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MS. GREEN: Thank you for that. I appreciate that.

My next question, on the same page, is about the NWT Educator Certification and Learning Platform. Can the Minister please describe this project?

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

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Educator Certification and Learning Platform, previously, it was very timely and cumbersome actually making sure that people had the proper certification, keeping track of their current learning, et cetera.

This system is about making sure that we are accountable, that we have the infrastructure, the technology, in place so that we can, in a timely manner, make sure that teachers who apply for jobs have the proper certification to provide the services to our students and that their training that is taken throughout is updated on a regular basis. It centralizes it. It takes away the cumbersome paperwork, lost records, and huge delays in ensuring certification.

This is about making sure that we have the tools to be able to do our services within a best practice framework. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, if I understand correctly, then, this is to make sure that teachers who are hired are appropriately certified, and then to track their professional development, and that, until now, this has been done on paper. Is that correct? Thank you.

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

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you. Yes and no. Yes, a lot was done on paper. However, they were using computers, using Excel spreadsheets, et cetera. So, yes, paper, but still using computers. This is a system, and we need to have the proper systems, that will network all of them together. Thank you, Mr. Chair.