

1 **SECTION 2: CUSTOMER OPERATIONS/OPERATING COSTS**  
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3 **Q. Reference: NLH-NP-028 and NLH-NP-036**  
 4 **Similar to Table 1 provided in Newfoundland Power’s response to NLH-NP-028,**  
 5 **please provide a detailed breakdown of the increase from 2022 Actual to 2026**  
 6 **Forecast and a specific explanation of costs included in each category listed in NLH-**  
 7 **NP-036:**  
 8 **i) Vehicle expenses;**  
 9 **ii) Travel;**  
 10 **iii) Miscellaneous;**  
 11 **iv) Education, Training and Employee Fees; and**  
 12 **v) Vegetation Management.**

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 14 A. Table 1 provides the increase in costs in each of the categories requested from 2022 to  
 15 2026 forecast.<sup>1</sup>

**Table 1:**  
**Increases in Non-Labour Categories Requested**  
**2022 vs. 2026 Forecast**  
**(\$000s)**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Vehicle Expenses <sup>2</sup>	28
Travel <sup>3</sup>	97
Miscellaneous <sup>4</sup>	224
Education, Training and Employee Fees <sup>5</sup>	132
Vegetation Management <sup>6</sup>	202
<b>Total</b>	<b>683</b>

<sup>1</sup> See the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-141 for further details regarding travel, education, training and employee fees, and vegetation management.

<sup>2</sup> The increase in vehicle expenses is primarily due to inflationary increases, partially offset by a forecast decrease in fuel prices.

<sup>3</sup> The increase in travel expenses is primarily due to inflationary increases and lifting of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<sup>4</sup> The increase in miscellaneous expenses is primarily due to inflationary increases and increased conservation and demand management outreach activities following lifting of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For additional information, see the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-025.

<sup>5</sup> The increase in education, training and employee fees is primarily due to inflationary increases and lifting of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also reflects changes in the Company’s workforce demographics. See part e) of the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-018.

<sup>6</sup> The increase in vegetation management expenses is primarily due to inflationary increases.