

1 **Re Page B-158:**

2 Q. Would the acquisition of the new vehicles allow retirement of other vehicles
3 now used for crew transport or other equipment such as excavators?

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6 A. Yes. The units proposed for replacement will be retired on receipt of the new
7 units. No other units, such as excavators, will be retired. Hydro does not own
8 excavators. Having our own tracked vehicles with backhoe attachment
9 eliminates the need to rent an excavator to accompany a Hydro tracked
10 vehicle to a work site. The tracked vehicle fitted with a backhoe attachment is
11 a multi function machine, used for crew and material transport and
12 excavation.