

QP Newsletter: QP Briefing Inside and Queens Park Today

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Good Morning,

Please find attached the March 1, 2017 issues of QP Briefing and Queens Park Today.

QP Briefing

Headlines

- o (P.2) Cabinet meets today and, [according to the Star's sources](#), ministers are expected to finalize a plan to reduce electricity rates by 25 per cent by "smoothing out" electricity generation costs over a longer period of time. [CBC had reported similar info](#), based on its sources, last month, but didn't have the 25 per cent figure. *QP Briefing* has reported on

Articles

- o (P.5) NDP's Hydro One buyback 'would not take one cent off' electricity bills: Wynne

Queens Park Today

Question period

- o PC questions

- o Hydro rates

§ (P.5) PC MPP Todd Smith kicked off question period on the subject of hydro rates, citing

the soaring costs municipalities and rural hospitals are paying for electricity. Smith asked if any hydro price would ever be too high for this government.

- o NDP questions

- o Hydro rates

§ (P.5) NDP deputy leader Jagmeet Singh said the Liberal government has been promising for 14 years to solve the problem of high hydro rates that it helped to create.

- (P.5) Singh called on the government to end rural delivery charges and mandatory time-of-use pricing.
- (P.5) Singh also asked how the province of Ontario managed to invest in infrastructure and transit for 100 years without selling off Hydro One, but Premier Wynne can't manage to do the same.
- (P.5) NDP MPP Jennifer French asked about a constituent whose apartment is submetered and has had her power cut off because her hydro company has not been told by the OEB to stop

disconnections.

- o (P.5) French called this a loophole in the province's hydro disconnection legislation.**