

**In reference to Schedule “B”, page 73 of 82, Network Infrastructure, project cost \$542,000:**

**Q. In reference to the replacement of network equipment in offices outside of St. John’s, how much of the budget relates to VHF radio?**

**A.** The replacement of network equipment in offices outside of the St. John’s area involves Motorola 6520 routers, which are now used to route SCADA, VHF and corporate data along the network. To maintain the capability to route VHF traffic following the replacement of the Motorola routers, a total of approximately \$62,000 has been allocated for voice cards to be installed in the new routers.

Because the new routers are capable of routing VHF calls without a separate central radio switch, the need to incur an estimated cost of \$100,000 to replace the 12-year old radio switch currently installed at the System Control Center will be avoided.