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**Status of Women's Council Act Review**  
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**MR. O'REILLY:** Can someone tell me whether there are any plans to review the Status of Women Council Act? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Premier.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Certainly not by EIA. All we do is provide administrative services to the Minister responsible for Women. I don't think there is a plan to review the Status of Women Act at this time. Perhaps through you, Mr. Chair, we can pass it over to the Minister responsible for the Status of Women.

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

**HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The act for the status of women actually was a priority. It was one that I had actually identified when I first began my position as Minister of Status of Women. However, at that time, working with the NWT Status of Women Council, they felt that it was appropriate that it didn't need any changes. Since that time, there has been a total change in administration and chairs. They have looked at it again, and they are in agreement with me that it needs to be changed, but, because it is so late in the day, we have agreed to put it onto the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. It does definitely need to be changed. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I am glad to hear the Minister say that. It is quite an antiquated piece of legislation. I would hope that it makes into transition reports from your side of the House and our side. That is something that needs to be done. That's all I've got, Mr. Chair. Thank you.