

Agenda Items – Weekly Discussion (April 17)

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PO Items
Update from last week
Key Issues • Hydro One AGM • Collective Bargaining Issues OMA • MTO/MX/City of Toronto Transit • NAFTA • Legislative Officers Pre-election Report FAO Report • Other Issue Management Items Other items
MYAP Watch List • PSE Labour • Cap and Trade/ GreenON • NAFTA and Related Trade Issues • Corrections (including Health Care)/SSO/POR • Cannabis • Transit – Inside the GTHA
Other Tracking Items • FAO Tracker

Latest Updates

- April 19, 2018: The Legislative Assembly of Ontario announces that Peter Weltman has been appointed Ontario's Financial Accountability Officer commencing on May 7, 2018. As per the Financial Accountability Officer Act, 2013, Mr. Weltman's appointment is for a term of 5 years following which he may be re-appointed for one more five year term.
- April 18, 2018: FAO released a report on Assessment of the Ontario-Quebec Electricity Trade Agreement, providing a financial assessment to Ontario ratepayers of the 2016 Electricity Trade Agreement between Ontario and Quebec, and its impact on Ontario natural gas generation and electricity sector GHG emissions.

Status on Information Requests

FAO Information Requests – Pending OPS Response				
Date Received	Information Request	Ministry	Due Date	Notes
N/A (There are currently no pending responses)				

Responded FAO Information Requests – Pending Next Steps				
Date Received	Information Request	Ministry	Date Responded	Notes
March 5, 2018	Spring 2018 Economic and Budget Outlook (EFO –Spring 2018)	TBS, MOF	Tranche #1: Provided March 16, 2018 Tranche #2: Provided March 28, 2018 2018 Budget Follow-up #1: Provided April 6, 2018 2018 Budget Follow-up #2 Provided April 11, 2018	The FAO is requesting information to support its bi-annual Economic and Budget Outlook (previously Economic and Fiscal Outlook). It also requested information relating to tax and spending measures within two days following the release of the 2018 Budget.

Responded FAO Information Requests – Pending Next Steps				
Date Received	Information Request	Ministry	Date Responded	Notes
Original: September 14, 2017 Follow-up #1 March 2, 2018	Assessing the Fiscal Impact of OLGC's Sale of the GTA Gaming Bundle (FA1714-02)	OLGC, MOF	March 23, 2018	This is a follow-up information request from September 2017.
November 22, 2017	Cap and Trade Update (FA1716-01)	MOECC	December 22, 2017	FAO request ongoing
October 25, 2017	Assessing the Fiscal Impact of the Ontario Child Care Expansion Plan (FA1704-01)	EDU	December 20, 2017	FAO request ongoing
Original: August 24, 2016 Follow-up #1: February 23, 2017 Follow-up #2: June 5, 2017	Business Support Programs (FA1613)	TBS, MOF, MAESD, MEDG, MRIS, MIRR, MIT, MNDM, MNFR, MTCS, OMAFRA	Original: Sept 2, 2016 Follow-up #1: March 17, 2017 Follow-up #2: June 23, 2017 Follow-up #3: October 11, 2017	FAO request ongoing
March 17, 2017	Ontario's Correctional Service System (FA1707)	MCSCS	March 31, 2017	FAO request on hold
April 6, 2016	Market Value of Provincial Assets (FA1508)	EDU, MEDEI, METROLINX, MGCS, MNDM, MOF, MOHLTC, MTO, TCU	August 3, 2016	FAO request on hold
March 15, 2017	Ontario Personal Tax Expenditure (FA1608)	MOF	No response date set	FAO request on hold
March 10, 2017	Provincial Highways Cost Analysis (FA1701)	MTO	No response date set	FAO request on hold

Status on Completed Publications

- To date, the FAO has completed and released **14 Formal Reports**, including:
 1. **Assessment of the Ontario-Quebec Electricity Trade Agreement (April 2018); ✓**
 2. Ontario Health Sector – An Updated Assessment of Ontario Health Spending (March 2018); ✓
 3. Updated Financial Analysis of the Partial Sale of Hydro One (February 2018); ✓
 4. Economic and Fiscal Outlook – Assessing Ontario’s Medium-term Prospects (December 2017); ✓
 5. An Assessment of the Financial Risks of the Nuclear Refurbishment Plan (November 2017); ✓
 6. Long Term Budget Outlook – Fiscal Implications of the Coming Demographic and Economic Changes in Ontario (October 2017);
 7. Economic and Fiscal Outlook – Assessing Ontario’s Medium-term Prospects (based on the 2017 Budget) (May 2017);
 8. Fair Hydro Plan (May 2017); ✓
 9. Health Care Sector Expense Trends (January 2017); ✓
 10. Impact of Cap and Trade on Government’s Finances (November 2016); ✓
 11. Economic and Fiscal Outlook – Assessing Ontario’s Medium-term Prospects (based on the 2016 budget) (November 2016);
 12. Economic and Fiscal Outlook – Assessing Ontario’s Medium-term Prospects (based on the 2016 Budget) (May 2016);
 13. An Assessment of the Financial Impact of the Partial Sale of Hydro One (October 2015); and, ✓
 14. An Assessment of Ontario’s Medium-term Economic and Fiscal Outlook (based on the 2015 Budget) (October 2015)
- **20 Commentaries** on various topics, including:
 1. Ontario Records Strong Labour Market Performance in 2017 (February 2018)
 2. Assessing Ontario Households’ Debt Burden and Financial Vulnerability (January 2018);
 3. Assessing the Economic Impact of Ontario’s Proposed Minimum Wage Increase (September 2017); ✓
 4. Ontario’s Debt Reduction Commitment Based on Unlikely Assumptions (September 2017); ✓
 5. Optimistic Revenue Projection Underpins Government’s Balanced Budget Plan (August 2017);
 6. The Impact of a Housing Market Correction on Ontario’s Fiscal Position (February 2017);
 7. Ontario Posts Solid 2016 Job Gains as the Labour Market Continues to Evolve (January 2017);
 8. Understanding Provincial Cash Flows (January 2017);
 9. Assessing Ontario’s Fiscal Outlook (November 2016);
 10. Home Energy Spending in Ontario: Regional and Income Distribution Perspectives (September 2016);
 11. Funding of Postsecondary Education in Ontario (September 2016);
 12. Credit Rating Agencies Satisfied with Ontario’s Progress to Fiscal Balance (August 2016);
 13. Home Energy Costs in Ontario (August 2016);
 14. Ontario’s Provincial Debt (July 2016);
 15. Comparing Ontario’s Fiscal Performance to other Provinces (June 2016);
 16. Ontario Business Investments (May 2016);
 17. Assessing Budget 2016’s Fiscal Plan (March 2016);
 18. Ontario Export Performance (February 2016);

19. Ontario Economic Growth (January 2016); and,
20. Ontario Labour Market Performance (January 2016)

- And **3 Backgrounders:**

1. Ontario Service Fees 2017-18; ✓
2. Credit Rating Agencies Satisfied with Ontario's Progress to Fiscal Balance (August 2016); and
3. Ontario Service Fees in 2016-17 (June 2016) ✓

Status on Administrative Publications

- The FAO is mandated to report annually on the work of his or her office to the Speaker of the Assembly. To date, the FAO has released **2 Annual Reports:**
 1. 2016-17 Annual Report (July, 2017); and,
 - 2.** 2015-16 Annual Report (July 2016)