

TRANSCRIPT – Patrick Brown Post Question Period Scrum – October 17, 2017

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Cindy Wu (Fairchild): --the 26 billion dollars that doesn't show on the governments book, so what's your take on that?

Brown:

- Well I think this shows once again you can't trust anything Kathleen Wynne says
- The Auditor General in the report – it's scathing
- It says that the government is making up their own rules for accounting
- Like when you read that in an official Auditor General's document that the government is making up their own rules for accounting to hide deficit and debt
- It's wrong
- Kathleen Wynne should come clean
- And tell the people that for political purposes she's wasting 4 billion dollars
- The way they're doing this is going to blow 4 billion dollars
- And that's – that's uh- I can't – I can't even imagine she's putting this weight on Ontario families

Lagogianes (CP24): Do you think this is going to be the key issue out on the stump as we go forward?

Brown:

- Well there is a lot of areas where I think the government has really let down the public
- But I have to say on hydro
- The fact they've seen these sky rocketed hydro rates
- And now we find out that hydro rates are going to sky rocket after the election
- And everyone is going to pay more
- And the government is making up their own rules for accounting
- Yeah this is absolutely a serious election issue
- Their incompetence, their untrustworthiness on hydro
- Has meant every Ontario family is paying more
- What Kathleen Wynne has done is give every Ontarian another Mortgage payment
- And that's her governments conduct on hydro
- And frankly
- The reason we got into this mess is they were taking care of their own

- They were helping Liberal insiders
- You look at the Auditor General's previous report that we've over paid by 9.2 billion dollars on hydro
- For these contracts that Kathleen Wynne and Dalton McGuinty signed
- Of the 30 mega deals those companies donated 1.3 million dollars to the Ontario Liberal Party
- Now they're trying to borrow money to hide it but they're doing it in a fashion that wastes billions more
- This is well beyond the size of the gas plant scandal
- This is an astonishing number
- \$4-billion dollars that Ontario families are going to have to struggle to pay because of the dishonesty of Kathleen Wynne

Lagogianes (CP24): What about the Fraser Institute report that came out today as well talking about uh – hundreds of thousands of jobs lost as well between 08 and 15 directly tied to energy, electricity

Brown:

- Everywhere I go in Ontario, I hear examples in every community of a business that did their expansion elsewhere or couldn't afford to – to keep the doors open
- We have lost tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of jobs in Ontario because of hydro prices
- The fact the Fraser Institute report uh – makes the factual case for how that's been, it – it puts an end to the fake spin we've been hearing from this government saying that everything is rosy
- They're trying to say that everything is great in Ontario and that you know – businesses have not lost jobs because of their hydro negligence
- The reality is, very different
- And I'm proud to be a leader of the only party at Queen's Park that has said from the beginning
- That the Green Energy Act has been an unmitigated disaster
- It was used to support Liberal friends
- Uh you know the NDP and the Liberals supported all along, they haven't come clean, they haven't told Ontarians they apologize for their support for that
- Those bad contracts, we're still paying for today
- And the Fraser Institute report makes that very clear

Cindy Wu (Fairchild): So you figure election next year, as the Premier will you scrap the Fair Hydro Plan?

Brown:

- The Fair Hydro Plan is an unmitigated disaster
- I voted against it
- We're going to have to see um – the obligations that are now put on Ontario
- On the Green Energy Act, I've made it abundantly clear that we are going to end the Green Energy Act
- That's uh – they they've created a – a monster here in hydro policy
- Uh And uh you know frankly we're going to have to clean up their mess

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