

ORAL QUESTION—KEVIN O'REILLY, MLA FRAME LAKE

**QUESTION 88-18(3):
RESOURCE ROYALTIES IN 2018-2019 MAIN ESTIMATES**

MR. O'REILLY: Merci, Monsieur le President. My questions are for the Minister responsible for Public Engagement and Transparency on his lengthy statement earlier today. He had to reach back in time to 2015/2016 and quote some figures from the main estimates, but can he tell me what is in the current main estimates of 2018/2019 in terms of royalties from minerals, oil, and gas extraction here in the Northwest Territories? Mahsi, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Masi. Minister responsible for Public Engagement and Transparency.

HON. LOUIS SEBERT: Mr. Speaker, I do not have the main estimates in front of me. I do know, however, that there is likely to be a significant decline in these revenues. Thank you.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks to the Minister for that. I can help him with his memory there. It is \$13.46 million. It is found on page B14 of the budget address, and I am sure he is going to have the main estimates in front of him shortly. Tobacco taxes are \$16 million. In the interest of transparency, can the Minister tell us who actually calculates and predicts these royalties?

HON. LOUIS SEBERT: I am not exactly sure how those revenue and royalty rates are set, but I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Masi. The question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Member for Kam Lake.