

1 **Q. (Reference Application Schedule B, Clarenville Area Office Building Refurbishment,**
2 **pages 65 and 68 of 99) It is stated “This project is justified on the obligation to maintain**
3 **safe and adequate facilities and cannot be deferred.” Are these facilities currently safe**
4 **and adequate, or has Newfoundland Power placed its employees at risk? If these**
5 **facilities are safe and adequate now, what is expected to happen between now and**
6 **2022 that would make them unsafe and inadequate in 2022?**

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8 A. No, Newfoundland Power has not placed its employees at risk.

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10 The 2022 Capital Budget Application, Report 5.1 Clarenville Area Office Building
11 Refurbishment, page 7, states that “the roof over the office area has reached the end of its
12 service life and based on the age, condition, and risk associated with failure replacement
13 is recommended.” Similarly, later on that same page, the report states that “the roof-
14 mounted heat pump unit has experienced numerous breakdowns and no longer operates
15 reliably... Without adequate ventilation, the building does not meet the Newfoundland
16 and Labrador Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.”¹

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18 It is expected that between 2020, when the roofing system and the heating, ventilation
19 and air conditioning systems were inspected, and 2022, when remedial work can be
20 executed, both systems will continue to deteriorate. As a result, the requirement that
21 these systems be addressed in order to maintain safe and adequate facilities into the future
22 will become more urgent.

¹ Section 45 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 2009 (Newfoundland and Labrador Regulation 70/09)* details ventilation requirements for a workspace.