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Hi all,

Please see below and attached for early media and social media coverage of Public Accounts 2016-17. Also attached is the CO Transcript from the media event with Minister Sandals and Minister Sousa this afternoon.

Focus so far is on the disagreement between the Auditor General and the government: “Ontario says 2016 deficit was $991M, auditor general says government ‘understating’ deficit” (Canadian Press).

A more comprehensive media analysis will be shared tomorrow as stories continue to come through.

Best,

Alisha

Public Accounts 2016-17
Media and Social Media Coverage

September 7, 2017

Timeline

Approximately 1:00pm

- Public Accounts 2016-17 is tabled
- Technical Briefing provided to media on Public Accounts 2016-17 accounting changes

Approximately 2:00pm

- 1:53pm Media event with Minister Sandals and Minister Sousa
- 2:01pm Auditor General tweets and posts news release: “Ontario Government Understates Annual Deficit and Net Debt”

Location

- The technical briefing and media event was held in the Huron Room, Macdonald Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto

Attendance

- Opposition Staff:
    - Clint Thomas and Mitchell Davidson – staff with PC Finance Critic Vic Fedeli
    - J Bowler, and Brittany Botting – with the NDP Caucus
    - Media:
    - Toronto Star – Robert Benzie
    - CP – Shawn Jeffords
    - Bloomberg News Toronto – Maciej Onoszko
    - CityNews -- Jamie Tumelty
    - QP Briefing – Chris Reynolds
    - TFO – JF Morissette
    - TC Transcontinental – Glenn Kauth
    - Global Korean Post

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Early Media Coverage

- **Ontario says 2016 deficit was $991 million, beating target by $3.3 billion**
  The Canadian Press (CTV, National Post)
  Published Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:30PM EDT

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  But the government maintains it is following established accounting practices by doing so.

  Sousa says the province will balance its budget in 2018-2019 ahead of next spring's provincial election.

- **Ontario government's rosy financials grow in a bed of BS**
  By David Reevely – Ottawa Citizen
  Published on: September 7, 2017 | Last Updated: September 7, 2017 5:26 PM EDT
  (A previous version referred to the President of the Treasury Board as Minister Deb Matthews)

  We can't believe the Ontario Liberals' reports on the province's finances, auditor general Bonnie Lysyk says.

  "The legislature and all Ontarians must be able to rely on the province's consolidated financial statements to fairly report the fiscal results for the year. This year they cannot do so," she said in a statement rejecting the contents of the public accounts, the formal declarations from Finance Minister Charles Sousa and Treasury Board President Liz Sandals of how much money we've got, how much we took in and how much we spent.

Also, the Liberals can keep their promise to start clawing out from under the province's mountain of debt, Ontario's financial accountability officer Stephen LeClair says, only if a whole bunch of implausible things happen.

These are just the latest dismantlings of the Liberals' financial forecasts from Lysyk and LeClair, who've made a businesslike routine of pointing out all the extreme assumptions and accounting stretches the government is using to make the books look good in an election year.

That they've got the budget in order is one of the important stories the Liberals will tell about themselves as they try to get re-elected next June. Yes, we've borrowed and spent a lot of money. We had to. We had a recession, and we had to make up for years of Mike Harris's underfunding of important things like health care and schools. We had to build Ontario up. We had to — and still have to — help people in their everyday lives.

But now that we've built a foundation for prosperity, we're also able to balance budgets, pay down debt, and be fiscally responsible, Wynne will say.

She'll need some graphs. The last provincial budget from last spring has them, showing that we're entering a golden age for the Ontario treasury, with a newly balanced budget and bright outlook. By 2030, Ontario's provincial debt will be just 27 per cent of its gross domestic product, down from an all-time peak of 39 per cent, the government says.

Sousa and Sandals re-touted their own financial management Thursday afternoon with the annual release of the government's accounts.

"Thanks to the hard work of the people of Ontario, we are leading Canada in economic growth while investing in programs like free tuition and free pharmacare for children and youth," Sousa proclaimed.

Just hold it right there, Lysyk responded instantly, in a statement she had ready to let fly. Lysyk and the ministers have been volleying back and forth for a couple of years now over how to count assets on the government books. Without getting too deep into it, what's in question is whether certain public-sector pension plans and some holdings in the electricity system belong to the government or not.

