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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I would like to know: there don't seem to be any line items here for economic diversification business support that might be related to supporting the arts other than there is a Great Northern Arts Festival contribution and the film industry rebate program. How does ITI Support the arts?

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

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. We support the arts through -- so the Member knows, on page 215, the economic diversification line, the \$3,396,000, and also through the SEED program. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Really, it is just the SEED money, the Great Northern Arts Festival, and the film industry rebate program. That is it? Those are the only streams of money that are available for the arts? Is that what the Minister has just said? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Last year, ITI alone supported the arts with \$1.6 million in total. I will read them out if the Member wants to write them down: arts and crafts, fine arts and performing arts, support under the SEED program, \$725,697; festival SEED, \$294,471; raw materials, \$125; film promotion, \$311; regional programming, \$125,000; and marketing and promotion, \$106,000. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. That was all SEED money, though; right? Is that what I think I heard the Minister say?

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

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** No, Mr. Chair. That is not all SEED. That is all of our allocation between SEED and the line on page 215, economic diversification line. There is some money that comes out of that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. I accept what the Minister said, but maybe that item of \$3 million needs to be broken down in the next main estimates or through the business plan to provide a little bit more information. I will double check the business plan on that myself, as well. I am sure the Minister is getting all prepared for this review of arts strategy with his colleague, the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. I want to move on to the agricultural strategy. I have seen there are a number of

departments that have funding under the agricultural strategy. How is the implementation going to be coordinated, and how will performance successes be measured? Who is going to be doing that? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Department of ITI is leading the working group on this thing. We will be having them monitor the evaluation that will be following every step of the way on this going forward so that we will be able to track all the progress on the program. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. Is there an evaluation framework that is available? Can that be shared with committee? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

**HON. WALLY SCHUMANN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The answer is yes. We will hopefully have that finalized by the end of March. Thank you, Mr. Chair.