

1 **Q. 2015 Capital Plan (p. 18) Transportation**

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3 **Please provide a copy of the all vehicle replacement guidelines.**

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5 A. Newfoundland Power's vehicle replacement guidelines are detailed in Schedule B of the
6 2015 Capital Budget Application at page 74 of 97. These replacement guidelines trigger
7 inspections to determine whether individual vehicles require replacement.¹

8 Newfoundland Power individually evaluates all vehicles considered for replacement
9 according to a number of criteria to ensure replacement is the least cost option.

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11 Evaluation for replacement is initiated when individual vehicles reach a threshold age or
12 level of usage. Heavy fleet vehicles are considered for replacement at 10 years of age or
13 usage of 250,000 kilometres. For passenger vehicles, the guideline is 5 years of age or
14 150,000 kilometres. Vehicles reaching these thresholds are evaluated on a number of
15 criteria, such as overall condition, maintenance history and immediate repair requirements,
16 to determine whether they have reached the end of their useful service lives.

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18 For off road vehicles age and level of usage are not considerations. These units are
19 evaluated on a number of criteria, such as overall condition, maintenance history and
20 immediate repair requirements.

¹ Of the 35 passenger vehicles scheduled for replacement in 2015 there are 26 that will have 6 or more years of service when replaced.