

1 Q. Reference: *2016 Standby Fuel Deferral Application*, Chart 1, Page 3.

2 At what level of total system energy storage would Hydro consider it reasonable to  
3 reduce its use of Standby Generation in 2016?

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6 A. Hydro will continue to review its aggregate storage position as well as the position  
7 of its individual reservoirs. At its weekly water management meetings, Hydro uses  
8 guidance from the results of the Vista Decision Support System which provides  
9 recommended hydro and thermal generation schedules using simulations of all  
10 historic inflow scenarios. In addition, other factors are taken into consideration  
11 such as: weather and load forecasts, snow pack, distribution of the storage within  
12 the reservoir system, and the available thermal capacity. When Hydro's analysis  
13 indicates that it can secure the energy requirements of the Island Interconnected  
14 System within the capability of Holyrood, it will reduce its standby generation  
15 accordingly.