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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Can the Minister tell us whether there are any new courses, programs, modules, whatever, related to access to information for municipal governments as part of the 2019-2020 budget for the school of community government? Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. ALFRED MOSES:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. As previously said, we are still waiting for the bill to pass through and working with our municipal governments on an implementation plan. We've got to look at the resources. We've got to look at the types of training. We are going to be playing a pretty major role in this, and we want to make sure that we do it right, so we have been having those discussions, and concerns have been brought up by specifically the City of Yellowknife. At this moment, we don't have one right now, but we are going to be looking at creating an implementation plan for this act. Thank you.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I sort of wish that I could be a fly on the wall at the NWTAC meetings this weekend, where I think this is going to be raised. I am a bit surprised that the department hasn't sort of done some pre-planning around this. Is it safe to say, then, that the Minister will be bringing forward or requesting a supplementary appropriation to put some additional resources into the school of community government with regard to access to information for a little later this year? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. ALFRED MOSES:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. As this is a new piece of legislation, like any other new legislation or program initiatives that we are doing, we are going to be evaluating and monitoring. As this might take over a couple or a few years, we will be looking at that. Right now, I don't think we do need a supplementary appropriation. We will be working with our municipal governments to see how we can support them and support them within the department. Who knows what kinds of requests we are going to get through ATIP, and that is something that we are going to monitor to ensure that we do have the resources available for all of our municipalities and to provide the training and, on our side, providing the proper resources to get that passed through. Thank you, and through you, Mr. Chair, maybe I will ask my DM for a little bit more detail.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Ms. Young.

**MS. YOUNG:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to clarify that the way the act is drafted, the communities don't have to come under immediately. We would be creating an

implementation plan with a timeline for when communities would come online. So, in preliminary discussions, we don't anticipate that to be in 2019-2020. We do anticipate that to be a little further out so that we can plan for the needs for resourcing and training as part of that implementation plan. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Those are all my questions. I just think that the department is going to have to seek some additional resources to assist communities in terms of the implementation of this important piece of legislation, and I look forward to dealing with a supplementary appropriation later this year. Thanks, Mr. Chair.