

QP Newsletter: QP Briefing and Queens Park Today - March 23

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Good Morning,

Please find attached the March 23, 2017 issues of QP Briefing and Queens Park Today.

QP Briefing

Headlines

- o (P.2) Your morning briefing

Inside Queens Park

PC lead off

Hydro ads

(P.7) PC leader Patrick Brown began by calling on the government to stop using taxpayer money to fund advertisements for the Liberal Party.

(P.7) He asked why the Liberals didn't issue ads when they raised people's hydro bills by 400 per cent over 13 years — and called on the premier to “do the right thing” and kill the ads.

Cap and trade

- (P.7) On the occasion of the first cap and trade auction, Brown asked whether the premier thinks it's appropriate that Ontario businesses will soon be subsidizing businesses in California.
- (P.7) Brown called cap and trade a “shell game” that will be as bad for business as the Green Energy Act: “They're signing Ontario up for another scheme that makes this province less competitive.”
- (P.7) Premier Kathleen Wynne said that if Brown were elected he would remove Ontario from the cap-and-trade market and put in place a program that would cost the people of Ontario four times the amount that cap and trade will cost them.
- (P.7) Environment Minister Glen Murray joked that he loves having these conversations with Brown, “they're so enlightening.”

NDP lead off

Hydro costs

- (P.7) NDP MPP Peter Tabuns repeated the recent NDP line of questioning about the impact of rising hydro bills on the province's hospitals.
- (P.7) Tabuns asked whether Fair Hydro plan will provide “genuine” relief for struggling hospitals.

Changing Workplaces Review

Hydro rates

- (P.8) Despite the announcement of incoming electricity bill reductions, the cost of hydro still dominated question period.
- o (P.8) PC MPP Julia Munro and NDP MPP John Vanthof both asked questions about how high hydro rates are affecting businesses in their ridings.
- o (P.8) PC MPP Randy Hillier asked about the cost of hydro for seniors and those on a fixed income.