1 Q.   **Reference: Programs and Projects Under $750,000, Page 7, Update Cybersecurity**
2   **Infrastructure (2025).**

3   Aside from the Update Cybersecurity Infrastructure program, are there any other capital
4   expenditures in Hydro's 2025 Capital Budget that enhance cybersecurity?

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7 A.   The completion of any technological improvements will generally bring incremental
8   enhancements to cybersecurity; however, any scope of work where the primary objective is to
9   improve cybersecurity will be included in the Update Cybersecurity Infrastructure program.

10   Cybersecurity is often one of the reasons why software must be updated, and is a factor
11   considered when determining the scope of other Operating Technology ("OT") proposals.
12   Specifically for 2025, all scopes proposed under the Perform Software Upgrades and Minor
13   Enhancements program will provide enhancements to cyber security upon execution.
14   Additionally, the Implement Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Points Application,
15   Upgrade Energy Management System, Upgrade Core OT Infrastructure, and Replace Network
16   Communications Equipment are examples of proposals submitted in Newfoundland and
17   Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") 2025 Capital Budget Application that, while driven by functional
18   requirements of the business will also result in some improvements to the security posture of
19   Hydro's OT environment.