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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I'm looking at a motion that was passed in the House back in June of last year that called for the government to develop a comprehensive and fully costed strategic plan to get our housing out of core need at 2 per cent per year for four years. The response that came in from the government, the motion ended with a request that the government provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 120 days. That comprehensive response was four paragraphs; there were not any dollars mentioned in there.

That was tabled in the House in October, so here we are four months later. Does the Minister have a costed plan now that she can share with the House and Regular MLAs, a strategic plan to get our housing out of core need as this motion requested? Thanks, Mr. Chair. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have done some preliminary figures on what it would cost to actually take a residence out of core need. At this point, though, we still have to put it through Cabinet, so we will be putting that through. We're just finalizing up the figures and then we'll be putting it forward to Cabinet before we provide it to the Regular MLAs. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I really sincerely thank the Minister and her staff then for pushing that along. She knows that I've been urging her: that's the sort of document you should be taking to Ottawa. I know you've got to work closely with the Yukon and Nunavut governments, but that's the kind of proposal that should be taken to Ottawa. We've taken enough road proposals to Ottawa; now let's start talking about people.

So does the Minister intend to table this in the House before the end of the session? Is that the plan? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I cannot commit to tabling it at the end of this session; it does need to go through the process to go through Cabinet, but I will table it at the earliest possible opportunity. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Again, my appreciation to the Minister and her staff for putting that together, and the sooner she can provide it to us I think the happier I'll be. So thanks again.