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MS. GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In his opening remarks, the Speaker said that the budget for languages was going to be tripled. I am not sure if that is this page where the Language Commissioner is, or where it is going to be, but maybe he could point to that, please? Thank you.

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

HON. JACKSON LAFFERTY: Masi, Mr. Chair. The funding allocation is not geared towards the Language Commissioner's budget, but it is overall to offset how we can enhance language development in the Legislative Assembly with regard to reporting and promoting more language. It is a generic contribution to the Legislative Assembly and would capture the Language Commissioner's area of recommendations, so we can work towards that as well. If I may, maybe Mr. Mercer will have more detailed information pertaining to this, Mr. Chair.

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

MR. MERCER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just to follow up on what the Speaker said, the tripling of the Assembly's languages budget would not be found under this activity; it would be found under a number of line items under Office of the Clerk. For example, the Clerk's Office item under program detail has a substantial increase of about \$100,000. That would account for some of it. The remainder would be in the committee's budget. That increase is spread out over a number of items within the activity of Office of the Clerk on page 14, Mr. Chair. Thank you.