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MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, my questions are about Emergency Protection Orders, also known as EPOs. I understand that there is some research going on with respect to Emergency Protection Orders in which the department is collaborating. Could the Minister please tell us more about that project? Thank you.

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

HON. LOUIS SEBERT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm not entirely certain which project the Member is referring to. I wasn't aware of specific research on that issue. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, in a letter the Minister sent in November in response to an oral question I asked, he said that there was a study called "An Initiative to Investigate Effectiveness of Emergency Protection Orders in the NWT." This is continued research funded by the Family Violence Initiative Fund administered by the RCMP National Crime Prevention Services. That's the project I'm referring to. I'm wondering if the Minister can give us any detail on when we're going to see the results of this, and what will happen with the results from a departmental perspective. Thank you.

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

HON. LOUIS SEBERT: Thank you. Frankly, I'm not aware of this research. However, if research is being conducted on this issue, I think we'd be prepared to share the results of that research with committee. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Minister. If the Minister needs time to flip through his briefing binder to find this type of information, just let me know. We can always take a recess, but I'll go back to Ms. Green. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I'm not sure what the gap in information is here. I realize the Minister is busy and sees a lot of documents, but this is something that he described in a letter that was sent in November. If he could make a commitment to come back to us with more information on this study. As I say, the timing of the completion, what will happen with the results, that would be very helpful. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Green. Was that a tabled document? Do you have the name of that document?

MS. GREEN: The name of this document is Oral Question 10-18 (3): Emergency Protection Orders, and it's dated November 23, 2017.