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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Can the Minister tell us, then: is there an allocation in the budget here for O and M related to the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk highway, and how much is it? Thanks.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Minister.

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, this is the section that has the money allocated for that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Part two of the question was how much is allocated? Minister.

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's an incremental amount of \$1,724,000. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Does that include any environmental monitoring that needs to be done along the corridor in terms of water quality, permafrost stuff, access off the road that might bother wildlife, and those kinds of things? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Minister.

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Out of that 1,724, there is \$252,000 included in there for environmental monitoring for the next two years. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Can the Minister tell us where we are at with regard to any contract work to do the maintenance on the road? Has a contract been signed, or is it out for tender, or what? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Just a reminder to everyone to make sure the light is on before you begin speaking. Minister.

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. We are on a short-term contract for the maintenance right now until final completion of the road, and that is when we will be looking at doing a long-term contract. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. When does this short-term contract end, and when does the Minister expect to have a longer-term contract in place? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Minister.

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The one that we have presently is going to be done here in April, and then we will be doing another short-term contract until substantial completion is done, hopefully in the fall of this year. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. The Minister was so quick there, I couldn't actually catch all of it. The short-term contract that he anticipates is going to go from April until September, basically over the summer months, and then the Minister is looking at having a longer-term contract in place after that. Are we looking for a three- or five-year arrangement? Does the Minister have any ideas in place around the term of this longer-term contract? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Minister.

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I will speak a little slower.

The first short-term contract was from November to April of this year. That one is going to be done here right away. We are going to do another one from April until September on that, hoping substantial completion is done by then,

Then, any long-term contract, we haven't decided on a term or anything, we will be sitting down to figure out what the length of term that is going to be going forward. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I understand the timelines now. The Minister uses this word "substantial completion." Is there still work that is outstanding under the construction contracts that has not been completed? Is that what the Minister is referring to, and that is supposed to happen this upcoming summer of 2018? Thanks, Mr. Chair.