

Forward.Together. 

The Ontario Liberal Plan 2011-2015

PLATFORM COSTING



FORWARD. TOGETHER. THE ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN FOR 2011-2015

COSTING SUMMARY:

Introduction:

This document lays out the fiscal plan of *Forward. Together: The Ontario Liberal Plan for 2011-2015*.

The Ontario Liberal Plan includes 45 new commitments. It also commits to carrying through on 23 existing commitments already contained in the Ontario government's fiscal plan. Each commitment in the platform has been fully costed and accounted for in our fiscal plan – a plan that keeps the Province on track to a balanced budget by 2017-18. The Ontario Liberal Plan balances strong fiscal management with the targeted investments we need to achieve a brighter future.

On October 6th, Ontarians will face a clear choice about how their public finances are managed over the next four years. The reckless PC platform, which has a \$14 billion hole in it, will return us to the days of deep, unspecified cuts and hidden deficits. The disappointing NDP platform has a crushing \$9 billion tax increase that will kill the jobs and growth we need to help return to a balanced budget.

Neither the PCs nor the NDP have a credible plan to eliminate the deficit while protecting health care and education.

The Ontario Liberal Balanced Budget Plan:

When it comes to managing responsibly, Ontario Liberals have a strong track record. Starting in 2003, we eliminated the \$5.6 billion hidden deficit left behind by the PCs.

Then, we delivered three consecutive balanced budgets before the global recession hit.

When we joined governments around the world in choosing to run deficits to fight the recession, we still developed and stuck to a plan to return to a balanced budget once the economy began to recover.

As a result, Ontario's deficit in 2010-11 was \$5.7 billion lower than projected in the 2010 Budget. More than three-quarters of all ministries found savings or spent less than had been projected while improving services.

We'll return Ontario to a balanced Budget by 2017-18. We'll do this carefully, but steadily by protecting public services while getting the best value from tax dollars. Since emerging from the recession, our prudent approach has reduced the deficit by 43%. And we have also overachieved on our deficit targets each year.

But there's more to do.

Auditor General's Review of the Pre-Election Report on Ontario's Finances:

In response to the hidden deficit left by the last PC government, in 2004 the Ontario Liberal government brought in the *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act*. This act mandates the government to submit a review of its finances to the Auditor General for review in advance of a provincial election.

On April 26th, 2011, the Ontario Liberal government released its *Pre-Election Report on Ontario's Finances*. The report confirmed the government's plan to balance the budget by 2017-18, without putting health care or education at risk.

On June 28th, 2011, the Auditor General of Ontario released his review of the *Pre-Election Report on Ontario's Finances*. In his review, the Auditor General found that "the government based its estimates of revenues and interest on the public debt on prudent and cautious assumptions."¹

As noted in the 2011 Budget, the balanced budget plan that we asked the Auditor General to review requires significantly reduced growth in spending. The 2011 Budget laid out nearly \$1.5 billion in new savings measures to help achieve this goal. In his report, the Auditor General confirmed the need to continue to meet spending targets in order to balance the budget by 2017-18. He confirmed our plan on spending as "aggressive."

To date, we have overachieved on our spending targets by a significant margin and our plan is on track. The final, audited books for 2010-11 showed that total spending was \$5.4 billion less than projected in the 2010 Budget.

Unlike the last PC government, Ontarian Liberals have provided Ontarians with a clear, independently reviewed plan to return to balanced budgets. The Auditor General has confirmed that it is working. We are on track.

Release of the 2010-11 Public Accounts:

On August 23rd, the Ontario Liberal government released the 2010-11 Public Accounts – the final, audited books for the fiscal year that ended on March 31st, 2011. The 2010-11 Public Accounts received a clean audit opinion from the Auditor General.

Public Accounts showed that the government's deficit was \$5.7 billion lower than originally projected in the 2010 Budget due to the government's track record of responsible management. Over three-quarters of all ministries found savings or spent less than had been projected while protecting services.

Overall, in the two short years since emerging from the global recession, the government has reduced its deficit by 43%.

¹ Auditor General's Review of the 2011 Pre-Election Report on Ontario's Finances, p.8

THE ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN:

This is a well articulated budget plan. It adopts cautious budget targets and incorporates significant contingencies that recognize the risks to the global economic outlook.

– Warren Jestin, Chief Economist, Scotiabank

Table 1: ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN: MEDIUM-TERM FISCAL PLAN

(\$ BILLIONS)	Ontario Liberal Plan					Extended Plan	
	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Net Revenues	109.1	112.0	117.1	123.0	129.2	135.6	142.4
Expenditures							
Programs	113.2	114.7	117.0	119.2	121.5	123.4	125.4
Interest on Debt	10.2	11.2	12.4	13.5	14.6	15.5	16.1
Total Expenditures	123.4	125.9	129.4	132.7	136.1	138.9	141.5
Reserve	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Deficit	(15.0)	(14.9)	(13.3)	(10.7)	(7.8)	(4.2)	0.0

Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding

Table 1 provides a summary of the medium-term fiscal plan that underlies *Forward. Together: Ontario Liberal Plan for 2011-2015*.

