removes the oldest entries that have been decided and delivered. The same cache size limit should be set on all group members, because an unreachable member that is attempting to reconnect selects any other member at random for recovery of missed messages. The same messages should therefore be available in each member's cache.

Before MySQL 8.0.16, the cache size was 1 GB, and the default setting for the cache size from MySQL 8.0.16 is the same. Ensure that sufficient memory is available on your system for your chosen cache size limit, considering the size of MySQL Server's other caches and object pools. Note that the limit set using `group_replication_message_cache_size` applies only to the data stored in the cache, and the cache structures require an additional 50 MB of memory.

When selecting a `group_replication_message_cache_size` setting, do so with reference to the expected volume of messages in the time period before a member is expelled. The length of this time period is controlled by the `group_replication_member_expel_timeout` system variable, which determines the waiting period (up to an hour) that is allowed in addition to the initial 5-second detection period for members to return to the group rather than being expelled. Note that before MySQL 8.0.21, this time period defaulted to 5 seconds from the member becoming unavailable, which is just the detection period before a suspicion is created, because the additional expel timeout set by the `group_replication_member_expel_timeout` system variable defaulted to zero. From 8.0.21 the expel timeout defaults to 5 seconds, so by default a member is not expelled until it has been absent for at least 10 seconds.

18.7.5.1 Increasing the cache size

If a member is absent for a period that is not long enough for it to be expelled from the group, it can reconnect and start participating in the group again by retrieving missed transactions from another member's XCom message cache. However, if the transactions that happened during the member's absence have been deleted from the other members' XCom message caches because their maximum size limit was reached, the member cannot reconnect in this way.

Group Replication's Group Communication System (GCS) alerts you, by a warning message, when a message that is likely to be needed for recovery by a member that is currently unreachable is removed from the message cache. This warning message is logged on all the active group members (only once for each unreachable member). Although the group members cannot know for sure what message was the last message seen by the unreachable member, the warning message indicates that the cache size might not be sufficient to support your chosen waiting period before a member is expelled.

In this situation, consider increasing the `group_replication_message_cache_size` limit with reference to the expected volume of messages in the time period specified by the `group_replication_member_expel_timeout` system variable plus the 5-second detection period, so that the cache contains all the missed messages required for members to return successfully. You can also consider increasing the cache size limit temporarily if you expect a member to become unreachable for an unusual period of time.

18.7.5.2 Reducing the cache size

The minimum setting for the XCom message cache size is 1 GB up to MySQL 8.0.20. From MySQL 8.0.21, the minimum setting is 134217728 bytes (128 MB), which enables deployment on a host that has a restricted amount of available memory. Having a very low `group_replication_message_cache_size` setting is not recommended if the host is on an unstable network, because a smaller message cache makes it harder for group members to reconnect after a transient loss of connectivity.

If a reconnecting member cannot retrieve all the messages it needs from the XCom message cache, the member must leave the group and rejoin it, in order to retrieve the missing transactions from another member's binary log using distributed recovery. From MySQL 8.0.21, a member that has left a group