

1 Q. **Reference: 2025 Capital Budget Application, Program 16, Purchase Tools and Equipment**
2 **(2025), page 4, lines 4 to 6 and page 5, Chart 1.**

3 a) Is Hydro's Purchase Tools and Equipment program used to supply day-to-day
4 operations? Are outlier purchases included in other programs and/or projects?

5 b) Please explain the increase in price for 2023 and 2025 onward, as shown in Chart 1.

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8 A. a) Yes, the Purchase Tools and Equipment Program is used to support the safe operation of
9 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") generation, transmission, and distribution
10 systems with the necessary tools and equipment required to complete critical system work.
11 On occasion, tool and equipment purchases are completed under other programs or
12 projects for items specific to that work, which are not used in day-to-day operations.

13 b) The increase in price for 2023 and 2025 onward is primarily due to increased live line work
14 for the Transmission and Rural Operations operating group, requiring increased tools at
15 work sites and incorporating new tool technologies.

16 There's also a small increase to all operation groups with the addition of minor tools to the
17 Purchase Tools and Equipment Program.