

QP Newsletter: QP Briefing and Queens Park Today - May 19

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Good Morning,

Please find attached the May 19, 2017 issues of QP Briefing and Queens Park Today.

QP Briefing

- (P.2) Your morning briefing

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Queens Park Today

On the schedule

- **(P.1)** The Standing Committee on Justice Policy will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week to consider Bill 132, Fair Hydro Act. Following criticism from the opposition, the government extended the amount of time the committee could study the bill.

Thursday's debates and proceedings

- **(P.2)** Bill 132, Fair Hydro Act, passed second reading and was referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy. PC MPPs and NDP MPPs opposed the bill (Ayes 52; Nays 38)
- **(P.3)** Greenpeace Canada and the Canadian Environmental Law Association are calling on the Ministry of Community Safety to apply its "open government policy" to public consultations on a new nuclear emergency response plan. The activist groups said the proposed changes

Question period

PC lead off

- **(P.6)** Partisan government advertising Brown asked how much the government spent on its new ad campaign about the budget.
 - o Brown said, "it's unacceptable, it's unethical and it's irresponsible" that the Liberals are campaigning on the public dime.
- **(P.6)** Premier Kathleen Wynne said she is proud of the budget and her party is following the province's government advertising laws.
 - o (Speaker Dave Levac ruled that Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault was not in contempt of Parliament for Fair Hydro Plan advertising).

EV Centre

- **(P.6)** PC MPP Michael Harris called the new Plug'n Drive Electric Vehicle Discovery Centre a taxpayer-funded vanity project. Harris asked why the government spent \$1 million taxpayers dollars to build a car dealership.
- **(P.6)** Environment Minister Glen Murray said the centre is "absolutely essential" to raising awareness about electric vehicles.

NDP lead off

Fair Hydro Plan

- **(P.7)** NDP leader Andrea Horwath asked whether the government will give the public anymore information on how much hydro rates will rise after the next

election before the Fair Hydro Plan is voted on in the legislature.

- o Horwath said there is not enough information available for the Justice Committee to properly study Bill 127.

· **(P.7)** Horwath said Ontarians are getting sick of Premier Wynne's "Just trust me" line.

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