

1 Q. For the budget Item identified below, provide the following information:

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3 Budget Item	4 Amount	5 Description
6 B-18	7 \$177,000	8 Purchase Track Machine – Cat Arm

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10 (a) Provide the number of enclosed track machines that Hydro has on the
 11 island and the normal location of each vehicle.

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13 (b) Provide instances where lack of such a vehicle resulted in a
 14 lengthening of any outage(s) of the Cat Arm facility and the cost of the
 15 extended outage(s).

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17 A. (a) Following is the list of the enclosed track vehicles (Muskeg, Nodwell,
 18 Tereveh and LMC) on the island and their normal locations.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VEHICLES</u>
Bay d'Espoir	5
Bishops Falls	8
Port Saunders	3
Springdale	2
St. Anthony	3
Stephenville	5
Whitbourne	5
Happy Valley	1
Total	32

1 The vehicle budgeted and suitable for Cat Arm application is type
2 LMC (with 32 inch wide track) and there is only one enclosed track
3 machine of this type in the Hydro system which is normally located at
4 Stephenville.

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7 (b) Until 1998 there was a similar track machine or track truck available
8 and stationed at Cat Arm to transport workers and material and groom
9 a trail for the use of individual snowmobiles. This machine
10 experienced maintenance problems and was disposed of at the end of
11 its useful life. Since then, alternate methods using a Go Track to
12 groom the trail in winter months have been used, however this has
13 proven to be ineffective especially in heavy (deep) snow. During this
14 period (when the proper track machine was not available) extended
15 outages have been avoided. Trail grooming has been a difficult task
16 and has increased the travel time to the plant. It is concluded that lack
17 of a suitable track machine at Cat Arm has a potential for extending
18 the unit outages during the winter months.