

1 Q. Further to response to Request for Information NP-NLH-078:

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3 Financial Services Costs for the Finance function are forecast to increase from
4 \$3,309,000 in 2016 to \$4,925,000 in 2019T. Please provide full details of this
5 \$1,616,000 increase, together with a full business justification for the requirement
6 for the increase.

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9 A. The increase in financial services costs for the Finance Function was due to an
10 increase in FTEs as well as an increase in other costs primarily due to the fixed
11 charge recovery. Please refer to Hydro's response to NP-NLH-171 for the business
12 justification for the increase in FTEs.

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14 Details are provided in Table 1.

**Table 1 Cost Drivers of Finance Function Financial Services
Costs 2016 Actual – 2019TY**

	\$(Millions)
Salary Increases	\$0.4
FTE Changes ¹	\$0.8
Other	\$0.4
Total	\$1.6

¹ FTE changes included 4 new positions per Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-033.