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McGuinty Liberals Throne Speech is Same Old, Same Old: MPP Jones

(Queen's Park) – Progressive Conservative MPP Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon) was in the Legislature yesterday as the Lieutenant Governor delivered the Speech from the Throne on behalf of the McGuinty Liberals.

Since the McGuinty Liberals came to power in 2003, \$65.2 billion has been added to Ontario's debt. Yesterday's Throne Speech did not outline a plan to bring Ontario back to its former prosperity. Instead, McGuinty chose to re-announce all of the big-spending, high taxing initiatives he has already announced.

"The McGuinty Liberals tax and spend policies have dug Ontario into a deep and dark hole," said Jones. "Ontario's prosperity was well-known and was built up over generations. But now, well paying jobs have been driven away, we have become a 'have-not' province, we have the highest tax rate for new business investment, and the slowest rate of private sector growth. This speech did nothing to address those problems," said Jones.

Yesterday's Throne Speech made no mention of the needs of vulnerable children who are in the province's care or assistance for parents of children with a developmental disability, which Jones believes are two sectors not receiving the attention they deserve.

McGuinty instead focused the address on the HST, the Samsung energy deal, and full day kindergarten.

"The McGuinty Liberals have already seen how unpopular their new HST has been with families across Ontario," said Jones. "On top of that the untendered Samsung deal will mean families will be paying 13.5 cents per kilowatt hour for wind and 44.3 cents for solar power, compared to five cents per kilowatt hour for existing Ontario energy production."

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