

JULIE GREEN—MLA YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE
ADM Post Secondary Renewal Position
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MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would like the Minister to remind us how it is possible to hire this ADM with no increase in the budget for compensation and salaries. Well, excuse me, there is a \$3,000 increase in the budget. How is it possible to hire this ADM with only a \$3,000 increase in the compensation and benefits segment of this budget? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Minister.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The way it is possible to do that is because, when the previous president actually stepped down from the position, we used an acting position from the VP of student services. Of course, then, that position does not get two full salaries, so there were some savings there. As well, we haven't taken any of the funding away for the social work or education programs, so there is extra money in the college at this point. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If the money was taken from other activities to fund the position in this area, why isn't it reflected in the budget? Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Minister.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The position was actually hired after the business plans and these mains were drawn up, so it is a timing issue, but there is money in the current budget to actually allow for that salary to be implemented. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you. I find that answer surprising because the advertising for the position went out in September, and I think the revised version of the mains that we received was in January. I am wondering if the Minister is planning to reveal the true cost of this position and any associated positions, such as an assistant, in the next budget. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If it is all right with committee, we can get that information to you, a breakdown of how that works, and provide it to standing committee ASAP. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Ms. Green.

MS. GREEN: Thank you. I appreciate the Minister's commitment to tell us what the total cost is of this ADM position and any related positions, such as an assistant, but my primary request is that the next mains include this position in this activity area so that

the cost of administration is contained in one activity area, rather than being borrowed from other areas. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. CAROLINE COCHRANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have asked the department, and yes, the commitment from the department is that it will be included in the next mains. Thank you, Mr. Chair.