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In the afternoon, the House will consider an opposition day motion from PC leader **Patrick Brown**. Brown's motion will call on the Liberal government to apologize to Auditor General **Bonnie Lysyk** and the people of Ontario for designing the Fair Hydro Plan's accounting structure in a way that will cost taxpayers an unnecessary \$4 billion.

Brown will argue that the government should have recorded the "true financial impact of the Fair Hydro Plan's electricity rate reduction on the province's budgets and consolidated financial statements."

10:30am – Dianne Saxe, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, will release her annual environmental protection report in the Queen's Park media studio.

11:00am – Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault will make an announcement with Hamilton Mayor **Fred Eisenberger** and Alectra president and CEO **Brian Bentz** at 48 Hughson Street North.

Question Period

Fair Hydro Plan

∇ NDP leader **Andrea Horwath** said the Liberal government knew it was going to cost \$4 billion in borrowing costs to implement its Fair Hydro Plan, but it did it anyways.
 She asked who made the decision to "ignore staff warning and push ahead with a \$4-billion scheme?"
 o Horwath also called on the Liberals to make public the names of the consultants who were paid \$2 million to create the Fair Hydro Plan.

∇ Asked about this request by reporters after question period, Horwath said the consultants the Liberals frequently work with tend to be very well compensated by the government.
 o "We're just curious about exactly who it was that they contracted to do this work. They got paid a pretty penny. I think the people deserve to know who won the lottery on this last contract."

Hydro One tax benefit

∇ NDP MPP **Peter Tabuns** asked about [news](#) that Hydro One is taking the Ontario Energy Board to court to demand 100 per cent of the \$2.6 billion tax gift from the Liberal government goes to shareholders, rather than ratepayers.
 o "According to OEB precedent, this tax benefit should be going to ratepayers, not to shareholders. Why does the premier think it's acceptable for Hydro One to demand 100 per cent of this \$2.6-billion gift on behalf of investors while leaving nothing for ratepayers?" Tabuns asked.
 ∇ Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** said he will continue to monitor this, but in the mean time the province is bringing down energy bills for Ontarians.