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Revenue from Non-Renewable Resource Royalties

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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. So those revenues from mining, oil and gas, are those gross figures, or are they what we actually get to keep, because we've got arrangement on a devolution where we can keep 50 per cent of the revenues up to a certain point and then even within that arrangement, we flow through some of the funding to Aboriginal governments, so are these gross or net figures? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Minister McLeod.

HON. BOB MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. That's our share after the federal government has been provided with their share, and this also includes the amount that we share with Aboriginal governments. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Minister McLeod. Any further questions, Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Yes, for some reason, I thought the figures were significantly lower from briefings that we had received earlier. I seem to recall a figure of around \$35 million, but--all right. There is a figure of \$700,000 under park permits and other fees that's brand new. Can the Department explain what's happened here? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Minister McLeod.

HON. BOB MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Auditor General recommended that we follow different accounting practices than we were following in the past. In the past we just netted it out with our park operator. Now we have to separate out the expenditure side and the revenue side. So that's what's happening here. Thank you, Mr. Chair.