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MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My next question is about the segment of programs that are listed under women's advisory. I note that, on page 118, the amount of money that is provided to each of these initiatives has been static over a period of time. I am wondering how the government is going to meet its mandate commitment to increase the participation of women in politics without increasing the availability of money to initiatives that would make that happen. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Ms. Green. Premier McLeod.

HON. BOB MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We would be very supportive of providing increased funding for a woman campaign, especially with elections coming up in less than two years. We will be seeking supplementary funding if it has not been approved already. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Premier McLeod. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am wondering if the Minister can provide a little more detail on this. How much money has been set aside? It looks like the same amount of money as every other year going back to 2016-2017. Could the Minister provide a bit more explanation of how much more money is available for offering women support who want to get into politics? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Ms. Green. Premier McLeod.

HON. BOB MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. On page 117, under the heading "women's advisory, corporate administration costs," you will note that there has been an increase from \$205,000 in the 2017-2018 revised estimates, it has been increased by \$84,000 to a total of \$289,000 under the 2018-2019 Main Estimates. The \$84,000 has been earmarked for women's campaign expenses or schools. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Premier McLeod. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the clarification. Historically, I thought that money came out of the status of women council, and that figure hasn't been raised since 2016-2017. It is good news that there is a specific amount of money available for the campaign schools. I just want to confirm now that I understand what the Minister said previously, which is that if all that money is spent then there is an opportunity to obtain more through a supplementary appropriation. Do I have that right? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Ms. Green. Premier McLeod.

HON. BOB MCLEOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. All I can say is we have identified \$84,000 in this business plan. If it is approved, that money will be available. In the past, we have made requests, and it has not always been approved. You can take that situation as money is pretty tight. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Premier McLeod. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. What I took away from that is that there is \$84,000 available. If all of that money is spent then that is a new ballgame in terms of where the funding is going to come from. Do I have that right? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Ms. Green. Premier McLeod.

HON. BOB MCLEOD: That is correct, as far as campaign schools go. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Premier McLeod. Ms. Green.