

[PRESS RELEASE] No Plans for an Energy Plan - Facts Still Matter in Ontario - June 6, 2017

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Earlier today, Patrick Brown was on the radio spreading misinformation about the electricity system. He has used these same tired speaking points dozens of times, and continues to use it to distract from the fact that he voted against our Fair Hydro Plan last week, which takes 25% off electricity bills on average, and opposes an increased minimum wage in Ontario. He needs to remember that Facts Still Matter in Ontario.

He Claimed: *"In the short term, I want them to say no to the rate hikes"*

Fact: This is exactly what we are doing. Patrick Brown and the PC Party voted against taking 25% off electricity bills, and voted against holding future rates to inflation.

It's almost been 100 days since he promised his energy plan was coming soon – so all we know about his energy policy is that he's against significant, immediate short and medium term relief.

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Arnott	French	McDonell	Scott
Bailey	Gates	McNaughton	Smith
Bisson	Gélinas	Miller (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek)	Tabuns
Brown	Hardeman	Miller (Parry Sound-Muskoka)	Taylor
Campbell	Harris	Munro	Thompson
Cho	Hatfield	Natyshak	Vanthof
Clark	Jones	Nicholls	Walker
Coe	MacLaren	Oosterhoff	Wilson
Fedeli	MacLeod	Pettapiece	Yakabuski
Fife	Martow	Sattler	Yurek
Forster			
The Bill passed.		Le projet de loi est adopté.	

(Source: http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/house-proceedings/house_detail.do?locale=en&Date=2017-05-31&detailPage=%2Fhouse-proceedings%2Fvotes-and-proceedings%2Ffiles_html%2F088_May_31_2017_Votes.htm&Parl=41&Sess=2#tidyout)

He Claimed: *"Just last month they proceeded with 1100 more contracts"*

Fact: For the tenth time, Brown's own Energy Critic has already admitted this claim is "inaccurate." It's just not true - no new contracts were signed. Brown was mistakenly referring to a deadline for participants to withdraw applications to FIT 5. This is very, very clear on the IESO's website.

(Source: <http://tvo.org/video/programs/the-agenda-with-steve-paikin/wynnes-power-play>,
<http://www.ieso.ca/sector-participants/feed-in-tariff-program/overview>.)

He Claimed: “...*the fact that Kathleen Wynne hides these deals, won’t show us the contracts...*”

Fact: The contracts are already public on the IESO’s website Here is the link.

(Source: <http://www.ieso.ca/sector-participants/feed-in-tariff-program/fit-5-documents-and-resources>)

He Claimed: “...*the Samsung deal shows there was an exit clause we could have got out of a billion and a half of surplus electricity.*”

Fact: Premier Wynne renegotiated the contract with Samsung, saving Ontarians \$3.7 B.

(Source: <http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/ontario-liberal-wind-power-deal-slashed-by-3-7b>)

He Claimed: “But I’m also looking at LRP2. We’re about to proceed with this giant new large procurement on renewables.”

Fact: We suspended LRP 2 last fall.

(Source: <https://news.ontario.ca/mei/en/2016/09/ontario-suspends-large-renewable-energy-procurement.html>)

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