

1 Q. **Projects over \$50,000 but Less Than \$200,000**

2 Tab 29 Replace Vehicles and Aerial Devices:

3 What is the justification for Hydro's replacement criteria as regards kilometers to be
4 so significantly different from 2 of the 3 Atlantic utilities, in particular 1 and 2 in
5 Table 1, page 2?
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8 A. Hydro's criteria of looking at vehicles with a base line of 150,000 kilometers is a
9 primary benchmark to identify vehicles that could be replaced provided they meet
10 two other conditions as laid out in Hydro's replacement criteria. The base line of a
11 minimum of 150,000 kilometers was selected because Hydro found the majority of
12 light vehicles that operate in rural areas have a shorter life span due to the poor
13 road conditions, high salt environment and limited maintenance resources in the
14 areas. The lack of factory trained service shops in the rural areas reduces the
15 reliability of the vehicles. The other Atlantic utilities have a larger number of factory
16 trained service shops compared to Newfoundland and Labrador.