The Ontario Liberal Plan returns the Province to a balanced budget by meeting or exceeding the government's deficit target in each of the next seven years. By 2015-16, the deficit will have been reduced by 68% since the global recession, on the way to full elimination by 2017-18.

Total revenues are expected to grow by \$20.1 billion, from \$109.1 billion in 2011-12 to \$129.2 billion in 2015-16. Over the same period, investment in government programs is expected to grow by \$8.4 billion, from \$113.2 billion to \$121.5 billion.

The Ontario Liberal Plan includes a reserve to guard against unforeseen risks in each year. The reserve rises from \$0.7 billion in 2011-12 to \$1.0 billion in 2015-16. If the reserve is not required, it will be used to further reduce the Province's deficit.

Economic Outlook:

Table 2 contains a summary of the most recent private-sector forecasts for Ontario's future economic growth. The estimates in the chart are up to date as of August 24th, 2011.

Table 2: PRIVATE SECTOR FORECASTS FOR ONTARIO ECONOMIC GROWTH

(PER CENT)	Real GDP growth				Nominal GDP growth			
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2011	2012	2013	2014
BMO Capital Markets (August)	2.4	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central 1 Credit Union (April)	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.9	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.4
Centre for Spatial Economics (July)	2.9	2.8	2.9	1.9	6.0	5.0	3.8	3.2
CIBC World Markets (March)	2.7	2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conference Board of Canada (July)	2.2	2.5	3.4	2.8	6.2	4.9	5.3	4.6
Desjardins Group (June)	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	4.6	4.7	-	-
IHS Global Insight (July)	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.8	6.1	5.4	5.2	4.7
Laurentian Securities (July)	2.7	2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
National Bank (June)	3.0	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBC Financial Group (June)	3.3	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scotiabank Group (August)	2.4	2.1	-	-	5.2	3.7	-	-
TD Bank Financial Group (June)	2.9	2.4	2.3	-	5.3	4.2	4.2	-
University of Toronto (July)	2.5	2.2	3.2	3.2	5.1	4.5	5.4	5.3
Low	2.2	2.1	2.3	1.9	4.6	3.7	3.8	3.2
High	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.2	6.2	5.4	5.4	5.4
Private Sector Average	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.7	5.5	4.7	4.9	4.6
2011 Budget Assumption ¹	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.6	4.6	5.1	4.8	4.6
Change since Budget	0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.9	-0.4	0.1	0.0

¹ 2011 Ontario Budget, p. 179

To ensure the greatest accuracy, the Ontario Liberal Plan is built upon private sector forecasts of provincial economic growth.

Taking the current private sector average, this plan assumes real economic growth of 2.7% in 2011, 2.5% in 2012, 2.8% in 2013 and 2.7% in 2014. As tax revenues are best forecasted using nominal economic growth, this plan also assumes the private sector average for nominal GDP growth of 5.5% in 2011, 4.7% in 2012, 4.9% in 2013 and 4.6% in 2014.

Compared to the 2011 Budget projection adopted in March 2011, the Ontario Liberal Plan includes slightly higher rates of growth for 2011 – in line with the private sector average. At the same time, the significant risks that remain in the global economy call for a measure of prudence in fiscal forecasts. As such, this plan forecasts slightly lower rates of growth for 2012 as compared to the 2011 Budget. The remaining years out to 2014 show very little deviation from the 2011 Budget forecast.

Revenue Outlook:

Table 3A outlines changes that the Ontario Liberal Plan makes to the revenue forecast since the 2011 Budget.

Table 3A: ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN - REVENUE CHANGES SINCE 2011 BUDGET

(\$ MILLIONS)	Ontario Liberal Plan				
	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Revenue Improvements					
Updated Economic Forecast	250	150	300	350	400
Enhanced Contraband Enforcement	-	75	125	175	175
Total New Revenue	250	225	425	525	575

Updated Economic Forecast:

The Ontario Liberal Plan is based on revised assumptions compared to the 2011 Budget outlook for both nominal and real GDP growth – bringing them in line with current private sector forecasts. These changes are factored into the revenue forecast for 2011 and subsequent years by using the Ministry of Finance’s risk and sensitivity analysis to model the impact on taxation revenues.² No changes to existing tax policy were assumed in producing this updated forecast.

