

## Follow-up information - NFFN Appearance on April 16, 2024

### **Question 1:**

**Senator Ross:** I am interested in the Lab Canada Strategy and its 3 projects, including Atlantic Science Enterprise Centre in Moncton, Sidney Centre for Plant Health, and TerraCanada Mississauga project. What is the overall cost for each of the 3 projects and how much is for the New Brunswick project?

### **RESPONSE**

Laboratories Canada is a strategy that is replacing failing federal science labs with modern labs that encourage innovation and collaboration.

#### **The Atlantic Science Enterprise Centre (ASEC)**

The Atlantic Science Enterprise Centre (ASEC) has a budget of \$567M. Over the next decade, Public Services and Procurement Canada is redeveloping the Gulf Fisheries Centre in Moncton, New Brunswick, into a science centre (ASEC) that brings together departments and agencies that were previously operating separately. Together they will better protect and sustain Atlantic freshwater and coastal ecosystems.

A new science wing will be built to the north of the existing building, which will be re-constructed for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### **TerraCanada Mississauga**

The TerraCanada Mississauga project, located in Mississauga, ON, has a budget of \$77M. This facility supports the development of new materials and clean technology. Construction commenced in August 2020 with substantial completion of the new office space in February 2024 and new laboratories in April 2024.

#### **Regulatory and Security Science Sidney Centre for Plant Health**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Sidney Centre for Plant Health, located in Sidney, BC, has a budget of \$108M. This facility supports plant research and safe importation of valuable Canadian fruit crops. Construction of the new facility is well underway with its completion expected in spring 2025.

### **Question 2:**

**Senator Forest:** I saw reference to upgrades to the Maurice Lamontagne Laboratory, can I have more details on this?

### **RESPONSE**

## **Follow-up information - NFFN Appearance on April 16, 2024**

From 2016 to 2020, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) was mandated by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), the custodian department of the MLI, to manage and deliver projects at the Maurice-Lamontagne Institute (MLI) that included facility upgrades and renovations totalling approximately \$16M.

PSPC is also currently piloting three projects:

1. **Electrical Compliance:** The construction contract, with an initial value of \$477,126 (including taxes), was awarded in August 2023. This initiative aims to upgrade electrical installations to current standards.
2. **Elevator Refurbishment:** A major modernization project of elevators and vertical transport systems for approximately \$1.5M (excluding taxes) is underway. The design phase will begin in 2024-2025.
3. **Hydronic Network Conversion :** A construction contract, with an initial value of \$969,239 (including taxes), was awarded for this project in January 2024. This project aims to improve the efficiency and durability of the hydronic infrastructure.

This year, PSPC is also undertaking minor repair projects at the MLI, for a total of approximately \$150,000.