

Agenda Items – Weekly Discussion (January 9)

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PO Items • Update from last week ○ • New Items/Strategic Issues ○ Elgin Middlesex body scanners
Key Issues • NAFTA/US Tax Reform - Preparation for Executive Order - US Engagement Strategy - Softwood Lumber • City of Toronto shelters - Meeting with Mayor - Pushing the Feds to Extend the Armoury • Update on Opioids • Philpot Emergency Meeting on Indigenous Issues - FPT Update - Ontario's Proposed Strategy • Bill 148 implementation • Document Planning and Priorities • Pre-election Report Rollout
MYAP Watch List • Child Care • Opioids • Mental Health and Addictions (MOHLTC and MCYS) • Income Security Reform • Cap and Trade/ GreenON • Fair Hydro • Corrections Reform • Cannabis • Transit and Transportation • Bill 148 Implementation
Other Tracking Items • FAO Tracker

Latest Updates

- December 22, 2017: MOECC provided its response to the FAO information request related to Cap and Trade Update (FA1716-01).

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
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: September 12, 2017 Follow-up #1: October 24, 2017	Follow-up analysis of the Financial Impact of the Partial Sale of Hydro One (FA1715-02)	Original: MOF, TBS, ENERGY, IESO Follow-up #1: MOF, TBS, OFA	Original: October 3, 2017 (Responded) Follow-up #1: November 1, 2017	FAO request ongoing
September 14, 2017	An Assessment of the Fiscal Impact of Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's Sale of the GTA Gaming Bundle (FA1714-01)	MOF, OLGC	October 26, 2017	FAO request ongoing
August 10, 2017	Ontario Service Fees in 2017-18 (FA1703-01)	TBS	October 23, 2017	FAO request ongoing

Responded FAO Information Requests – Pending Next Steps				
Date Received	Information Request	Ministry	Date Responded	Notes
Original: Aug 24, 2016 Follow-up #1: Feb 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
August 30, 2017	Analysis of the Ontario-Quebec Electricity Trade Agreement (FA1713-01)	ENERGY/IESO	September 15, 2017	FAO request ongoing
August 16, 2017	Ontario Health Sector Medium-Term Outlook Follow-up (FA1712-01)	MOHLTC, TBS, MOF	September 8, 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 (1701)	MTO	No response date set	FAO request on hold

Status on Completed Publications

- To date, the FAO has completed and released **11 Formal Reports**, including:
 - Economic and Fiscal Outlook – Assessing Ontario's Medium-term Prospects (December 2017) ✓
 - An Assessment of the Financial Risks of the Nuclear Refurbishment Plan (November 2017); ✓
 - Long Term Budget Outlook – Fiscal Implications of the Coming Demographic and Economic Changes in Ontario (October 2017);
 - Economic and Fiscal Outlook – Assessing Ontario's Medium-term Prospects (based on the 2017 Budget) (May 2017);
 - Fair Hydro Plan (May 2017); ✓
 - Health Care Sector Expense Trends (January 2017); ✓
 - Impact of Cap and Trade on Government's Finances (November 2016); ✓

✓ Denotes an FAO publication preceded by a formal information request to the OPS

8. Economic and Fiscal Outlook – Assessing Ontario’s Medium-term Prospects (based on the 2016 budget) (November 2016);
9. Economic and Fiscal Outlook – Assessing Ontario’s Medium-term Prospects (based on the 2016 Budget) (May 2016);
10. An Assessment of the Financial Impact of the Partial Sale of Hydro One (October 2015); and, ✓
11. An Assessment of Ontario’s Medium-term Economic and Fiscal Outlook (based on the 2015 Budget) (October 2015)

- **18 Commentaries** on various topics, including:

1. Assessing the Economic Impact of Ontario’s Proposed Minimum Wage Increase (September 2017) ✓
2. Ontario’s Debt Reduction Commitment Based on Unlikely Assumptions (September 2017) ✓
3. Optimistic Revenue Projection Underpins Government’s Balanced Budget Plan (August 2017)
4. The Impact of a Housing Market Correction on Ontario’s Fiscal Position (February 2017)
5. Ontario Posts Solid 2016 Job Gains as the Labour Market Continues to Evolve (January 2017)
6. Understanding Provincial Cash Flows (January 2017)
7. Assessing Ontario’s Fiscal Outlook (November 2016)
8. Home Energy Spending in Ontario: Regional and Income Distribution Perspectives (September 2016)
9. Funding of Postsecondary Education in Ontario (September 2016)
10. Credit Rating Agencies Satisfied with Ontario’s Progress to Fiscal Balance (August 2016)
11. Home Energy Costs in Ontario (August 2016)
12. Ontario’s Provincial Debt (July 2016)
13. Comparing Ontario’s Fiscal Performance to other Provinces (June 2016);
14. Ontario Business Investments (May 2016);
15. Assessing Budget 2016’s Fiscal Plan (March 2016);
16. Ontario Export Performance (February 2016);
17. Ontario Economic Growth (January 2016); and
18. Ontario Labour Market Performance (January 2016)

- And **2 Backgrounders**:

1. Credit Rating Agencies Satisfied with Ontario’s Progress to Fiscal Balance (August 2016); and
2. 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).

