

1 Q. **Upgrade Public Safety Around Dams - Hinds Lake and Paradise River**

2 In the past 10 years (2010-2019 inclusive), how many members of the public have come to
3 physical harm (proven or alleged) as a result of a lack (proven or alleged) of a public safety
4 measure at an Island dam or hydraulic facility operated by Hydro, as compared to physical harm
5 (proven or alleged) due to some other aspect (proven or alleged) of Hydro's operations?

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8 A. In the last ten years there have been no known instances of physical harm, proven or alleged, to
9 the public as a result of hydroelectric operations (dams) or other Newfoundland and Labrador
10 Hydro ("Hydro") operations. However, there have been a number of recorded near misses since
11 2015 at dam facilities. The Public Safety Around Dams Guidelines, released by the Canadian Dam
12 Association and adopted by Hydro, indicates that it is not just recorded injuries that are included
13 in the risk assessment process but anecdotal and observed evidence of activities within the
14 dangerous and warning zones as well. Activities within these zones put the public at increased
15 and unacceptable risk especially around hydroelectric facilities where the public is typically
16 unaware of the hazards regarding the operation. Please refer to response to IC-NLH-019 for
17 information regarding near misses as well as the general types of activities observed on and
18 around our dams.