

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 6, Program 7 Wood Pole Line Management (2024), Page 15, Chart 9**

2 Please explain why the budget for 2024 is significantly higher than the budgets in the period
3 2018-2023.

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6 A. The higher budget for this program in 2024 is mainly attributable to the increased amount of
7 environmental mitigation work required to support access requirements for the refurbishment
8 work scheduled in 2024. In accordance with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's Environmental
9 Protection Plan, this mitigation is required to effectively travel over sensitive bogs and wetlands
10 in order to gain access to structures with proposed refurbishment work.