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Oral Question 244-18(2): Information on Fort Simpson Ferry Service

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you had asked on June 16, 2016 requesting information on Fort Simpson Ferry Service, specifically an analysis of the cost to operate the MV Lafferty ferry for an additional two hours per day.

The Department of Transportation has completed an analysis and, based on an average operating season of 180 days, the additional base cost to operate the MV Lafferty for two additional hours a day would be approximately \$265,000 per year. This estimate is broken down as follows:

Salaries:	\$182,000
Fuel:	\$ 43,000
Other O&M costs:	\$ 40,000
Total:	\$265,000

The Department continues to work with the community and the Chamber of Commerce to find a solution that meets their needs while remaining within our current fiscal environment. The Department remains responsive to making improvements to the transportation system when they can be justified, particularly when public safety is an issue. Public safety is not an issue in this matter.

Thank you.

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