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Cut to NWTAC Funding

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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. I know it's not a big decrease, but it looks like there's \$10,000 less for contributions here. And it looks like this money is going to NWTAC, LGANT and Arctic Energy Alliance. The \$10,000 reduction, is that any of those specific organizations? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. That money was a reduction to the contribution to NWTAC. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. So what's the total funding that NWTAC receives from MACA? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It was \$280,000, but it is now \$270,000. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Any complaints or issues from NWTAC with the reduced funding level? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, actually there was none. The NWTAC, LGANT, and some of the organizations that we make contributions to recognize that there may be some reductions coming, and they were willing to do their part, looking at the bigger picture, understanding that, you know, we were trying to do what we can to free up more money that we can allocate to the community governments as per the formula funding reviews. So they were cooperative and -- I mean, nobody likes reductions, obviously, but there wasn't a wholesale complaint to this reduction. Thank you, Mr. Chair.