

ORAL QUESTION—KEVIN O'REILLY, MLA FRAME LAKE

QUESTION 314-18(2): FEDERAL TECHNICAL TEAM STUDYING CARBON PRICING

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MR. O'REILLY: Merci, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Premier some questions about his sessional statement that was delivered earlier today. In here, he mentions that there's going to be a technical team that will visit the Northwest Territories to study issues around carbon pricing. I'm wondering if the Premier can just tell us a little bit more about what this team is going to be doing. Are they going to be designing a carbon pricing system for us? Just if the Minister could just tell us a little bit more about what this team is going to be doing. Thanks, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Masi. Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to the Member's question on the technical team, they're coming up in a couple of weeks. We're not quite sure the make-up of the team or what their schedule is at the moment. However, as we become aware of their schedule and who's part of the team, we will communicate that with the Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. O'REILLY: I appreciate the response from the Minister. I'm just wondering when this technical team comes up, can the Minister commit to have the team meet with Regular MLAs through the standing committee if necessary? I think it would just be important that we understand a little bit more about what this technical team is going to be doing and that we're able to offer our perspective on some of these issues, as well. Merci, Mr. Speaker.

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I can't commit to meeting for the technical team. I can commit to working with the technical team or communicating with them that there is an interest to have some further discussion with them, and, if they come back with a positive, then we will let committee know. I do commit to working with the technical team and seeing what their availability is for further meetings with the Regular Members or others that may be interested. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.