

KEVIN O'REILLY—MLA FRAME LAKE
Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link
Committee of the Whole—2017-2018 Operating Budget Review
Dept. of Finance—March 2, 2017

MR. O'REILLY: Let's move on to the Mackenzie Valley fibre link. It looks like the project is going to be substantially completed in 2017-18. I just want to confirm that with the Minister. Also wondering when we can expect to see revenues from it and where they might show up. Sorry. It's a complicated question, but there you go. Thanks.

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

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, as I think the Members have read in the paper or in the news, the line is being lit up all the way up to Fort Good Hope. One of the comments I remember is they don't have to wait for Netflix now. It is just "boom," they got it automatically. The last update we had was the crossings. I think they were doing okay with the crossings. They just have one more that they had to do. Then they should be connected all the way up to Inuvik. On the revenue side, my understanding is we have started seeing some revenue already. We will confirm that if the Member is interested in the numbers. We will confirm that and share it with committee. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. I appreciate all of that. I am just curious, though: where would the revenue start to show up when they start to flow? Is it going to be in the Finance budget or the main estimates? Where are they going to show up? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. ROBERT MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The revenue would show up in the finance under revenue summary. If you look on page 128, you are going to see the number \$1,182,000. That is what we are anticipating for 2017-18.