

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 6, Program 1 Replace Light- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles (2024-2028), Page 3,**
2 **lines 4–6**

3 It is stated that assets in service in 2020 and 2021 are below average due to global supply issues.
4 Schedule 4, the 2023 Capital Expenditures Overview, on page 12 indicates that both the 2020-
5 2021 and the 2021-2022 programs for vehicles have been carried over to 2023. Explain how
6 Hydro has taken the delay in the replacement of vehicles into account in planning its 2024
7 program for vehicle replacement.

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10 A. Carryover of late-arriving vehicles has had no direct impact on planning Newfoundland and
11 Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") 2024 program for vehicle replacement unless vehicles planned for
12 2020 and 2021 were cancelled by the manufacturer, in which case the 2024 requirements would
13 have increased.

14 The delay in the replacement of vehicles has impacted maintenance and operations activities, as
15 older vehicles have been kept in service that would have been more prudent to retire earlier. As
16 a result of the rise in vehicles out-of-service for maintenance, usage of available working
17 vehicles has increased, which incrementally accelerates their future replacement. These impacts
18 are difficult to quantify and would be experienced across the entire fleet, not just those
19 scheduled for replacement in 2024.