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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Yes, my colleague, the MLA for Yellowknife North, asked a number of the questions I was going to ask. I guess, this accumulated surplus, that is just the net surplus? That does not include any drawdown for any of the capital improvements that are going to be made at the airport? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. That, no, this includes everything. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Okay, thanks, Mr. Chair. So I am just a little bit with confused. So, this \$2.894 million surplus, is that net, then, of the capital improvements that the Minister has already talked about? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The \$2.894 million is the capital money that we want to use to do the projects that I just mentioned to the previous Member. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Yes, I think I get it now. At what point does the department start to look at whether the airport improvement fees can be reduced? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Those are early days to be even talking about that. The reason we put this whole thing into place was because the YZF could not meet their capital needs going forward. We will continue to subsidize it as a government, and, now that we have rolled out this revolving fund with this model, we know we have a significant amount of work to do there. We are operating within this box, and we are doing it prudently, and I think it will be at least probably some time before we can even consider something like that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Well, the other alternative explanation was that the government wanted to get this money off the books as part of its fiscal reduction strategy, but I don't want to engage in that debate on the floor right now. I don't think I have any further questions. Thanks, Mr. Chair.