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Indexing Northern Residents Deduction
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MR. O'REILLY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have three things I want to pursue here. Maybe I will start with the easiest. I guess I have been on record as raising this issue of the need to index our northern resident tax deduction. We have gotten an increase in the last federal budget, but I know the Minister had made a commitment to continue to pursue this issue of indexing it. I wonder if he could just give us a little bit of an update of where that work is at. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In my meeting with the federal finance Minister, I did raise the concern of indexing it. We actually have not heard back from them yet, but I will make a commitment then to follow up on that because there are a number of questions we have for the federal minister, and we have an FTP coming up. I think it's later on this year. I will try to make contact with them to see if there is any progress made on our request. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Yes, I think there would probably be -- I think I have raised this before -- greater strength in numbers, working with our colleagues in Yukon and Nunavut on this, as well. I am sure they share the same kind of concern, and I am sure we can work collectively, with them, to try to move that forward with the federal government. I see the Minister shaking his head, so I am not going to ask a question about it.