

1    Q.    If Hydro is purchasing fuel by tender, please explain why it does not engage  
2           in its own fuel purchases?

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5    A.    The Public Tender Act of the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador requires  
6           that any acquisition of goods in excess of \$10,000 be publicly tendered, with  
7           various stated exceptions, none of which apply to the purchase of fuels.