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Day Shelter and Sobering Centre Funding  
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**MS. GREEN:** Thank you. I appreciate that commitment. My next question has to do with the allocation of money for the day shelter and the sobering program. I am looking on page 177.

I guess my question is: are we talking about the same day shelter in Yellowknife as the one on this page that is combined with the Anti-Poverty Fund? Thank you.

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

**HON. GLEN ABERNETHY:** Mr. Chair, on page 176, there is an increase of about \$1.73 million, which is going to the combined day shelter/sobering centre. That is a new ask. That is new money to help provide the range of services that we are providing in the sobering centre.

The money that the Member is referring to on the other page, there is \$1 million for the anti-poverty, and then \$150,000. \$75,000 goes to Inuvik; \$75,000 goes towards the day shelter here in Yellowknife.

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

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you. Could the Minister please point me to the place on the page where the \$1.73 million is? Thank you.

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

**HON. GLEN ABERNETHY:** Mr. Chair, it mostly shows up on page 176 under line B, community and mental health and addictions and, yes, \$1.734 million.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake):** Thank you, Minister Abernethy. Minister Abernethy.

**HON. GLEN ABERNETHY:** Mr. Chair, I think it is important to recognize because, if you just added one number to the next, it wouldn't add up, but there have been some sunsets in that area as well. There was a grant in kind to Rockhill Apartments that would have fallen into this line that has been sunsetted. There is a home and community care, mental health and addictions service bilateral funding agreement, \$300,000. That is one that is coming back, right? So that will come back, and then there is \$542,000 for the Mental Health Act implementation, and that also comes back. Then there is some money that was allocated to the Yellowknife sobering centre, which has also sort of sunsetted, but we're bringing it back through other means. So it doesn't add up. We can provide the breakdown to show where the ins and outs are, so that it is clear.

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

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Sure, a breakdown would be helpful. I guess the other thing I am trying to understand is why the money appears in two places instead of just in one. Why doesn't that day shelter money get included in the line that has

community mental health and addictions? Thank you.

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

**MS. MATHISON:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. It is really just the way the budget for the project evolved. It started with an allocation from the antipoverty fund, and then we forward to request the additional money through the business planning process as a separate project and just loaded the budget in two different spots because of that. They are, yes, they are all funding the one project. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you for that response. Is there any thought to actually combining them and calling them "the day shelter and the sobering centre" and putting them into one place under contribution agreements to the service provider? Thank you.

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

**HON. GLEN ABERNETHY:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. It seems like a reasonable recommendation. We will endeavour to do that for the next budget that is before the House.