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McGUINTY GOVERNMENT DODGES OUELLETTE'S QUESTION ON HOCKEY TAX

Oshawa MPP Alarmed HST will Increase Ice time Costs for Parents

(Queen's Park) – Today in the Ontario Legislature, Jerry J. Ouellette, MPP Oshawa further questioned the McGuinty government over the HST and the affect it will have on the cost of hockey and other kids' sports across the province.

For the third time in the past few weeks the Oshawa MPP demanded the McGuinty government explain to parents how they are going to be able to afford the increased cost of ice time for their kids hockey once the HST is applied.

"The McGuinty government continues to ignore my question, and the Minster of Revenue, as a 'Hockey Dad' should be as concerned as I am over the HST and the increased cost of ice time for children to play hockey," stated Oshawa MPP, Jerry Ouellette.

The Minister continued to ignore the fact that rental fees for arena ice-time will increase by 8% when the HST comes into effect next summer – and the cost of ice time makes up 90% of the fees to play hockey.

The McGuinty government fails to understand the financial pressures facing parents with kids in sports and that some parents and even organizations are struggling to keep kids playing these days.

"I already voted against the bill which would implement the HST and I will continue I will continue to fight against this massive tax grab that would punish kids who want to play hockey," said Ouellette.

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