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INSTANT HANSARD

>> MPP Wilson: Thank you, Speaker. My question's to Minister of energy. Yesterday Hydro One's chair released a statement on their egregious \$10 million severance package for their \$6 million man. Did the **Premier** or Minister instruct Hydro One to release that statement? And did they coordinate the statement with Hydro One? Yes or no, Minister.

>> Minister Thibeault: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again the board is an entity that works on its own, Mr. Speaker. And so, you know, they -- I was aware that they were releasing that statement. But when it comes to, you know, Hydro One's governance agreement, Mr. Speaker, as I said that's also publicly available and we urge the Conservatives to read that, Mr. Speaker .

>> MPP Wilson: Well, Mr. Speaker, that's the fourth question today that the Minister 's been asked what he knew about the \$10 million severance package for the \$6 million man, when he knew it, whether this was a coordinated effort between Hydro One and the government. I can't believe as a former energy Minister that your hydro company wouldn't inform you back in November about such a significant change in the rules of the game over there at hyd one. Minister, last week the **Premier** walked out, and you ran away from a scrum. So I want to know what you're hiding, why you would walk away from a scrum and why you're not being forthright with the people of Ontario. Withdraw. Withdraw.

>> Minister Thibeault: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I once again was very happy to answer questions to the media and stay there for about 10 minutes, Mr. Speaker. The only person that I know that is doing the Doug and dash, as it's starting to get known within the media circles is the leader of the Conservatives, Mr. Speaker, who makes sure that when he answers one question and then disappears in the bus, Mr. Speaker, or actually makes the announcement that he's going to fire the C.E.O. And then leaves it to the member of Prince Edward- Hastings to answer those questions, Mr. Speaker. So I don't have a problem actually talking Abo government's record of making sure that we brought forward the fair hydro plan that reduced rates by 25%, Mr. Speaker. And I know that they sneakily snuck that into their. Sneakily snuck, Mr. Speaker. It's a new word. Mr. Speaker, you know they snuck it into the people's guarantee, Mr. Speaker. And then tossed it as You know what, Mr. Speaker ?

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