

ORAL QUESTION—KEVIN O'REILLY, MLA FRAME LAKE

**QUESTION 365-18(3):
LOW CARBON ECONOMY LEADERSHIP FUNDING**

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MR. O'REILLY: Merci, Monsieur le President. That's a tough act to follow.

I want to ask a question, if I may, of the Minister of Infrastructure. Most of us, or some of us, attended the announcement in the Great Hall this morning about \$23 million under the federal investment under the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund, but when I checked that figure against what our allocation is supposed to be on the Environment and Climate Change Canada website, our allocation is actually supposed to be \$31.225 million, so there seems to be \$8 million missing here somehow. Can the Minister of Infrastructure explain to the House what is happening? Thanks, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Masi. Minister of Infrastructure.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good eye on the Member. This is true. The \$8 million shortfall is for one of our items, six items that we submitted under the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund, and the federal government is trying to get some more clarity around it before they actually give us the funding for that application. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. O'REILLY: I want to thank the Minister for that. Of course, he knows I'm going to follow up on this. What is going on? What did we actually propose and what seems to be the problem here? Can the Minister share that kind of information with us in the House?

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: I will get that information and provide it to the Member on exactly what the application was and what the situation is for them asking for more information.

MR. O'REILLY: Of course, I would urge that the Minister get that to us sooner than later. In the announcement this morning, there was some money for public housing. Can the Minister tell us what the amount was for the retrofits on public housing?

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: The federal contribution toward public housing is \$4 million.

MR. SPEAKER: Masi. Oral questions. Member for Frame Lake.

MR. O'REILLY: Merci, Monsieur le President. That's an interesting figure. I know that, when there was an announcement in Nunavut about their Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund funding, Nunavut is devoting \$12 million to public housing retrofits. Why are we only asking for \$4 million? Can the Minister explain this? Mahsi, Mr. Speaker.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: I would suspect that we did a cross-department ask on these funds in applications, but I can only go out on a limb and say, to start with,

Nunavut's housing needs are a lot different than the ones in the Northwest Territories. I suspect that, when we did this cross-jurisdictional department ask on the support of this funding, that was probably the ask put forward that we had landed on with all the departments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.