

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 7: Capital Programs and Projects, Program 9: Perform Facilities**
2 **Refurbishments (2026)**

3 Page 12, lines 3-5. Has Hydro evaluated the alternative of either renting or sharing facilities?
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6 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) evaluates the alternative of either renting or
7 sharing facilities on a case-by-case basis when applicable. Hydro has primarily pursued the
8 approach of investing in its own asset base when buildings are structurally sound and capable of
9 satisfying its operational requirements for the foreseeable future, as is the case with the
10 facilities identified within the Perform Facilities Refurbishments (2026) program.

11 Hydro has explored the option of lease agreements in the past, particularly for situations in
12 which an existing facility has exceeded its service life and/or there is no existing facility available
13 to address a specific need; however, this approach has yet to yield any viable alternatives. This
14 alternative has proven unfeasible primarily due to the lack of available facilities in the required
15 region which are capable of meeting operational requirements.