

question that was asked. Have the communities that are being planned for that been visited? I'm sure the wind turbines will be big and loud, but I'm not really sure what they would look like or what they would be. That's my first question.

This is just a general comment, but in Kugaaruk there are solar panels that help produce power. They help with the lights. In Kugaaruk the RCMP have solar panels that help with their electricity and they have reported that they don't pay as much for diesel power anymore. Do you know, Mr. Pereira, how many buildings are using solar panels in Nunavut? That is the last question I have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Pereira.

Mr. Pereira: Thank you for the question. In terms of the number of buildings, if you include our operations centre here in Iqaluit and the building you just referred to right now, sir, I'm only aware directly of four. I'm sure that is not the comprehensive list, but it's the buildings that I can name off fast and I'm not sure if one of them is still actually active. That is the number that I am aware of. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Just maybe if you could answer the first part of his question which was regarding wind turbines and kind of the noise that is generated with those turbines. Mr. Pereira.

Mr. Pereira: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. There have been windmills deployed in other jurisdictions and there have been concerns about the noises that resulted from the installation of the turbines. That was a concern in terms of the communities that those turbines are installed in.

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organization probably understands that from October until March, prevalent weather is dry cold. When we're talking about that, before anything happens in a community, there are always studies. One of your replies to one of my colleagues was the way to go is electric energy.

With that, my question here is, in Nunavut each and every community purchases vehicles, which would give you a predominant idea of how long electric energy can sustain if vehicle fleets of smart cars... . I know the executive office is here in Iqaluit and then you also have the headquarters in Baker Lake QEC, but if you work with the other government departments within our territory, maybe one smart car per community as a pilot project from October until March to see how long it can keep on running without plugging in and that would give you a true idea. Would that be considered by the QEC in working with other government departments so that you have a real study case to substantiate? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Mr. Pereira.

Mr. Pereira: Thank you very much. That's a good question. I'll provide two answers to that question.

One is we're supporting a study for possible electric vehicle charging stations in Cambridge Bay as part of one of the federal funds. We provided support in the context of what I mentioned before. We provided a letter of support. We are very much interested in seeing what happens with that.

The second part is that we have actually reached out to manufacturers about potentially trying out an electric vehicle. In the south there were a couple of concerns

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team to review the standards that are applied to the communities. It's going to be a long-term effort as we build lines and to move away to standards that can better serve the community. We're very conscious of the need to do that. We have a long-term plan in place.

There is a short-term plan. If you go to some of the communities, you will see that they look like spacers between the lines and that is, again, to prevent that line slap. The other thing is that we are reviewing the equipment. Again, I have mandated engineer operations to look at the equipment that we're using in the communities to ensure that we have good standards of how we construct the lines. That's not to suggest it hasn't happened in the past, but it's just we have a stronger focus on it now and a more coordinated focus within engineer operations working quite collaboratively to get us there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I know that we frequently see these linesmen in the winter months and we sure do appreciate all the hard work they do to keep our furnaces on. Like you mentioned, in the winter months you don't want to lose power even for a couple of hours in some cases. Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good day to my fellow residents of Amittuq.

(interpretation ends) I'll just go back to the feasibility study. When it comes to those studies, how are they determined? Every time there is a study going on, all the bigger communities get all of these benefits. Can the Quilliq Energy Corporation share the wealth to other smaller communities when it comes to studies? Can that be put into some kind of a plan in your 2017-2021... ? Every time there is a study going on, Iqaluit, Iqaluit,

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