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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks. I appreciate the Minister undertaking that commitment.

I want to turn to page 221. It shows that there is a contribution ongoing to the NWT Chamber of Mines, \$30,000. It looks like it is some kind of a core funding. Can the Minister comment on this? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is not core funding for them. This is for them to be able to attend various things, like PDAC and AME Mineral Roundup. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. If other organizations wanted to obtain this kind of funding -- I'll just give a couple of examples, maybe the Council of Canadians or Ecology North -- they could apply to the department and get this type of funding as well? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If they were to send me a request, we would have to take it into consideration, and then we could put it in our next budget. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Is this just a general pot that is available for different organizations to apply to obtain funding to go to these sorts of conferences? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is a specific line item for them, but there could be possibilities of other sources of funding where we could look at doing that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. What other financial support does the department give in this activity or other activities to the Chamber of Mines? Are there contributions to the Geoscience Forum? Are there additional delegates that are funded in other parts of the ITI budget to allow Chamber of Mines staff or individuals to go to conferences and so on? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If you look in the grants and contribution report, we reported on the results for 2016-2017, and, if you go to page 45, it will have everything listed there. We have expenditures and results for the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. That is not shown, though, anywhere in the main estimates or the business plan? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. When the Member goes there, to the grants contribution page, and sees what we contributed to, that amount also came out of page 221 in the business plan. It is the very first line, Aboriginal Mineral Development Program, and then some of it came from Other Contributions. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. In fact, I'm furiously trying to flip through the business plan to find out what page he's talking about. I'm looking at the public version, which seems to only have about 50 pages for ITI -- 51 pages, in fact. So is it a schedule in the business plan that I should be looking for? Thanks, Mr. Chair. Oh, maybe it's schedule 4.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's under the business plan. Sorry, Member O'Reilly, page 221, main estimates, the ones that we're going through today.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Minister. I'm going to stop the clock here for a minute. So we're going to figure out what we're looking for here. In what document is the Minister referencing? Is it the main estimates, or is it the public business plans? Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Main estimates, page 221, first line, Aboriginal Mineral Development Support Program, and then "other contributions," as well. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Page 221.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Okay. Thanks, Mr. Chair. So is the Minister then telling me that there are additional contributions to the NWT Chamber of Mines that are found in this Aboriginal Mineral Development Support Program of \$100,000? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Not all of it, but some of it. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. So can the Minister provide to standing committee,

then, a list of the financial support that's provided to the NWT Chamber of Mines, say, for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018? I can't determine how much support has been given, so could the Minister put those figures together and just provide it to the standing committee? That's probably the easiest thing to do. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Yes, we will do that for the Member. Thank you, Mr. Chair.