

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 7: Capital Programs and Projects, Program 4: Replace Heavy-Duty Vehicles**
2 **(2026 - 2028)**

3 Hydro has identified seven heavy-duty vehicles for replacement with units to be requisitioned in
4 2026, with delivery expected in 2027 and 2028. With a three-year delivery time frame for heavy-
5 duty vehicles, what steps has Hydro taken to ensure that the actual condition of the vehicle is
6 still considered when a replacement milestone is met?

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9 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro must maintain a safe, reliable fleet of heavy-duty vehicles to
10 maintain the electrical system throughout the province. Replacement criteria for heavy-duty
11 vehicles is nine years or 200,000 kilometers (odometer reading), dependent on
12 condition/maintenance cost and reliability.

13 To ensure that the actual condition of the vehicle is still considered when a replacement
14 milestone is met, a detailed condition assessment is completed as the vehicle approaches
15 replacement criteria, and if required, replacement dates are adjusted accordingly. Vehicle
16 condition assessments evaluate life-time maintenance costs, downtime, usage, and structural
17 integrity of the cab, chassis and aerial device.