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Hi Michael. Please see below.

Thanks, Donna

From: Beare, Michael (ENERGY) [mailto:Michael.Beare@ontario.ca]
Sent: September-13-16 11:38 AM
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Subject: A Few OESP Questions

Hi Donna,

I just had a briefing on OESP with a new staff member and he had the following questions:

1. Could someone with a second home qualify for the OESP for both residences?
 The program is intended for primary residence only.
2. To be eligible for the program, a resident must reside in the home for six months or more per year. Would a newborn qualify as a resident as soon she/he is born?
 The eligibility criteria is "resides, or plans to reside" therefore a newborn could be included as a resident.
3. Why was the OESP program rate based as opposed to tax based?
 This was direction from the Minister in the original April 23,2014 letter sent to the Board asking us to develop recommendations for "ongoing ratepayer-funded electricity assistance"

For the 1st question, I assume that the 2nd question lead in answers it (I.e. a cottage wouldn't qualify unless you lived there for more than 6 months per year (in which case your other residence would no longer qualify)? Yes.

I'm not sure on #2.

For #3, I assume part of the reason was to avoid a fiscal impact?

Thanks and happy to chat if that's easier.

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