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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. On page 216 under grants and contributions I see the NWT Chamber of Mines for \$30,000. When I looked at the 2017-2018 grants contributions report from the department, and I see that the Chamber of Mines 2017-2018 got \$190,600. How do we go from \$30,000 to \$190,000? Because that seems to be a flat line over time, although it was more back in 2017-2018. What else is happening here that the Chamber of Mines is getting money from ITI? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Ms. Salvador.

MS. SALVADOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think what we're talking about is the funding that was paid under the grants and contributions report. Basically, the reason why we have an increased amount in 2017-2018 is that contributions in 2017 and 2018 were to promote the NWT as an investment destination through hosting promotional events at major geoscience and mining conferences such as Roundup, PDAC, and Antwerp World Diamond Centre in Ottawa; organizing, promoting, and hosting the 2017 Yellowknife Geoscience Forum; and increasing public awareness of the minerals industry, Mining North works. Overall, there is an increase in activities within the NWT Chamber of Mines. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Ms. Salvador. Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Thanks, Mr. Chair. I can read those items in the grants and contributions report, as well. This Indigenous Mineral Development Support Program of \$100,000, is that actually run through the Chamber of Mines? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. No, that is all run through our department. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. How do we go from \$190,000 in 2017-2018 to only \$30,000 in 2019-2020? That's what's in the main estimates here. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. That's the answer that Ms. Salvador just gave him. There were contributions for 2017-2018 in order to promote the Northwest Territories and all those number of initiatives that were mentioned by the Director of Finance. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Okay, thanks. I'll see what happens with the future grants and contributions reports. It just doesn't seem to really square up very well.