

In reference to Schedule "B", page 62 of 82:

Q. Please advise what components in the budget relate directly to Newfoundland Power's VHF mobile radio system and how much has been expended on the maintenance of the Company's VHF mobile radio system in the last five years.

A. The 2003 Telecommunications Capital Budget includes the projects listed in Table 1:

Table 1 VHF Mobile Radio System	
Description	Budget Amount (\$000s)
Upgrade Radio Towers	35
Purchase VHF mobile radios	25
Purchase VHF portable radios	10

Table 2 identifies maintenance expenses over the past five years (1998 through 2002) for mobile radio equipment:

Table 2 Mobile Equipment Maintenance		
Year	Repeater Site Maintenance (000s)	Mobile Radio Maintenance (000s)
1998	\$74	\$72
1999	\$55	\$64
2000	\$54	\$46
2001	\$68	\$16
2002 YTD	\$46	\$11