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Member for Frame Lake

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Taltson Hydro-Electric Expansion Project

My questions are for the Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.

The Executive's 2030 Energy Strategy and a Climate Change Strategic Framework relies heavily upon greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions supposedly resulting from a major expansion of the Taltson hydro-electric system. Could the Minister describe the phases of the proposed Taltson hydro-electric expansion set out in the 2030 Energy Strategy including the following:

1. Identify the timeframes of construction, how each phase of construction will be financed and to whom will the energy be sold;
2. Identify the amounts of power to be generated and whether any additional impoundment and/or flooding will occur;
3. State the GHG reductions anticipated for each of the phases and in which jurisdiction(s) those reductions will take place; and
4. State the calculated costs for each phase including a breakdown of hydro facilities, powerlines and related infrastructure including roads and the engineering class for such cost estimates.