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1 Q. Further to NP-6, explain why the staffing level projected for 2002 totaling 2 1144 employees (855 permanent plus 289 temporary) is greater than the 3 level in 1992 of 1130 employees (1012 permanent plus 118 temporary).

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A. The staffing level projection for 2002 of 1144 employees (855 permanent plus 289 temporary) is greater than the staffing level at December in 1992, due to the time of year for which staffing figures were reported. The 2002 staffing level projection was based on Hydro's current complement as at the end of May 2001 while the 1992 statistics refer to year-end. The period of time from April to October annually, represents Hydro's peak hiring period for temporary staff to fulfill Capital and Operating Maintenance requirements.