

1 Q. With reference to the Project **D-265, Remove Safety Hazards**, provide the specific  
2 justification for and detailed breakdown of the \$144,317 expenditure for “Highway  
3 signs to meet Occupational Health and Safety Traffic Control while working on  
4 highway.”

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7 A. As a result of new traffic control legislation in the province effective January 1, 2011  
8 Hydro was required to purchase road signs in order to comply with guidelines in the  
9 Traffic Control Manual published by the Department of Transportation and Works.  
10 Occupational Health and Safety (OH and S) Regulations require that traffic control  
11 procedures shall at minimum meet the requirements of the Department of  
12 Transportation and Works “Traffic Control Manual for Roadway Work Operations”  
13 or procedures established by a municipality that have been approved by the  
14 minister and all relevant specifications”.

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16 A breakdown of the \$144,317 expenditure for “Highway signs to meet Occupational  
17 Health and Safety Traffic Control while working on highway” is presented in the  
18 table below. The number and type of signs required varies from region to region.  
19 The unit cost varies depending on the specific type of sign purchased.

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Region	Signs Purchased	Cost
TRO Labrador	47	\$19,138
TRO Northern	239	\$60,511
TRO Central	165	\$64,668
<b>Totals</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>\$144,317</b>