

RE: Response from Energy to Media Q's on Prorogue

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Done, thanks

From: Bevan, Andrew (OPO)
Sent: September-08-16 5:04 PM
To: McPhail, Blane (OPO); MacKenzie, Rebecca (OPO)
Cc: Killorn, Bill (OPO); Forgione, Andrew (OPO)
Subject: Re: Response from Energy to Media Q's on Prorogue

Helping people in their every day lives rather than making lives easier pls

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2016 5:01 PM
To: MacKenzie, Rebecca (OPO); Bevan, Andrew (OPO)
Cc: Killorn, Bill (OPO); Forgione, Andrew (OPO)
Subject: RE: Response from Energy to Media Q's on Prorogue

Agreed. Added a couple lines below.

"We are pleased to announce that the Legislature will return on Monday, September 12th as originally planned with a Speech from the Throne to mark our new session. The throne speech is a normal tradition for a government and gives us an opportunity to outline what we're doing for people and what we will be focussing on for the second half of our mandate. In our first two years, we've made historic investments in transportation so that people spend less time in traffic and more time with their family. We've also done the heavy lifting in rebuilding an unreliable electricity grid and transitioned off dirty coal-fired generation. Getting off coal and upgrading our system means that even though Ontario is already in the middle of the pack of Canadian jurisdictions, we won't see the kind of price increases coal-dependent provinces will down the road as they close those power plants and need to invest in failing transmission. [We recognize that there's a cost associated with the important investments we've made to make our energy system clean, safe and reliable. This is a concern we've heard from Ontarians and will use to inform our actions moving forward. We are committed to helping people in their everyday lives and look forward to sharing further details in Monday's throne speech.](#)"

From: MacKenzie, Rebecca (OPO)
Sent: September-08-16 4:43 PM
To: McPhail, Blane (OPO); Bevan, Andrew (OPO)
Cc: Killorn, Bill (OPO); Forgione, Andrew (OPO)
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Think it's a bit defensive. Needs to have the kind of language the P used yesterday about how we're hearing people's concerns

From: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
Sent: September-08-16 4:16 PM
To: Bevan, Andrew (OPO); MacKenzie, Rebecca (OPO)
Cc: Killorn, Bill (OPO); Forgione, Andrew (OPO)
Subject: FW: Response from Energy to Media Q's on Prorogue

Hi all,

Please see the requests below re: electricity prices/throne speech. Our office wanted to flag for you given the context.

Let me know if you have any changes/if we want to be more specific re: electricity.

Thanks

Blane

From: Xavier, Katrina (ENERGY)
Sent: September-08-16 3:56 PM
To: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
Cc: @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management; Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: Response from Energy to Media Q's on Prorogue

Hi Blane,

As discussed, we received three Media requests as follow up to the Government's decision to prorogue and commentary around relief to energy prices. The requesters are global news, Toronto star Sudbury and QP briefing. I have attached all three requests below. I have combined our general KM's on prorogue and our high level what we have done messaging:

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Let me know your changes,

Katrina

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Hi Katrina,

Just following up on the premier's comments from yesterday, that there needs to be "increasing or further mitigations" for electricity rates. She also said this was an "urgent" issue for Minsiter Thibeault.

Two things I wanted to follow up on:

- 1) What is the minister or ministry doing to provide these increasing or further mitigations?
- 2) In the climate change action plan, there is \$1 to \$1.3 billion promised to keep electricity rates affordable, using cap and trade money. Will this be part of the efforts to help consumers with their hydro bills? How would this money be applied? And if the cap-and-trade proceeds are weaker than expected, as they have been for California and Quebec in recent months, will this mean less money to offset electricity costs?

Thanks.

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Hello Katrina:

I am following up on the URGENT story from the premier yesterday on Hydro rates.

Is the minister available for an interview today to address what this means? What he is doing? Will there be an announcement within the context of the throne speech about what the premier was saying?

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Hey Katrina,

Would you be able to track Glenn down or should I call Brian Band? I'm looking for a comment from him on the premier proroguing (sp?) the Legislature. I'm looking to get comment from him and Nickel Belt NDP MPP France Gelin. Thanks. Again, 5 p.m. deadline. :)

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