

1 Q. Further to NP-23, justify the increase of 36 vehicles in Hydro's fleet (398 in
2 2001 vs. 362 in 1999), in light of the reduction of 46 permanent employees
3 referred to in NP-6 (855 employees in 2001 vs. 901 employees in 1999).

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5 A. Referring to NP-23, pages 9 and 11, the total vehicles are actually 267 for
6 1999 (not 362) and 285 for 2001 (not 398) for a difference of 18. The 5000
7 and 6000 series are attachments for vehicles in the 3000 and 4000 series.
8 The increase in vehicles from 1999 to 2001 is as follows:

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10 • Seventeen vehicles are assigned to various projects and will either be
11 disposed of or replace older vehicles at the end of the projects.

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13 • One additional vehicle was assigned to the IS&T eastern group.

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15 The realignment of staff resulted in the displacement of four vehicles; three
16 which will be disposed of in 2002, and the fourth reassigned to Mary's
17 Harbour resulting from a change in operations due to the availability of the
18 new Labrador Highway.