

1     **Q.     Re: Replace Light Duty Mobile Equipment, Vol. II, Tab 21.**

2             At page 5, in the section entitled '4.4 Status Quo', it states: "Failure to replace units  
3             in accordance with the replacement policy will lead to increasing maintenance costs  
4             and less reliable vehicles." However, at page 3 it states: "Hydro does not maintain  
5             maintenance records for this type of equipment to this level of detail."

6             Why does Hydro not keep detailed maintenance records of Light Duty Mobile  
7             Equipment?

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10     **A.**     Hydro does not keep detailed maintenance records of the Light Duty Mobile  
11             Equipment because it is cost prohibitive. However, Hydro has made changes in how  
12             maintenance is paid for on this equipment. In the past, Hydro used the vehicle  
13             maintenance and fuel cards from PHH Arval to pay for fuel and maintenance on  
14             equipment. However, these cards did not provide detailed maintenance records. In  
15             2008, Hydro switched to a Corporate Visa card system for maintenance on the  
16             equipment. The expenditures are now coded against specific units which provides a  
17             more accurate maintenance record and life cycle costs. The information gathered to  
18             date is limited because the practice is only one year old.