If we do it your way, Lysyk told the ministers, the numbers are what you say they are, sure. But if we do it the way Canadian accounting rules say we're supposed to do it, the government's debt is higher than you say and so's the deficit. In fact, last year's deficit is $2.3 billion, not the $900 million you're claiming. Lysyk doesn't make projections about future deficits but the gaps in the two years she's complained about are not trivial.

Onto the next problem. Unlike Lysyk, the completely separate financial accountability officer LeClair does make projections about future deficits — and he's not impressed by the government's numbers, either. The Liberals are assuming roaring economic growth, freakishly low spending on public works and an unprecedented streak of balanced budgets as they promise to lighten the province's debt burden.

"The government's forecast for a gradual decline in the net debt-to-GDP ratio depends critically on achieving a string of balanced budgets on average over the next 12 years," LeClair's latest report says (it came out Wednesday, drowned out by Wynne's promise to overhaul the school curriculum). "Over the past 30 years, Ontario has rarely achieved successive surpluses or balanced budgets."
The longest-ever streak, if we take government numbers at face value, was four years of surpluses under Tory governments in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Stuff tends to happen, like recessions that crash government revenues and increased demand for social services at the same time.

The Liberals are counting on four-per-cent growth each year, before accounting for inflation, when the average over the last 15 years has been 3.6 per cent.
"Given Ontario's aging population and slower expected growth in its labour force, four per cent annual growth may prove to be too optimistic for the next decade," the financial

accountability office says, without even contemplating possible higgledy-piggledifiers such as Donald Trump's abrogating the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Finally, the government's expecting to slash its capital spending — for highways, new hospitals and schools, municipal transit, and so on — by 2027. That'll come after a deliberate megabillion-dollar binge on public works, so "some pullback is to be expected," the watchdog office says, but it'll still have to reach exceptionally low levels, just half the past 10-year average of 1.6 per cent of Ontario's GDP, for the forecast to work out. That should be easy, right?

Here's the thing. Contrary to opposition criticisms, the Liberals' financial record is not terrible. Considering what happened to the world economy a decade ago, they've done all right. But they set an ambitious deficit-killing target for themselves. To say they've met it, they're forced to dismiss the government's two most prominent independent financial experts as amateurs and promise a magical future of unlikely growth and stability.

- **Ontario says 2016 deficit was $991M, auditor general says government 'understating' deficit**

By Shawn Jeffords - The Canadian Press (Global News)
Updated: September 7, 2017 4:31 pm

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"The public wants to know, are you managing your deficit?" she said. "Is your deficit getting smaller? Are you going to balance the budget this year? Quite frankly, I don't think the public is terribly hung up on accounting disagreements."

Sousa says the province will balance its budget ahead of next spring's provincial election.

"Ontario remains committed, and on track to, balance the budget in 2017-2018," Sousa said. "We're restoring balance through targeted, measured, and fiscally responsible decisions, managing program spending and fostering job creation and economic growth."

Lysyk disputes the government's figures and says "the statements were not prepared following Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards."

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By law, the auditor general must review the province's financial statements each year and given an opinion as to whether they "fairly and accurately reflect" Ontario's finances. When the auditor issues a qualified opinion she believes the statements are "significantly misstated," a statement from her office said.

Conservative finance critic Vic Fedeli says it is clear that the provincial debt is "out of control."

He said in a statement Thursday that the Liberals are thumbing their nose at the legislature's independent experts and presenting their own version of the province's public accounts.

Early Social Media Coverage

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Liz Sandals and @SousaCharles announce 2016-17 deficit was $919M, $500M less than interim projection. Books balanced for 2017-18. #onpoli

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News Release

For Immediate Release **September 7, 2017**

Ontario Government Understates Annual Deficit and Net Debt: Auditor General

(TORONTO) The Auditor General of Ontario issued a qualified audit opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Province of Ontario, saying the statements significantly understated the 2016/17 deficit, as well as the Province's net debt.

The deficit is understated by $1.444 billion for 2016/17 ($1.831 billion in 2015/16) and the net debt is understated by $12.429 billion for 2016/17 ($10.985 billion in 2015/16).

"I have issued a qualified audit opinion because the statements were not prepared following Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards," Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk said today after the Government issued the Public Accounts of Ontario.

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> *This triumphant announcement is poppycock, she's saying.*

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