

# Summary of Question Period for Thursday Dec. 14, 2017

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**That is it for 2017.**

**Returning in the New Year.**

**MPP Brown (PC) MPP Scott (PC) and MPP McLeod (PC) to the Premier re: various**

>> Patrick Brown: Mr. Speaker, to the **Premier**. 'Twas the last question period before Christmas, when all through the House, the Minister s were retiring, but scandals they couldn't do without. They see the waste highlighted with the auditor with care. Will the **Premier** admit her hydro plan is unfair?

>> **Premier Wynne**: Well, Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of the question I want to wish everyone in this House a very happy holiday and Merry Christmas , Mr. Speaker. And to all the people of the province at this time of year, whether it's Hanukkah, whether it's Christmas, celebration of light, celebration of light and darkness is really important and so I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend some time with the people who they love the most. And now in response to the verse from across the way, Mr. Speaker, I will just say that our plan to help people with their electricity costs, our plan to make the system more fair for people, in urban centres and in rural centres Mr. Speaker -- Is just that. It is fair and it is meaning that people are seeing an average of a 25% reduction if their hydro bills.

>>MPP Scott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Back to the **Premier**. The Minister s have briefing books reading with dread while visions of scandal dance that through their heads. The **Premier** own visions ways the opposition she'll trap. Why won't she close the education skills gap?

>> **Premier Wynne**: Well, Mr. Speaker, in terms of education in this province, you know, where -- today we're celebrating the move towards recognizing, supporting, funding the Aboriginal technical institutes, Mr. Speaker. We have students in this province who are enjoying free tuition. We are putting into our curriculum experiential learning and working with unions and yorking with business, Mr. Speaker, working with corporations to provide learning opportunities for young people. We have put in place more supports for young people to get jobs and support employers who hire young people. So, Mr. Speaker, in fact, in fact education is a priority for this government. It always has been. And it is why, Mr. Speaker, we see companies coming to this province because of our highly skilled

work force.

>>MPP Macleod: Members sprang from their chairs to see what's the matter. Away to the chamber they ran in a flash while the treasury stop paying for partisan ads with taxpayer cash?

>> Premier Wynne: I have some editors and critics here, Mr. Speaker. The verse from the other side. Mr. Speaker, as the member knows, this is the only province in the country, this is the only government in Canada that has in place rules around advertising, Mr. Speaker, that we have put in place because, because of egregious breaches of partisanship in the past, Mr. Speaker. And so we're very, very committed to that. We have rules in place about partisan advertising, Mr. Speaker, and those will stay in place because we believe and we are the first government to put those in place and we believe that it's important that government advertising not be partisan. That's why those rules are in place.