

FW: FAO Request for "Cross Ministry Support to Ontario Businesses Final Report (2011)"

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Attachments: Project 76 Final Report 102111.pdf (3.71 MB)

Hi Matt,

MEDG would like to share the attached report with the FAO and accompany it with staff comments (highlighted below) on the OCEB. Is it ok to give MEDG approval to share the staff comments with the FAO? Thanks.

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Subject: FAO Request for "Cross Ministry Support to Ontario Businesses Final Report (2011)"
Importance: High

Hi Keley,

In 2011 the attached report on business support programs was prepared for a DM Steering Committee. The FAO's Office is now asking for a copy of this report through MEDG.

As per legislation, MEDG is required to share the report as is, but they have given ministries the opportunity to provide context or background to the information within.

The Ministry is only directly associated with one initiative: Ontario Clean Energy Benefit, which is a proposed out-of-scope direct support for business (pages: 13-15, 76, and 370-373).

SNAP reviewed the attached and has provided the following notes to accompany the report:

Page 370 – It is worth noting that the OCEB program ran from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2015, with a 3,000 kilowatt hour per month cap implemented September 1, 2012. This was a significant change to the program that is not captured in this report because of when the report was published.

Page 370 – It is also worth noting that the breakdown on this slide for rebate recipients (Residential 67%, Farms 3.5%, Small Business – 29.5%) is by the volume, not by number of eligible recipients.

Page 370 – The end date they have listed is 2016. Recipients were only eligible for the rebate on usage up to December 31, 2015. (This may simply be a result of how they have treated the dates.)

Page 370 – The Target Sectors section of the table is labelled "Clean Technology". The OCEB did not target Clean Technology only. It was available to a much broader group and was intended as a way to help families, farms and small businesses mitigate the rising costs of electricity through the transition to

a cleaner, modern electricity system. It was not industry specific in who was eligible to receive the benefit.

Page 371 – “Administrative costs amount to \$2.8M annually, spent on communications about the program and FTEs (3.25 on the ministry side).” This was the projected budget for the program and the Ministry's actuals varied year over year.

Page 372 – “Overlap and Stackability” There now exists the Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers which provides an 8% Rebate equal to the Provincial portion of HST which started on January 1, 2017.

Can you please advise if you are comfortable with us sharing the above notes. MEDG has advised that this document is already late to the FAO and they will be looking to send it later today.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Thanks,
Judy