

QP Newsletter: QP Briefing and Queen's Park Today

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Please find attached the September 28, 2016 issue of QP Briefing and Queen's Park Today

QP Briefing :

- **In the opinion pages:**
 - * (p.2) The *Citizen's* David Reevey [writes](#) yesterday's cancellation of future green energy projects prevents ice picks in the backs of future Liberal candidates
 - * (p.2) Terence Corcoran [says](#) that decision also means renewable energy isn't so doable

Queens Park Today

- **Quotation of the day**
 - (p.1) "Ontario will continue to have a strong and steady supply of power for the next

ten years. In short, the IESO's advice was that there is no urgent need to pursue additional electricity capacity in Ontario."

§ (p.1) Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault announces an end to the government's green energy procurement funding, citing a lack of demand

- **Today in Queen's Park**

- o **On the schedule**

- § (p.1) The House will convene at 9:00 a.m. to continue debating the time allocation on Bill 13, Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act.

- o **Debates and proceedings**

- § (p.1) Government House leader Yasir Naqvi moved a time allocation motion on Bill 13, Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act. The motion was debated.

- § (p.2) PC MPP Jim Wilson re-introduced Bill 25, Restoring Planning Power to Municipalities Act, which gives communities the power to reject wind power developments

- § (p.2) In the afternoon, the House debated an opposition day motion from PC leader Patrick Brown calling on the government to stop signing electricity contracts for green energy and to stop the sale of any further shares in Hydro One. The motion was defeated (Ayes 28; Nays 49).

- **Question period**

- o **PC questions**

- § (p.2) PC leader Patrick Brown said the government's announcement cancelling its second round of green energy projects is "too little, too late."

- § (p.2) Premier Kathleen Wynne said the government is able to cancel the 1,000 MW energy expansion because the investments it made over the past 13 years has secured a "strong and steady supply of clean power."

- § (p.2) PC MPP Todd Smith asked about a fundraising email sent by lobbyist Chris Benedetti promoting a \$700 event on October 2 with Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault. Smith complained the event was

not posted on the Ontario Liberal website, despite the premier's province to make fundraising events with cabinet ministers public.

§ (p.2) The event was added to the OLP website before the end of question period.

o NDP questions

§ (p.2) NDP leader Andrea Horwath asked whether Premier Wynne is supporting the selloff of Toronto Hydro in order to deflect public anger away from her sale of Hydro One.

§ (p.2) Wynne said the decision around Hydro One was challenging and had nothing to do with political interests.

· Today's committee meetings

o Standing Committee on Government Agencies

§ (p.3) Wednesday, September 28 at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Room 151
The committee will meet to write its report on the 2015 Auditor General Report's analysis on Hydro One's management of its electricity transmission and distribution assets; and on government accountability.

· Today's events

o September 28 at 10:30 a.m. — *Niagara Falls*

§ (p.4) NDP leader Andrea Horwath and MPP Wayne Gates will meet with Niagara resident Laura Birrell to discuss the unaffordability of her hydro bills

o September 28 at 12:20 p.m. — *Toronto*

§ (p.4) PC leader Patrick Brown will deliver a speech at the Ontario Energy Association's EnergyConference 16 at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts.

o September 28 at 1:30 p.m. — *Hamilton*

§ (p.4) NDP leader Andrea Horwath will meet with Hamilton resident Hannah Patterson to discuss the unaffordability of her Hydro bills.

o September 28 at 5:30 p.m. — *Hamilton*

§ (p.4) NDP leader Andrea Horwath will speak at a demonstration against high hydro rates and the Hydro One sell-off.

- **News briefs – Governmental**

- o **Ministry of Energy**

§ (p.5) Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault announced the province is cancelling the second round of its Large Energy Procurement process, halting over 1,000 MW of proposed solar, wind, hydroelectric projects.

§ (p.5) The Canadian Wind Energy Association said it is “shocked and extremely disappointed” by Ontario’s decision.

- **News briefs – Non-governmental**

- o **Financial Accountability Officer of Ontario**

§ (p.6) The FAO released a “ [commentary](#) ” post on how home energy spending compares along regional and income lines. The FAO found residents of northern Ontario spend the most on electricity and other fuels, but less on natural gas