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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. I did have one question. It is about the Office of the Clerk. My colleague from Yellowknife Centre asked about starting to break down that figure, \$704,000. Can the Minister tell us how much of that can be attributed to the legislative logjam at the end of the last Assembly? Thanks, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Member for Frame Lake. Minister of Finance.

HON. CAROLINE WAWZONEK: Thank you, Madam Chair. Certainly, \$155,000 is the amount that is resulting from expenditures that were on compensation and benefits as a result of some additional work, as well as, I believe, \$270,000, which was similarly related to that. Although, that number actually includes a couple of different values, Madam Chair. I will have to break out that number and make sure that it reflects only what the Member is asking me, not further requirements. We are just doing some quick math, Madam Chair. Maybe the math might be even done. Yes, \$270,000, Madam Chair, for the election and \$279,000 also for the sitting days. Then there was some succession planning that is also included. One hundred and fifty-five thousand is included for succession planning. That should make up the total of \$704,000.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Minister of Finance. Member for Frame Lake.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. Thanks for that information. I just want to get that on the record. That is the best rationale I have heard about not jamming up the legislative agenda at the end of an Assembly. It just about killed our staff and MLAs. We don't want to go there again. You have to incur these kind of costs. Let's try to work together to make sure that that doesn't happen. That is more of a comment. Thanks, Madam Chair.