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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. Mine is along the same sort of lines. Can someone tell me where all the technical advisors are located and whether there have been any changes in positions proposed in this year that's coming up? Thanks, Madam Chair.

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

HON. PAULIE CHINNA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Currently, we do have technical advisors in each of the regional offices, and going forward, looking at the changes that we may have, I'd have to look at the employment numbers that I have. I want to make sure that they're all staffed, but we normally would have two in each district. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. Have there been any changes proposed? I'm looking at the active positions on page 375. It doesn't look like there are any changes in staff from last year to the proposed year. Are there any changes in technical advisor positions? Thanks, Madam Chair.

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

HON. PAULIE CHINNA: Thank you, Madam Chair. The Member is right; there are no changes in the number of technical advisors that we do have, but going forward and looking at the amount of infrastructure that we might be working with and looking at the renovation of the homes that we do have, the public housing units, I will be looking at that and reviewing to see if there is a need for additional employees required. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. I think page 374 outlines contributions in a number of areas. Is this money, then, that flows from the Housing Corporation to the local housing organizations, the LHOs? Thanks, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Member. Minister.

HON. PAULIE CHINNA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to be correct. The Member mentioned local housing authorities or the district offices? Can he please clarify? Thank you.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. Can the Minister tell me: where does this money flow through to? Because it's listed here as contributions. Is this to third parties? Is it to the district offices? Is it to the LHOs, the local housing authorities? Where does the money flow to? Thanks, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Member. Minister.

HON. PAULIE CHINNA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Member. I just needed to understand that question. The money flows through the district offices. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. If it flows to the district offices, is it coming from the Housing Corporation, and then it's given to the district offices? It just seems like kind of a weird way to set this up. Usually, the contribution pages in the other departmental budgets are where our government is providing money to a third party, but this is to the district offices. Is that correct? Thanks, Madam Chair.

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

HON. PAULIE CHINNA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes, that is correct. We also provide funding, too, to the local housing authorities. The Housing Corporation is, I want to say, a unique set-up. We do have the local housing authorities, we do have the boards, we do have the district offices, and we also have headquarters and the office of the executive. The money that is flowed through is for the district operations. I really want to be clear that we have the district operations, and we also have the administration of the public housing units. I hope that clarifies; I hope the answer was fine. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. I think I'm just getting more and more confused. On 373, I see allocations to a number of district offices, and then there is sort of a programs development and implementation, then a vice-president's office. Why is this listed as contributions on this page? Does any of this money actually flow through to third parties, like entities outside of the Housing Corporation? Thanks, Madam Chair. Sorry. Habitat for Humanity is obviously a third-party organization. Does any of this other money flow through to third-party organizations, or is it all administered by the district offices? Thanks, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Member. Minister.

HON. PAULIE CHINNA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I know it might seem kind of confusing to understand. The way that I understand it and the way that I work with the budget that we have is that we have a lot of housing programs that are very unique. We have housing support

initiatives that do include the third parties, as well, that we're looking at, at the community level, where the community and bands, charter communities, Indigenous groups, or stakeholders are wanting to go forward and deliver programs. For an example, I just want to say very quickly, if we needed stairs and ramps and doors replaced, I'm looking at a third-party opportunities; I would look at the bands and the stakeholders in the smaller areas, that we would work in conjunction and provide funding at a proposal setting. At a proposal setting, if the project costs \$50,000, I would like to work with that third party where they would program-deliver within that community. I will have Jim elaborate on this a little bit more, for more clarification. Thank you, Madam Chair. Sorry, Mr. Martin.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Minister. Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes. The way that the budget is structured under the program and district operations activity here is that the programs that are being administered by the district offices are classified according to how the budgets are allocated to the districts. Within the districts, we would have the grants and contributions budget being administered. We would have the contracts services budget, as well, and the other components, as well, being allocated out at the start of the year to each of the district offices. They would, then, administer those various budgets, and as I said, within those budgets is the grants and contributions allocations. They work with third parties, clients, organizations, to administer those programs. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Mr. Martin. Member for Frame Lake.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. As I said, I just keep getting more and more confused here. All of this money on page 374 flows through from the district offices to third parties? Is that what I believe Mr. Martin said? Thanks, Madam Chair.

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

HON. PAULIE CHINNA: How can I explain this? As the Housing Corporation, we have funding that is available. We have the district offices. According to programs that we deliver, each district office would be delivering programs that are identified. We would flow through the money from headquarters into each of the districts equally, depending on the amount of programs and services that they would require and need. Then, they would deliver those programs on behalf of us at the executive level. I am going to have Mr. Carpenter elaborate on that a little bit more. I hope that makes sense, but if it doesn't, please keep on asking those questions so I could make sure I get through to Member. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Minister. Mr. Carpenter.

MR. CARPENTER: Thank you, Madam Chair. All of those program items listed under contributions, those are funding that, as the Minister indicated, goes directly to the district office who delivers those programs. The one that kind of sticks out a bit is Habitat for Humanity. That's

a budget we have set aside because they have expressed interest in doing one or two programs in the territory. We have that budget set up. We are hoping to do that. Once we get an indication of which communities those projects will take place, we will funnel that particular budget down to those district offices to work with Habitat for Humanity. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Mr. Carpenter. Member for Frame Lake.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. I think that I am going to have to go offline, because I still don't understand the way that this is set out or accounted for. These are programs that are administered through the Housing Corporation. It looks like money flows through the district offices, but it doesn't quite add up with money on the previous page. Maybe it's too late in the day or something; I just don't understand this. Thanks, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Thank you, Member for Frame Lake. Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

HON. PAULIE CHINNA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I really want to make sure that I answered this question correctly. Is the Member looking at the grants and contributions for each of the district offices that he says does not add up to the number on page 374?

CHAIRPERSON (Ms. Semmler): Member for Frame Lake, did you just want to clarify?

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Madam Chair. I think I have spent the last seven or eight minutes trying to understand what the relationship is of the contributions listed on page 374 to the line items on 373, and I haven't gotten to the bottom of it in a way that I can understand. Probably, with the Minister and her assistants there, I am not going to get to the bottom of it in the next 24 hours. I am going to have to go offline and ask them to better explain this. Thanks, Madam Chair.