

1 Q. Please provide Hydro's vehicle policy(ies) as regards:

2 a. leasing vs. buying;

3 b. new vehicle procurement practices; and

4 c. vehicle maintenance.

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7 A. a. All new vehicle acquisitions are subject to the Public Tender Act, and  
8 on closing of the tender each bid is analyzed by our Finance Division  
9 from a lease versus purchase perspective.

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11 b. New vehicles are acquired through public tender.

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13 c. In order to ensure safety of an employee, Hydro utilizes a preventive  
14 maintenance program for its fleet vehicles, which varies based on the  
15 vehicle type, but typically includes a 10,000 km check as well as  
16 prescribed annual preventive maintenance. Corrective maintenance is  
17 performed on an as required basis at the discretion of the user in  
18 consultation with the Transportation Fleet Specialist.