

Committee on  
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Hon. T. Mundt  
email

**Family and Human Services – December 7, 2016 -to be tabled in the House**

Written response to questions asked to Minister of Family and Human Services during consideration of the Capital Budget on December 6, 2016.

- 1) The Member from Stratford-Kinlock asked for the breakdown of all projects and locations of capital improvements for housing and residential services. **See attached**
- 2) The Member from Stratford-Kinlock wanted to know about the policy around use and replacement of generators in seniors housing. **See attached.**
- 3) The Member from Stratford-Kinlock asked if the annual grant amount to QCRS could be provided. **Answer:** In the most recent contract dated April 1, 2016, the amount of funding is \$3,623,800.

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Written response to question asked by Member from Georgetown-St Peters, Steven Myers, to Family and Human Services Minister Tina Mundy during consideration of the Capital Budget on December 6, 2016.

**Question**

Provide the policy related to the use of generators during power outages.

**Answer**

- Generators are inspected on a regular basis as part of the building and equipment maintenance processes for the department.
- Funding for generator replacement occurs as part of the annual capital budget development for the province.
- Replacement is considered based on the age of the unit and its ability to manage the power load required to run the building as well as considering any regular maintenance or running issues identified through regular usage.
- All generators have the capacity to run for many hours and are limited only in the ability of someone to travel to the unit to re-fuel, for example, during extreme weather events when roads may not be passable.
- The province owns 1,117 seniors housing units across the province; 542 units have generators, with 45 of these units having propane generators that automatically start when electricity is lost. 575 units do not have a generator.
- Units without generators are located in the City of Charlottetown and City of Summerside where electricity outages occur on a less regular basis. Given changing weather patterns and possibilities of increased outages this is monitored to assess whether additional generators need to be added.
- The province has agreements with community volunteers, in most cases our community volunteer fire departments, who provide a great service for our clients to start, monitor, and re-fuel generators when needed. They receive the attached instructions as guidelines to complete the work.
- As generators are replaced, they are being replaced with propane units that automatically engage when the power source is lost freeing up the time of our community volunteers. Priority is given to areas where outages more often occur, or areas in which it has been difficult to find volunteers to start the generators.

## Procedure for Generator Operators

- 1) Generators will be started when power has been off for an extended period of time (90 minutes or more) in the winter time or when the temperature drops below 68F (20C).
- 2) You may receive a call from the tenant contact for the building if power is off.
- 3) Contact Maritime Electric to see how long power will be off.  
( Contact number 1-800-670-1012).
- 4) Start generator and turn transfer switch to generator power, monitor for when power has come back on .
- 5) Shut down generator and transfer back to Maritime Electric power when power is restored.
- 6) Notify Housing services in your area that the generator was on and you require more fuel.
- 7) Use own judgement in severe weather conditions as to getting out and starting these units.
- 8) Notify Housing Services in your area of any problems with unit.
- 9) Generators will only keep furnaces, water supply and limited lighting in each building.
- 10) After hours problems call the after hours number in your area to report any issue.
- 11) If you run out of fuel and can purchase some to keep units going keep all original fuel slips and submit them to housing services in your area for reimbursement.
- 12) Thank you for providing this vital service to our seniors in your area.

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Written response to question asked by Member from Stratford-Kinlock, James Aylward, to Family and Human Services Minister Tina Mundy during consideration of the Capital Budget on December 6, 2016.

**Question**

Provide a breakdown of all projects and locations of capital improvements for housing and residential services?

**Answer**

- Please see attached detailed listing
- Buildings are inspected on a regular basis to determine work that needs to be completed to ensure the safety and security of tenants and provide appropriate housing; projects are completed in order of priority.
- The listing is subject to change based on any new information obtained between now and when tenders are issued in early 2017-2018.

**Family and Human Services**  
**2017-2018 Capital Budget - Detailed Project Listing**  
**As of December 2016**

<b>Budget</b>	\$	<b>750,000</b>
Housing Services	\$	685,000
Child and Family Services - Residential Services	\$	65,000

<b>Location</b> <b>(in no particular order)</b>	<b>Project</b>
Park Royal Court (40 Units)	Roof replacement
Duvar Court (38 Units)	Resurface parking Lot
Hemlock Court A (16 Units)	Flooring
Hemlock Court B (20 Units)	Roof replacement
Crapaud B (4 Units)	Roof replacement
Mount Stewart (6 Units)	Generator upgrade
Montague A (4 Units)	Resurface Parking lot
Montague B (4 Units)	Damproofing
Montague E (8 Units)	Damproofing
Montague G (5 Units)	Resurface Parking lot
Montague K (8 Units)	Generator upgrade
Montague L (8 Units)	Generator upgrade
Montague M (13 Units)	Patio replacement
Abrams Village (5 Units)	Generator upgrade
Borden A & C (14 Units)	Generator upgrade
Borden B (8 Units)	Generator upgrade
Bedeque (6 Units)	Generator upgrade
Kensington B (4 Units)	Resurface Parking Lot
Tyne Valley A (6 Units)	Generator Upgrade
Summerside G & H (16 Units)	Resurface Parking Lot
Tignish A (6 Units)	Windows and Doors
Wellington A (2 Units)	Damproofing
Wellington B (4 Units)	Damproofing
Wellington C (4 Units)	Damproofing
O'Leary A (4 Units)	Damproofing
Kensington A & C (10 Units)	Generator Upgrade
Kensington B & D (10 Units)	Generator Upgrade
Kensington F & G (16 Units)	Generator Upgrade
Kensington E (14 Units)	Generator Upgrade
O'Leary A (4 Units)	Generator upgrade
O'Leary B & C (20 Units)	Generator upgrade
Miscouche A (4 Units)	Damproofing
Miscouche B (5 Units)	Damproofing
Murray River (6 Units)	Damproofing
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St Peters A (4 Units)	Resurface Parking Lot
Residential Services - Beech Home	Flooring
Residential Services - Maple Home	Resurface parking lot
Residential Services - Maple Home	Siding
Residential Services - Beech Home	Roof replacement

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