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**Tobacco Quit Line**  
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**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, my question is about page 201. I see that the GNWT has an agreement with Health Canada to fund the Toll-Free Tobacco Quit Line. Can the Minister tell us a little bit about usage rates here? Is this a useful way of helping people who are trying to stop smoking? Thank you.

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

**HON. GLEN ABERNETHY:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I don't have the actual usage rates in front of me, but I will endeavour to get that to the Member as quickly as possible. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Ms. Green.

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I can appreciate that that's a level of detail that he might not have at his fingertips, but it leads into my next question where I note that the agreement to fund this quit line ends at the end of March. Is this agreement subject to renewal? Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you, Ms. Green. Minister.

**HON. GLEN ABERNETHY:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. That's March 2019, so we have a year to continue to review this program and make sure it is adding the value that we hope it's adding. Look at the usage numbers, as the Member wants, to see to make a decision whether or not we wish to renew it or not. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson):** Thank you. Ms. Green.

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I asked because this is within the fiscal year that we are currently reviewing, and it has been the desire of the Standing Committee on Social Development to address the smoking rates of young people and people who live in small communities, and that's why I'm interested to know whether this program is providing an effective intervention, in general. In those cases, in particular, I understand the Minister is committed to providing that information, so I have no further questions on this issue. Thank you.