

For DM approval - TBS Globe & Mail fact-check

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Hi Deputy,

Attached is TBS' response to the Globe reporter that addresses his concerns outlined below after his interview request was denied.

The response is consistent with OPG's recent response prepared on the same topic, for the same reporter.

MOF is also reviewing.

Ok to share?

Best,
Michael

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I respect Ms. Veinot's decision to decline the interview request.

Please let Ms. Veinot know that the story will explore her instruction to the IESO to consider changing its accounting policies. It's my understanding that at the time, Ms. Veinot was already involved with the team that was designing the Fair Hydro Plan's financial and accounting structure. Ms. Veinot later signed the Statement of Responsibility on the Province's financial statements, notwithstanding the Auditor General's warnings that the IESO was using improper accounting that might result in future misstatements on Ontario's public accounts. We'll be reporting the government's assertions that the IESO's decision to change its accounting policies was unrelated to the Fair Hydro Plan, and noting that those accounting policies were put to immediate use with the Fair Hydro Plan, and that the Auditor General insists those two developments were directly related. We'll be noting that Ms. Veinot declined our interview request.