The slightly higher forecast for 2011 growth, despite a slightly lower forecast for 2012 growth, translates into a modest overall increase in revenues over four years because the higher revenues in 2011 will mean a larger revenue base upon which future revenue growth will occur.

However, due to risks in the global economy over the near-to-medium term, the Ontario Liberal Plan builds in a measure of prudence by assuming only approximately half the additional revenue in 2011 and 2012 that Ministry of Finance risk and sensitivity analysis would provide for.

The overall revenue impact is an additional \$250 million in 2011-12, growing to \$400 million by 2015-16.

Enhanced Contraband Enforcement:

Tobacco tax accounts for over \$1.1 billion of the Province’s annual revenue. After several years of declining tobacco tax revenues, the past two years have seen revenue increases, due largely to enhanced enforcement activities to combat contraband tobacco.

In his 2008 report, the Auditor General estimated tobacco tax revenue lost to contraband to be in the range of \$500 million annually.³ The Ontario Liberal Plan assumes that tobacco tax revenues will continue to grow steadily for the next four years, resulting in additional revenues of \$175 million by 2015-16 relative to the 2011 Budget plan. However, even with this change to the forecast, tobacco tax

² Taxation revenues vary by “\$545 million for each percent change in nominal GDP growth.”, Selected Economic and Revenue Risks and Sensitivities, 2011 Ontario Budget (p. 192)

³ 2008 Annual Report of the Auditor General of Ontario (p. 287)

revenue is still assumed to grow at a rate less than the rate of growth for the economy over the same period.

This higher tobacco tax revenue growth is based on two main factors. First, the government has introduced new measures since the 2011 Budget to combat contraband tobacco, including the recently-passed *Supporting Smoke-Free Ontario by Reducing Contraband Tobacco Act, 2011*. Second, further measures to combat contraband tobacco are contained in the Ontario Liberal Plan, including doubling the resources available for contraband enforcement by investing an additional \$34 million per year.

Table 3B details how these updated revenue forecasts affect the overall revenue figures for the medium-term fiscal plan.

Table 3B: ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN - UPDATED REVENUE OUTLOOK

(\$ BILLIONS)	Ontario Liberal Plan				
	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
2011 Budget Revenue Outlook	108.8 ¹	111.8	117.0	122.8	129.0
Impact of Revenue Changes	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
Revised Base Revenue Outlook	109.1	112.0	117.4	123.3	129.6

¹ Base revenue for 2011-12 been updated to reflect the one-time improvement recorded in the Province's Q1 Finances (August 8th, 2011)

The overall impact of these two revisions to the economic forecast is an additional \$250 million in revenue in 2011-12, growing to \$575 million by 2015-16. Total base revenues before platform commitments are expected to grow from \$109.1 billion in 2011-12 to \$129.6 billion in 2015-16.

To guard against changes to the economic outlook, the Ontario Liberal Plan includes a reserve of \$700 million in 2011-12, growing to \$1 billion in 2012-13 and each year thereafter.

Expenditure Outlook:

Table 4 shows the forecasted changes in the Province's medium-term expenditure outlook compared to the 2011 Budget forecast.

Table 4: ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN - EXPENDITURE CHANGES SINCE 2011 BUDGET

(\$ MILLIONS)	Ontario Liberal Plan				
	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Impact of 2010-11 Public Accounts					
Ongoing Savings from Public Accounts	(785)	(785)	(785)	(785)	(785)
Lower Interest on Debt Costs	(125)	(175)	(175)	(175)	(175)
Total Fiscal Savings	(910)	(960)	(960)	(960)	(960)

Ongoing Savings from the 2010-11 Public Accounts: The audited financial statements in the 2010-11 Public Accounts showed that total program expense for 2010-11 was \$2.4 billion lower than projected in the 2011 Budget. Over three-quarters of all ministries found savings or spent less than had been projected while protecting services.

The impact of this improvement on future budgets is based on what portion of these savings are one-time in nature and what portion represents permanent, ongoing changes in the costs associated with delivering public services. While the majority of savings that occurred in this year's Public Accounts are one-time, there are a number of examples of changes to expense profiles that will carry forward to following years. For example, lower-than-expected actuarial forecasts for employee pensions and benefits and lower-than-expected demand for labour market training programs due to an improving economy are two examples of savings that will affect future budgets.

Based on a review of Public Accounts, this plan incorporates the fact that \$785 million – approximately one-third – of the \$2.4 billion in savings will be carried forward to future fiscal years.

The Ontario Liberal Plan maintains a contingency fund of \$700 million in 2011-12 and each year thereafter.

