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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Just while we are on the subject of apprenticeships, maybe I can ask this Minister, and I might have to ask another one: it seems to me that when we're doing big capital projects that that is an opportunity for us to promote apprenticeships and trades, and so on. Do we insert into the contract requirements that contractors hire or use apprentices? Is that something that we would find in the contracting arrangements for large GNWT projects? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. ALFRED MOSES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Department of ECE focuses on the training and development of our apprentices across the Northwest Territories, as well as certification. When it comes to contracts, I think that might be a more suitable question for the Minister of Infrastructure.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Minister Moses.

HON. ALFRED MOSES: I can talk to the Minister of Infrastructure and get that information for the Member.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Okay. Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Yes, the Minister over there was sort of like a deer caught in the headlights all of a sudden. He had to pay attention. It's a "heads up". When it comes to his turn, I will be asking those questions. Look, if we're going to spend time and money trying to encourage apprenticeships, surely to goodness we can find ways for them to work on our capital projects to get their certification and all of that kind of stuff. Anyways, the Minister is listening to me now. I am sure he is going to get ready when I ask him those sorts of questions, but I want to move on to some questions about post-secondary education.