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MS. GREEN: Thank you for that clarification. My next question is about energy use. Are any of the NWT Housing Corporation units heated with electricity? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Mr. Williams.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Certainly, looking at alternative energy is a must for the Housing Corporation for our assets. I do not think we have any units that are heated by electricity now, but we are looking at it. It might be something that we have to investigate further, especially in areas where they are serviced by the Taltson, so certainly Fort Smith. It was raised to me personally at the NWTAC by the mayor of Fort Smith as something that maybe we should look at, a pilot in Fort Smith, because of using the Taltson hydro as an option to heat our assets. Certainly, we are open to those suggestions. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MS. GREEN: Thank you. I asked that because I know a lot of the public housing stock is old and would not be energy efficient in terms of heating, but I guess that does not really apply to the power usage. It does lead me to ask what kinds of investments the Housing Corporation is making in energy efficiency in their units this year. Thank you.

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

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank, Mr. Chair. So, currently, we are looking at not as many individual units. We are looking at more of a multi-unit design where the energy efficiency would be better. We are looking at boilers, biomass, solar heat. LED light bulbs have been put into all of the public housing units. So we are looking at a variety of energy-efficient means so that we can actually be more energy efficient. Within the day of climate change, it's important for us all to be conscious of what we are doing. Thank you, Mr. Chair.