

Hansard: Fedeli to Matthews (Sousa) --Hydro One executive Salary / PSSD List

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>> MPP Fedeli: Thank you and good morning, speaker. My question is to the deputy premier. The last year, hydro one employees appeared on the sunshine list. There were over 4,200 names. Their compensations had grown by over 14% from the previous year. This year, we only get to see five names, and the c.e.o.'s salary is up almost 600% from the last sunshine list appearance. The government is still the majority shareholder. So my question is -- why won't the government disclose all eligible hydro one salaries on the sunshine list?

>> Minister Matthews: Well, speaker, we've seen some interesting deflecting over on the other side, speaker. They have no plan when it comes to reducing -- They have no plan to bring down hydro prices, speaker, and that's why they're talking about other elements, but we have no plan. 29 days and counting. Speaker, they're diverting news in things like -- they're actually totally misquoted in the -- I did not say what they said I said in the interview. I just had another review of it, speaker. They're making it up. They're making it up because they have no plan to bring down hydro rates. 29 days. We're awaiting, speaker.

>> MPP Fedeli: Back to the deputy premier. You know, speaker, people in Ontario don't appreciate this kind of dodging of the questions. Only in liberal Ontario would cutting off 60,000 customers earn you a 600% raise. The government is still the majority shareholders. The liberals get a say in compensation pay. Will this government put hydro back -- hydro one back on the sunshine list? Or do they think the hydro one millionaires club should get a free pass in a year when they cut 60,000 people back who had to go home to a dark house?

>> Minister Sousa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the question. We all share with the well-being of the ratepayers and the people of Ontario. It is one of the reasons why we took the steps to make a more productive, more efficient organization to deliver those services. And they're outperforming, Mr. Speaker. And as a result -- and it was very clearly stated out in the prospectus what the executives would be paid and it would be made public. That has been done. Of course the executives are being paid based on their bonuses and the ability to deliver for the people of Ontario. And that is happening. It is why we are

reducing rates by 25% why we've taken the extraordinary opportunity to further help those in rural communities. That is helping. It is why the company's being more responsive to consumers to ensure they don't get cut off, especially when there's all at the rate means to support them. It is why they are communicating to the people of Ontario and to the ratepayers what the opposition hasn't been doing, Mr. Speaker.

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