

'Various illegal activities': Your afternoon QP Briefing

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Confidential emails between Patrick Brown's former top operatives delve into alleged "illegal activities" by a Progressive Conservative fixer and a proposed cash settlement in connection with a Hamilton-area nomination — which is the focus of an ongoing fraud investigation. Four Ontario political party leaders come together to chat about dismal voter turnout and a degraded public discourse. And the first joint Ontario-Quebec-California auction of greenhouse gas emission allowances [rakes in the green](#). That and more in your afternoon QP Briefing.

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