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**Surface Rights Board**

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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Just so I understand this, the entire budget for the surface rights board is coming from the feds, and how long is that going to last for? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Minister.

**HON. ROBERT MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, the Member is correct. It comes from the feds, and it will go on forever. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you, Minister. Mr. O'Reilly.

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I've never heard that kind of a promise from a Minister before, so I'm glad to get it. I just don't know what these guys are actually going to do, because I just don't know how many disputes there are actually going to be in terms of surface rights. I know they have some policy development and stuff to do, but I'm just not sure what they're going to do. I'm on record as suggesting that the legislation that was passed by the federal government is not a co-management approach and I'm hoping that we would move towards that direction ourselves. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Comments from the Minister.

**HON. ROBERT MCLEOD:** Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, the less work that they have to do, the better, I think. And we don't have to pay for it. Thank you, Mr. Chair.