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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Those questions, they bring up a question for me. Are we taking money then away from Land Use Planning and putting it into Land Use Sustainability? As I understand it, one of the parts of our mandate was to ensure that we have completed a land use plans maybe even at the end of our four-year term. I am just trying to figure out how reallocating money away from land use planning into land use sustainability is going to help us accomplish that. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Minister. Ms. Hilderman.

MS. HILDERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you to the Member's question. When we came into being April 1, 2014, we had zero base, the Department of Lands. There were some areas where it was our best estimates what the base requirements might be. In the case of those reallocations between those three units for the contracts-based funding, it is more that we just didn't get it right. These reallocations are about funding the right unit within Land Use Planning and Sustainability. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Ms. Hilderman. Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, and I appreciate it. We are dealing with labels on a page, which really don't translate into very much. I guess what I am most concerned about is the reduction overall from 7.3 in the mains in 2015-16 down to \$6.8 million this year. That is why I guess I am asking these sorts of questions. Why the overall reduction in this part of the lands department? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, this was, again, part of the reduction exercises. For the actual details of the reductions, I can provide that to the Members if they wish. I could read it off here, but it is a fairly long list. I can provide this information to the Members so they can see exactly what the reductions are. Thank you, Mr. Chair.