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Support to Aboriginal Pipeline Group

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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. I just would like to go back to the Mackenzie Valley development contribution of \$400,000. I believe I heard the Minister say that we're spending \$100,000 for offices and salary and so on. What's the other \$300,000 for then? Thanks. Mr. Chair.

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

HON. BOB MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Primarily for helping build business capacity in the Aboriginal Governments, Aboriginal capacity building and community consultations, as well as resource pre-development program. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. So this extra \$300,000, does that go to the Aboriginal pipeline group or does it go to individual Aboriginal Governments upon application or how does -- what's it used for -- sorry, who can access it and how? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. BOB MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's application base. It's available to Aboriginal Governments, Aboriginal businesses, Aboriginal businessman. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. O'Reilly?

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Like a previous colleague speaking, I'm not sure why we continue to support the Aboriginal Pipeline Group when we've actually wound down our own office in Hay River, but in any event I'll just leave that as a comment. Thanks, Mr. Chair.