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Topics of conversation

- The province's first cap and trade auction went off without a hitch on Wednesday— but we have to wait until April 3 for the results or any response from Environment Minister Glen Murray.

Question period

PC lead off

Hydro ads

- PC leader Patrick Brown began by calling on the government to stop using taxpayer money to fund advertisements for the Liberal Party.
- He asked why the Liberals didn't issue ads when they raised people's hydro bills by 400 per cent over 13 years — and called on the premier to “do the right thing” and kill the ads.

Cap and trade

- On the occasion of the first cap and trade auction, Brown asked whether the premier thinks it's appropriate that Ontario businesses will soon be subsidizing businesses in California.
- Brown called cap and trade a “shell game” that will be as bad for business as the Green Energy Act: “They're signing Ontario up for another scheme that makes this province less competitive.”
- Premier Kathleen Wynne said that if Brown were elected he would remove Ontario from the cap-and-trade market and put in place a program that would cost the people of Ontario four times the amount that cap and trade will cost them.
- Environment Minister Glen Murray joked that he loves having these conversations with Brown, “they're so enlightening.”

Hydro rates

- ▽ Despite the announcement of incoming electricity bill reductions, the cost of hydro still dominated question period.
 - o PC MPP Julia Munro and NDP MPP John Vanthof both asked questions about how high hydro rates are affecting businesses in their ridings.
 - o PC MPP Randy Hillier asked about the cost of hydro for seniors and those on a fixed income.