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MPP Jones Secures Commitment to have RDSP Protected

(Queen's Park) –MPP Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon), Progressive Conservative Critic for Community and Social Services today asked the Minister to commit to informing staff at Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) offices throughout the province about the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) program.

In December 2008, the Minister of Community and Social Services announced that her Ministry would be adopting Jones' private members Bill 94, which would prevent the clawback of ODSP payments for people who set up a RDSP.

“Since Bill 94 was introduced in June 2008, I have received hundreds of emails, letters and phone calls from families who supported the legislation and were eager to start investing in a RDSP,” said Jones. “Now the phone calls I am getting in my office are people wondering why regional ODSP offices are telling them that their ODSP payments will clawed back if they open a RDSP.”

Today during Question Period, Jones asked the Minister to commit to educating staff at ODSP regional offices and families across the province that RDSP contributions will not be clawed back from ODSP payments. In her response, the Minister committed to making sure that regional offices were aware that ODSP payments will not be clawed back.

“The RDSP allows parents to save for the long-term financial security of their children,” said Jones. “Families need to know that their government's regional offices have the most up-to-date information to support them and their family members with disabilities.”

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