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## **THE VERDICT IS IN AND THE McGUINTY GOVERNMENT IS GUILTY: OUELLETTE**

**QUEEN'S PARK** – A report from Ontario's Auditor General on the Liberal eHealth scandal confirms that, under the McGuinty government's watch, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars were funneled to Liberal-friendly consultants through untendered contracts, Jerry Ouellette MPP, Oshawa said today. The Oshawa MPP is currently a member of the Standing Committee of Public Accounts which works with the Auditor General and makes recommendations on the report. The Standing Committee on Public Accounts is a well-functioning government committee which oversees expenditures and ensures the prudent spending of taxpayers dollars.

"It is unconscionable that, while the people in Oshawa are left working harder – yet falling further behind, the McGuinty Liberals are funneling hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to their friends through sweetheart deals and untendered contracts", stated Ouellette.

These revelations resulted in the resignation of Health Minister David Caplan, but Ouellette pointed out that the former Minister is just one of many senior Liberals implicated in the scandal including Deputy Premier and former Health Minister George Smitherman who has, to date, dodged accountability for his role. The Auditor General's report also implicates Premier Dalton McGuinty as being personally involved in undermining oversight over eHealth's former CEO and Board Chair.

"The Liberals want the Auditor General's report to be the final step in their damage control strategy", revealed Ouellette. My PC caucus colleagues and I are calling on it to be a first step in a more thorough review; only then will the taxpayer's interest be served".

The full Auditor General's Report is accessible at:  
[http://www.auditor.on.ca/en/reports\\_en/ehealth\\_en.pdf](http://www.auditor.on.ca/en/reports_en/ehealth_en.pdf)

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