

## Auditor General's Reports

The Auditor General (AG) released a series of special reports on the Family Responsibility Office (FRO), commercial truck driver licensing, the government's use of artificial intelligence (AI), and special education.

The AG found that FRO, which is responsible for child and spousal support payments, has failed to efficiently deliver funds to recipients due to chronic issues with registration, enforcement, collection, privacy, and communication between support workers and recipients. We've experienced that firsthand in my constituency office.

The AG found serious failures by both the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security (MCURES) to ensure commercial truck drivers are properly trained and licensed. Given the number of fatal collisions involving large commercial trucks, strong training and licensing standards are critical. I'm pleased both ministries accepted all of the AG's recommendations, and I hope to see them fully implemented.

On AI, the AG found significant security and oversight concerns, concluding the government is not adequately prepared for its use. Most staff were found to be using unsafe or unapproved AI platforms, while only 3% completed the recommended AI training. Uploading documents for AI to process without proper guardrails poses a serious cybersecurity risk and puts Ontarians' private information at risk. As AI becomes more integrated into daily life, the government must take a proactive, not reactive, approach to oversight and safeguards.

Lastly, the AG report on special education needs determined that the Ministry of Education is not doing enough to support special education students. On any given day, 18% of Educational Assistant positions are absent mostly because of stress and classroom injuries. Teachers don't have the means to implement Independent Education Plans, and children are being excluded from classrooms. Again, this is something which I have heard for years, and I am glad it has been validated by the AG.

## **Government paid \$200k in fees for Ford's jet**

The saga of the Premier's personal jet continued. As you probably know, he said the plane was needed for travel to meetings with the Prime Minister, other Premiers, and trips to the United States. But, because of strong public pushback, he reversed course and sold the plane just two days later.

When opposition members called on Doug Ford to reveal how much the private jet was sold back to Bombardier, his government at first claimed it was sold for the "exact same price" it was purchased for -- (\$21m USD or nearly \$30m CAD). What they didn't mention (and what we now know) is that the purchase also came with nearly \$200,000 in additional costs for storage, inspections, legal advice, and maintenance.

When questioned directly in the house this week, the government deflected and resorted again to partisan attacks.

## **OSAP abuse reason for cuts**

The government claimed that Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) abuse was a reason for the program's grant-to-loan ratio to be drastically lowered for low-income students. New data shows that last year, just over \$8M (out of \$1 Billion) was wrongly dispersed to students who were in fact ineligible for funding. These improper funding approvals make up less than one percent of the total funding. The ministry responsible for OSAP says they have been investigating these cases, and while there are no details about their conclusions, I do hope that they are being taken seriously so that OSAP funds can go to those who depend on it most.

I've been hearing from so many students about how the OSAP cuts will impact their educational dreams and future careers. Fraud is not the reason for cuts. The government is trying to save money (as the minister also said), but they are doing it by cutting grants to students from the lowest income families.

## **Bill 107: Banning online gambling ads**

In late April my fellow Ontario Liberal MPP Lee Fairclough proposed Bill 107, *Stop Harmful Gambling Advertisement Act, 2026*, which I was proud to co-sponsor. Written to protect the public from the growing public health crisis of online gambling addiction, the bill would have banned advertisements for it.

This week, I was disappointed when Bill 107 was voted down by PC government MPPs. I believe that gambling addiction is becoming a public health crisis, and this urgently needs a legislative response. I will continue to advocate for this issue until it is addressed. You can read my speech in the House [here](#).

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