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MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have a question that relates to page 370, which is an information item. It's a revenue summary item. What I understand here is that the Government of the Northwest Territories is providing less money and the CMHC is providing less money to the Housing Corporation in the next fiscal year, to the tune of about \$10 million. Just for clarification, this is even after the new bilateral agreement has been taken into consideration. Is that correct?

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

HON. ALFRED MOSES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll go to Mr. Martin on this one. Thank you.

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

MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, there have been a couple of notable decreases here, first off with respect to the GNWT contribution. This is primarily explained as a result of the RCMP funding allocation to support the Housing Corporation with that initiative. The last year in which the Housing Corporation received the final allocation for that initiative was in 2018-2019, and that was to the tune of about \$8 million in 2018-2019, so that explains a significant component of that change. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

MS. GREEN: Thank you, and then, the reduction in the CMHC funding, could the witness provide some detail on that, as well? Thank you.

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

MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the CMHC funding, what's reflected there at this time is a sunset of \$1.84 million associated with the previous IAH, Investment in Affordable Housing, funding agreement that the Housing Corporation had in place for the last 10 years. 2018-2019 is the last year in which the Housing Corporation was receiving the \$1.8 million under that older agreement. Currently, the additional \$2.4 million that has yet to be incorporated into our budget, associated with the bilateral funding allocation for 2019-2020, that will be added to the CMHC funding eventually, and that will offset that \$1.84 million reduction. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If I understand correctly, it won't just offset the reduction; it will actually increase the amount of money coming from CMHC. Is that the correct?

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

MR. MARTIN: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

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

MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate the detail on that. I am wondering if I could get a commitment from the Minister to add this information to the letter that he is already writing to the standing committee. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Minister.

HON. ALFRED MOSES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, we will make that commitment and get it to standing committee. Thank you.