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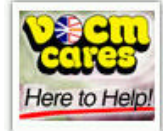
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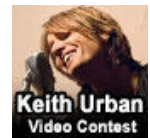
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Opposition Wants Details Released March 25, 2009

The Opposition is calling on the province to release the figures offered [AbitibiBowater](#) last year for the Star Lake hydro assets, and in recent talks on expropriation. Liberal Leader Yvonne Jones sees no reason why the previous offers can't be released. The province and the company are currently at an impasse in talks over compensation for the expropriated assets. Abitibi officials have been quoted as saying they are seeking 300 million dollars for their central Newfoundland operation. Jones is concerned government is not prepared to deal with the fallout to workers, if the company can't hold back the creditors and goes into bankruptcy.

Government is taking the next step in farming out the rights to timber lands previously held by AbitibiBowater. The Department of Natural Resources has called for proposals to determine the level of interest in the forest sector in central Newfoundland. Minister Kathy Dunderdale says individuals and companies who held permits or utilized the resource on former AbitibiBowater areas to sustain their operations will be allowed to continue. However, no new allocations will be issued until a scan of potential opportunities is done.



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