Q. Ref: Schedule B, Project Title - Service Extensions, p. B-39. Please provide data on the average yearly expenditures as detailed by year for each of the years of the period selected (1998-2002).

A. Actual annual expenditures for Service Extensions for the period 1998-2002 are provided in the following table.

	Actual Annual Expenditures (\$000)				
Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Central	321	454	399	579	631
Northern	306	417	381	566	530
Labrador	436	379	582	621	787
Total	1,063	1,250	1,362	1,766	1,948

These historical costs were converted to 2002 dollars using the GDP Implicit Price Deflator and 5-year averages calculated. These averages were then escalated assuming a rate of approximately 2% in 2003 and 2004 to determine the total 2004 capital budget estimate.