

'Government mismanagement': Your Morning QP Briefing

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Your Morning Briefing For Wednesday February 22, 2017

A new poll suggests government messaging on the cause of rising electricity costs in Ontario isn't getting through. Nearly half of Ontarians blame "government mismanagement" for rising hydro rates while only two per cent believe the cost comes from phasing out coal, according to a Forum Research poll provided to *QP Briefing*. That, and more, in your morning *QP Briefing*



HEADLINES

Attorney General asks Ottawa for special meeting to address time-to-trial concerns

Yasir Naqvi made the request in a letter to federal Justice Minister Tuesday.

OPG says it can cut proposed hydro rate increase by 40 per cent

OPG now says a regulatory change can cut a proposed monthly increase to hydro bills.

Ontario Tory leader backs Liberals' anti-Islamophobia motion

Liberal MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers wrote to MPPs about her motion last week pointing to comments from the federal Conservatives that "seem designed to divide and detract from the purpose of fighting discrimination."

Electricity companies face 'confusion' as Liberals set midnight deadline to stop winter disconnections

Distributors seek clarity on what constitutes 'vulnerable' customers, who is on the hook for unpaid bills and exactly which months are considered part of the winter.

Finance minister touts lower deficit in last economic update prior to 2017 budget

The government has reverted to its original treatment of pension assets, following its dispute with the auditor general.

Question period liveblog

What was asked in question period on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

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