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MR. O'REILLY: Okay, thanks, Mr. Chair. I might have some other questions, but I do not think I am going to have enough time to get to that in this round, so I want to ask about the Climate Change Strategic Framework. We are supposed to be getting an action plan soon for that. Is there any money in this budget to carry out the action plan? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Dr. Dragon.

DR. DRAGON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, so, with the Climate Change Strategic Framework, we are looking at releasing that at the end of April. In doing so, the next step of that is to develop an action plan that will be clear on the deliverables for the Climate Change Strategic Framework. As we roll that out with community consultation across the Northwest Territories and stakeholders, we will have a better idea of what it is going to cost to implement that action plan, and that is when we will be coming forward with those costs. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Dr. Dragon. Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Yes, and I recognize this is an area where the federal government should be providing some assistance, as well. Am I hearing, then, that the department is going to be bringing forward a supplementary appropriation to do this work? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, that partially depends on what the federal government does as far as funding goes and then the release of our strategy. If we can have the numbers in place for the next business planning process, we will go through that. If there is a need for appropriation before that time, then standard practice is that the department goes to the FMB to request supplementary appropriation. Thank you, Mr. Chair.