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Here is a video of Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault's** [reaction](#) to learning **Pat Sorbara** and **Gerry Loughheed** were acquitted of bribery charges in his riding of Sudbury.

TransCanada Corp. is shedding its renewable energy portfolio in Ontario. The energy company is selling its eight solar assets, which have a generating capacity of 76 megawatts, to Axiom Infrastructure Canada II for \$540 million. The company sold the majority of its U.S.-based wind and solar assets earlier this year, signalling a growth strategy focused on traditional energy sources, rather than renewables.

October 26 at 9:40 a.m. — Toronto

Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** will release the province's long-term energy plan.

October 26 at 1 p.m. — Toronto

Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** will speak on a panel hosted by the Pearson Centre for Progressive Policy on the province's long-term energy plan and "new technologies for a low carbon economy." The event will take place at the Toronto Marriott Toronto Eaton Centre Hotel.

Question period

PC lead-off

Auditor General report

∇ PC leader **Patrick Brown** began by calling on the Liberal government to apologize to the Auditor General for attempting to discredit her office. Liberal members heckled him about the judge's ruling on the Sudbury by-election scandal: "Sorry about yesterday," someone shouted.

∇ When Energy Minister **Glenn Thibeault** rose to answer Brown's first question, Liberal members gave him a standing ovation to celebrate Tuesday's acquittals in the trial related to the Sudbury by-election that got him elected.

∇ Brown said the government is attempting to discredit the Auditor General because she is the only accountant it cannot pay off.

∇ "The government continues to tout that accounting firms support this Liberal scheme. What they fail to mention is, the government hired those firms. They contract out to get the answers they want. They

are beholden to the government. The Auditor General is not. She isn't in the pocket of the Liberals."

- ∇ Thibeault said the Fair Hydro Plan's accounting standards were approved by the AG's peers at world-class organizations such as KPMG and Deloitte.

- o Thibeault said he is appalled Brown would "sully the names of these world-class organizations."

- ∇ Brown also called on Thibeault to release all of the emails related to the Fair Hydro Plan.

- ∇ Thibeault said he had just been informed that as of October 23, the Ministry of Energy turned over 30,126 records to the AG. This is in addition to documents from the IESO, OPG and the Ontario Financing Authority.

NDP

Fair Hydro Plan accounting

- ∇ NDP MPP **Peter Tabuns** asked why the government didn't use the Ontario Electricity Financial Corp. to borrow for its Fair Hydro Plan, noting that the OEFC was set up 20 years ago to keep taxpayer and ratepayer funds separate.

- o "The only reason to use this \$4-billion alternative financing trick is to hide the true cost of the government's hydro borrowing scheme from the public," Tabuns said.