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- Q. (Reference Application, Schedule B, page 37) Please provide a table showing for each of the past 15 years: the number of distribution transformers purchased, the total actual cost of the transformers and the adjusted cost of the new transformers. Further, please provide the calculation that resulted in the forecast expenditure for the new and replacement transformer programs in 2025.
- Table 1 provides the number, actual cost and adjusted cost of new distribution Α. transformers purchased by Newfoundland Power from 2019 to 2023. Data from the five previous years has been provided as prior data was for distribution transformers as a whole and not split by new and replacement transformers.

Table 1: Quantity and Cost of New Distribution Transformers 2019 to 2023						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Number of Units ¹	686	645	796	719	676	
Actual Cost (\$000s)	2,667	2,645	2,976	3,434	2,999	
Adjusted Cost (\$000s) ²	3,251	3,179	3,321	3,559	3,081	

These values represent the quantity of transformers purchased for the *New Transformers* program and are not reflective of actual usage in the year listed.

²⁰²⁴ Dollars.

Table 2 provides the calculation of the 2025 capital budget for the *New Transformers* program. See the response to Request for Information CA-NP-156 for the calculation for *Replacement Transformers* program.

Table 2: <i>New Transformers</i> Program 2025 Budget (\$000s)	
	Amount
Three-Year Average Adjusted Costs (\$2024) ³	3,928
11% Increase in Material Cost ⁴	432
GDP Inflation ⁵	71
Additional Inventory ⁶	1,192
2025 Budget	5,623

See Newfoundland Power's 2025 Capital Budget Application, Schedule B, page 37, Table 1. (\$3,559+\$3,081+\$5,145) / 3 = \$3,928.

 $^{^4}$ (\$3,928 x 0.11 = \$432). For additional information regarding the approximate 11% increase in material costs, see the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-008.

Based on the forecast GDP Deflator for Canada provided by the Conference Board of Canada in its data release in February 2024.

⁶ Additional inventory purchases are required in 2025 to meet minimum inventory levels.