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MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I have another bit of a shopping list here of things to ask about. I'll start with the grant to the YWCA for the Rock Hill Apartments. It's been at \$443,000 for quite a number of years. It's now \$74,000 in this main estimate. Can the Minister tell us why this has changed? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Ms. Green. Minister Abernethy.

HON. GLEN ABERNETHY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, we had this discussion in the last budget, if I remember correctly. The lease on that is coming due. The Department of Infrastructure is doing some physical assessments on those buildings, trying to determine what, if any, life is left in that building, so that we can make an informed decision on next steps. If it is determined that there is still life in that building and the "Y" can stay in that building, we will certainly be coming back with a supp to make the appropriate adjustment in this line. I do remind the Member that this is a grant in kind, so it is not cash. Should that building be fit to continue, we will do an adjustment. If it is determined that it is not fit to continue, we have a different problem, and we will have some tough decisions in front of us as an Assembly, but we will find a way to make sure that we are moving forward. We really need to wait for that assessment to come back, Mr. Chair, so that we can have that informed discussion. I understand that it is coming shortly. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Minister Abernethy. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. What does \$74,000 represent, then, in this context? I'm not clear about that. I realize it is a grant in kind. I am familiar with the arrangement with the "Y" but I'm not sure what the 74 represents. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thank you, Ms. Green. Minister Abernethy.

HON. GLEN ABERNETHY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Technical conversation, but it is considered forgone rent for the period of time from April 1 to the end of May in anticipation of the report coming back from Infrastructure, and then working on a way forward. Thank you.