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## How Much Will The Dalton Sales Tax Cost You?

**QUEEN'S PARK** – As part of the recent budget the McGuinty government announced a 13% harmonized sales tax – a combination of the GST and PST. However the new tax will apply to many items that were previously PST exempt resulting in an 8% increase on hundreds of items.

A HST calculator has been posted on the Jerry J. Ouellette MPP Oshawa website so that all go to the website and determine just how much the HST will cost them by inputting their normal spending on just a few of the items that will be subject to the 8% increase.

**The HST calculator is available at:** [www.oshawampp.com](http://www.oshawampp.com)

“For a senior on a fixed income an 8% increase in items like fuel to heat their home and electricity may mean that they can no longer keep their house,” said Ouellette. “For parents this may mean some tough choices on what they and their kids can do without.”

With the current state of the provincial economy, it is crucial that we move forward with a progressive plan which encourages business investment and stimulates job creation. The government of Ontario needs to engage in open transparent discussion with the federal government and fully explore if this proposal will actually increase the competitiveness of Ontario and create jobs.

“We need to ensure that it is not going to put another weight on the backs of consumers already struggling with high taxes and high energy costs under the McGuinty government”, stresses Ouellette.

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