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Topics of conversation

- The 2016 Sunshine List is expected to be released by the end of the week.

Today's Events

March 30 at 11:00 a.m. — Windsor

Premier Kathleen Wynne and Economic Development Minister Brad Duguid will participate in a roundtable on U.S.-Ontario trade relations at the **Windsor Essex** Development Corporation.

Question period

NDP lead off

Hydro One sale

- NDP leader Andrea Horwath asked about Hydro One CEO Mayo Schmidt's \$4.5 million salary in 2016.
- Horwath said the sky-high salaries are a by-product of privatization and part of the reason hydro rates have increased by 300 per cent under the Liberal government.
 - o Horwath said, "If the premier plans to poll Ontarians to see what they think of this \$4.5-million CEO salary, she should save her money, because I can tell her straight up that people are outraged and insulted by this salary."
- Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault defended the high executive salaries. He said Hydro One has "transitioned into a very good company" that, recently, has made \$60 million in productivity savings and reconnected customers during the winter months.
 - o Thibeault called Horwath's plan to buy back Hydro One shares a "pie-in-the-sky" idea.

Transit costs - Energy

- NDP MPP Cheri DiNovo said the TTC's **hydro costs** increased by 13 per cent last year, even though it used the same amount of **electricity** as the year before.
- DiNovo said this is costing riders millions and asked why the premier didn't include the TTC in her 25 per cent **hydro bill** reductions.
- **Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault** said it is okay because every single rider on the TTC will receive a 25 per cent discount on his or her own hydro bill.
 - o Thibeault also said the City of Toronto, which the TTC is part of, will see a 2 –4 per cent rate

reduction.