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**MR. O'REILLY:** But I want to move on to -- is there any money in the budget for reviewing the project assessment policy? Thanks, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Minister of Lands.

**HON. SHANE THOMPSON:** Thank you. For that detail, I will turn to Ms. Macdonald. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Ms. Macdonald.

**MS. MACDONALD:** Thank you, Madam Chair. There is money. It's part of the ongoing work of the department. So under the securities and project assessment program, our budget is just over \$1.8 million. And so part of that budget will be used to complete this work. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Member for Frame Lake.

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Madam Chair. So can I just get an update as to where that work stands at and when the public is going to have an opportunity to weigh in as well? There was quite a damning review done of GNWT involvement in the Tliche All-Season Road environmental assessment that, I think at the end of the day proved this project assessment policy has failed. So what's the current status of this work and when will the public have a chance to weigh in on that policy? Thanks, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Minister of Lands.

**HON. SHANE THOMPSON:** Yeah, thank you. For that detail, we'll have to get back to the Member. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Member for Frame Lake.

**MR. O'REILLY:** Yeah, thanks, Madam Chair. I guess part of the problem is the Minister getting back to me, it's not public. I want the Minister to agree, then, to table his response in the House somehow, as a return on an oral question. Is the Minister prepared to do that? Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Minister of Lands.

**HON. SHANE THOMPSON:** Right now, I can't make that commitment. Thank you, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Member for Frame Lake.

**MR. O'REILLY:** Okay, thanks, Madam Chair. I'm not sure what the problem is there but I might have to ask a written question then about that before the end of this sitting to try to get that information.

Can the Minister explain why this is so confidential that he can't provide it in public in some way? Thanks, Madam Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Minister of Lands.

**HON. SHANE THOMPSON:** I need to look at it. I need to make sure we're able to provide that information. We're in a process, and I've made a commitment to get back to the Member. And if we need to, he has a written question, we will go through it that way. But right now, I cannot make a commitment that I'm not informed of. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler):** Thank you. Minister -- sorry, Member for Frame Lake.

**MR. O'REILLY:** Yeah, thanks for that, Madam Chair, and I'll pursue it further with the Minister in another way.