



Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project

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The Honourable Justice Richard LeBlanc, Commissioner for Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project (“Inquiry”), wishes to clarify its budget request based upon the content of yesterday’s Provincial budget.

The budget that the Commission submitted to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (“Government”) for Fiscal Years 2018/19 and 2019/20 was significantly lower than the \$33.7 million that was stated in yesterday’s Provincial budget. It is the Inquiry’s understanding that in addition to the amount it submitted, Government added costs to cover its participation in the Inquiry, as well as a contingency for unforeseen expenditures. Furthermore, the Inquiry understands that the Provincial budget included amounts for other anticipated inquiries.

The Inquiry wishes to assure the public that priority is being given to fiscal prudence in everything it does. It will spend only that which is necessary to respond to its mandate. Additionally, prior to incurring capital costs, the Inquiry sought Government advice so as to best ensure that, once its work has been completed, the items purchased for the Inquiry could be used for future inquiries or other Government needs.

It is also our intention to provide periodic summaries of the costs being incurred by the Inquiry and these will be posted on the Commission website.

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