

Tabbed by the Member
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Mr. Speaker, in response to questions last week in this Honourable house from the member for Conception Bay South, I am happy to table the most recent traffic counts for the province's 13 highest priority routes.

Mr. Speaker, before tabling, I would just like to state that the previous administration's 24 hour snow clearing policy involved a reduced workforce and scheduled from December 1 to April 1 in only 13 of 289 snow routes - nine of which were limited to five days a week. *This represents four per cent of all routes.*

Under the new approach, there has been no change to day time service levels. Overnight, equipment will be mobilized as warranted by weather conditions to ensure the roads are as safe as possible.

Mr. Speaker, before concluding my remarks, my message is the same as the previous administration – drive to weather conditions and remember that snow means slow. If you don't have to be on the road during a blizzard, stay home.

Table 1 - Nighttime Snow and Ice clearing Routes				
#	Description	Region	Traffic %***	Traffic count (10pm-5am)
1	Route 1 (TCH) - from Logy Bay Road to Foxtrap, includes ORR.	Avalon	2.8%	480**
2	Route 2 (Pitts) - from New Gower Street to Legion Road.	Avalon	5.7%	725**
3	Route 1 (TCH) - Foxtrap to Whitbourne	Avalon	5.2%	400
4	Route 75 - TCH to Carbonear	Avalon	3.7%	93
5	Route 1 (TCH) - from Whitbourne to Clarenville	Eastern	5.7%	340
6	Route 1 (TCH) - from Notre Dame Junction to Gander	Central	5.0%	400
7	Route 1 (TCH) - from Gander to Grand Falls-Windsor	Central	5.4%	390
8	Route 350 (Botwood Highway) - from TCH to Botwood	Central	3.4%	117
9	Route 430 - from Deer Lake to Rocky Harbour	Western	3.5%	50
10	Route 1 (TCH) - Corner Brook to Deer Lake	Western	6.2%	582
11	R 450/450A	Western	8.5%	344
12	Route 1 (TCH) - Corner Brook to Stephenville	Western	6.4%	190*
13	R460 from Stephenville to Cold Brook Depot	Western	4.7%	76*

* indicates summer count.

** Indicates one way count.

*** Indicates percent of total traffic count for the day.