre, FNIGC in many First Nation communities throughout Canada.

In Spring/Summer 2025, the community of Sheshatshiu undertook the survey.

Many results came in on a vast array of topics including culture, education, health and housing. Leadership approved the use of the following results for the Inquiry; selected findings here include: foster care, kinship and feelings of belonging and connection in the community.

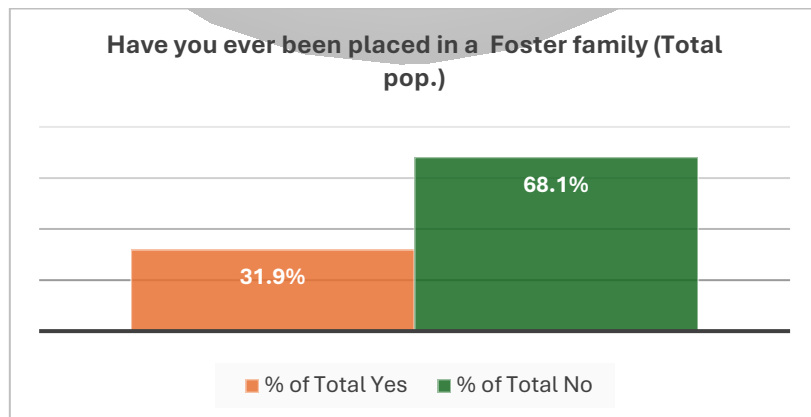


The vast majority (81.6%) of those surveyed feel a very strong or somewhat strong sense of belonging to the community, representing 4 of every 5 persons.



Regarding Kinship Care, the total population of Sheshatshiu have a sizable minority of 20.4% of residents have ever been placed in kinship care. This represents about 1 in 5 residents.

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Finally, we look at foster care in the community. This question looked at residents who have ever been placed in the foster care system.

The result shows a sizable minority, of 31.9%, of residents have been placed in foster care; this result represents approximately 1 in 3 residents.