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### **OQ18-18(3) Mackenzie Delta Transportation Concerns**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on October 18, 2017 regarding an update on the delivery of the new, lighter equipment that will be used to accelerate ice road construction and data on the number of propane trucks utilizing winter ferry service in the Mackenzie Delta Region.

#### **New Equipment to Accelerate Ice Road Construction**

The Department of Infrastructure (INF) has purchased a light-weight Bombardier Bombi, which is a small dual tracked vehicle that will be used for the initial stages of ice road building. Its weight is approximately 900 kilograms and it measures approximately 2.7 metres by 1.8 metres (9 feet by 6 feet). This light-weight machine will allow crews to safely begin work on the ice crossing sooner than with heavier equipment.

INF has also obtained a Snowcat, which is an enclosed cab, truck-sized, dual-tracked vehicle designed to move on snow and ice. It has wide tracks to maximize its ability to drag ice-making equipment across the river. INF has also procured a light tow-behind style ice spray unit, with delivery scheduled later this year.

All of the aforementioned equipment is destined for the Mackenzie River crossing location and not to any specific communities.

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Propane Trucks Using Winter Ferry Service in the Mackenzie Delta

The numbers of propane and liquefied natural gas (LNG) trucks that were recorded by the Ferry Captain, and confirmed through discussions with Inuvik Gas and other energy suppliers, are as follows:

Year	Propane	LNG
2014	2	14
2015	28	34
2016	25	10

Thank you.



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