

1 Q. **Reference: 2024 Capital Budget Application (Revision 1), Project 8, Purchase Accommodations**  
2 **Trailers (2024-2025), page 2, lines 15 to 19.**

3 The communities of Cartwright and Makkovik offer limited viable  
4 accommodation options. The lone hotel in Makkovik contains only five  
5 bedrooms, which are often unavailable, particularly during the summer  
6 construction season. To mitigate availability issues, Hydro has historically  
7 availed of private rental agreements. These accommodations often contain an  
8 insufficient number of bedrooms and are inadequate to satisfy the needs of  
9 personnel.

10 Hydro proposes to spend approximately \$1.6 million for the purchase and installation of two  
11 accommodations trailers in Cartwright and Makkovik for its employees to utilize while working  
12 in those communities.

13 a) Has Hydro consulted with the communities regarding its need for accommodations and  
14 what alternatives may be available? If not, why not?

15 b) Has Hydro consulted with the communities and any contractors serving the  
16 communities regarding the cost to construct four bedroom dwellings within the  
17 communities as opposed to purchasing and installing prefabricated accommodations  
18 trailers? If not, why not?

19 c) Considering the high cost of constructing and installing the two accommodations  
20 trailers, has Hydro inquired whether any property owners in Cartwright or Makkovik  
21 would be interested in selling property to Hydro that can be used to temporarily house  
22 its employees when working in the communities? If not, why not?

23 d) Please confirm that the cost of the proposed accommodations trailers for Hydro's  
24 employees will largely be borne by Newfoundland Power's customers through the Rural  
25 Deficit.

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28 A. Please refer to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-052 of this  
29 proceeding.