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MS. GREEN: My next question has to do with the forthcoming mental health action plan. Is there money in this budget that is specifically designated for the implementation of this action plan? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Ms. Green. Minister Abernethy.

HON. GLEN ABERNETHY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, the action plan isn't completed, so we didn't bring it through the business planning process. We do have money in the budget for existing services, and should the action plan direct us to make modifications or improvements, and work to get best value for money, we are prepared to move how the money is spent which I think is the appropriate thing to do of all things. We need to review and make sure we are getting back value for money. If we are not, we need to modify it. At this point, there is no new money in this initiative for that action plan, which has not yet been released, but we are hoping to come forward with that action plan and then move forward through business planning if additional resources are required. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Minister Abernethy. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Can the Minister confirm, then, that this mental health action plan will be ready in time for the business planning cycle that begins in the fall? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Ms. Green. Minister Abernethy.

HON. GLEN ABERNETHY: That is my hope and expectation, yes.