

ORAL QUESTION—KEVIN O'REILLY, MLA FRAME LAKE

QUESTION 164-19(2): OIL AND GAS LIABILITY CAP

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MR. O'REILLY: Merci, Monsieur le President. While we are on a roll and we are getting all these yeses, I think it's a good time to go back to the liability caps in the Oil and Gas Spills and Debris Liability Regulations that I raised with the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment a couple of days ago. I would like to know when the Minister is going to complete that review of the liability caps. Mahsi, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Frame Lake. Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

HON. KATRINA NOKLEBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know when that will be complete.

MR. O'REILLY: Does the Minister expect to complete this review before the end of this Assembly? Could she give us some idea? The Minister has a Petroleum Resources Strategy in place that includes spending for a million dollars over three years and, as I understand it, some of that is to review the regulations and framework that we have in place. Can the Minister commit to completing that review before the end of this Assembly? It's a one-page regulation; I don't know what the problem is.

HON. KATRINA NOKLEBY: There is no problem, other than departments are very busy. I do commit to finishing this review before the end of the Assembly.

MR. O'REILLY: I want to thank the Minister for that. I would like to know from the Minister whether the department has looked into the issue of whether these liability caps are going to impede our ability to recover any funds or carry out the remediation work that is going to be required at the Cameron Hills field?

HON. KATRINA NOKLEBY: I will have to get back to the Member with a written response to that question.