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Drug Treatment Court Funding Program
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MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My question for the Minister is: what is the Drug Treatment Court Funding Program? Could he please describe that initiative? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Ms. Green. Minister Sebert.

HON. LOUIS SEBERT: I understand that funds the specialized courts, Wellness Court and DVTO. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Minister Sebert. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: I thank you, Mr. Chair. The Domestic Violence Treatment Option court is not the Drug Treatment Court Funding Program, unless there is a mistake in the main estimates. This shows a revenue of \$100,000, starting in the next fiscal year. I am looking for an explanation of what this is.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Ms. Green. Minister Sebert.

HON. LOUIS SEBERT: I may have not given the best answer to the last question, so I am going to refer this to Ms. Bolstad. Perhaps she can give a more accurate and helpful answer to the question. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake): Thank you, Minister Sebert. Ms. Bolstad.

MS. BOLSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It is a \$100,000 federal contribution to the Wellness Court Program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MS. GREEN: Thank you. Could I have some detail about how this money is going to be spent? I have never heard of drug treatment court before. I wasn't aware that we had one. Thank you.

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

MS. BOLSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The federal funding pot is called "Drug Treatment Court Funding," and we are eligible under it for our Wellness Court. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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