Lower Interest on Debt Costs: The 2010-11 Public Accounts confirmed a deficit for 2010-11 of \$14 billion, \$5.7 billion lower than projected in the 2010 Budget and \$2.7 billion lower than projected in the 2011 Budget. This lower-than-expected deficit figure will decrease the Province's borrowing requirement, meaning it is appropriate to reduce the interest on debt forecast slightly. Based on the current cost of borrowing for the Province, the revised forecast shows a decrease in interest on debt costs of \$125 million in 2011-12.

Moreover, the improvement in the deficit for 2011-12 is forecasted to reduce borrowing by an additional \$1 billion, further reducing interest on debt costs. As a result, savings are estimated to grow to \$175 million by 2015-16 relative to the 2011 Budget plan.

The net fiscal impact of the 2010-11 Public Accounts and lower interest on debt costs is \$910 million in 2011-12, growing to \$960 million by 2015-16.

Ontario Liberal Plan – Impact of New Commitments:

Table 5 shows the total additional cost to the fiscal plan of the 45 new commitments contained in *Forward. Together: The Ontario Liberal Plan for 2011-15*.

Table 5: ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN - COST OF PLATFORM

(\$ MILLIONS)	Ontario Liberal Plan				
	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Platform Commitments					
New Spending Commitments	201	838	997	1,124	1,193
New Tax Credits / Tax Reductions	-	66	292	322	327
Total Cost of Platform	201	904	1,289	1,446	1,520
Fiscal Room					
Updated Economic Forecast	(250)	(150)	(300)	(350)	(400)
Enhanced Contraband Enforcement	-	(75)	(125)	(175)	(175)
Lower Interest on Debt Costs	(125)	(175)	(175)	(175)	(175)
Ongoing Savings from Public Accounts	(785)	(785)	(785)	(785)	(785)
Total Fiscal Room	(1,160)	(1,185)	(1,385)	(1,485)	(1,535)
Net Change in Deficit	(959)	(281)	(96)	(39)	(15)

The 2011 Ontario Liberal Plan contains 45 new commitments, including a mixture of new investments and tax reductions. In 2011-12, the fiscal impact of the platform is \$200 million, growing to \$1.5 billion by 2015-16. The \$1.5 billion in 2015-16 is comprised of \$1.2 billion in new investments and \$300 million in new tax credits and tax reductions.

In comparison, the additional fiscal room generated by the revised revenue and expenditure outlooks totals \$1.2 billion in 2011-12, growing to \$1.5 billion by 2015-16.

As a result, the Ontario Liberal Plan builds on the government's existing plan to eliminate the deficit by 2017-18 by improving on existing deficit targets in 2011-12 and 2012-13 and meeting existing targets for subsequent years.

Ontario Liberal Plan – Medium-Term Fiscal Outlook by Sector:

Table 6 shows the medium-term fiscal outlook for the Ontario Liberal Plan broken down by sector.

Table 6: ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN: MEDIUM-TERM FISCAL PLAN BY SECTOR

(\$ BILLIONS)	Ontario Liberal Plan				
	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16
Revenue					
Base Revenue	109.1	112.0	117.4	123.3	129.6
Less: Platform Tax Reductions		(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Total Revenue	109.1	112.0	117.1	123.0	129.2
Expenditures					
Programs					
Health Sector	47.3	49.0	50.4	52.1	53.7
Education Sector	23.1	24.0	24.3	24.8	25.3
Postsecondary Education and Training Sector	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.8	7.9
Children's & Social Services Sector	13.6	13.9	14.3	14.3	14.4
Justice Sector	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.2
Other Programs	17.3	15.8	16.0	16.0	16.0
Total Program Spending	113.2	114.7	117.0	119.2	121.5
Interest on Debt	10.2	11.2	12.4	13.5	14.6
Total Expenditures	123.4	125.9	129.4	132.7	136.1
Reserve	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Deficit	(15.0)	(14.9)	(13.3)	(10.7)	(7.8)

Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding

Expenditure and revenue forecasts have been adjusted to incorporate the impact of platform commitments on individual ministry budgets in each fiscal year.

The Ontario Liberal Plan includes a reserve of \$700 million in 2011-12, growing to \$1 billion by 2015-16. In addition, the plan includes a contingency fund of \$700 million in 2011-12 and each year thereafter.

Conclusion:

Ontario Liberals are the only party with a positive plan to move Ontario forward. Together, we got through the recession the Ontario way: we protected education and health care, stood by workers in the hardest-hit industries, and worked together to find new opportunities for our Province and our families. Our strong leadership, experienced team and thoughtful long-term plan are getting results for Ontario families.

Forward. Together: The Ontario Liberal Plan for 2011-15 is the only fully costed, independently reviewed plan that keeps the Province on track to eliminate the deficit, while continuing to protect health care and education.

Eight years ago, during the dark days of Conservative cuts and conflict, Ontario was moving backwards. Today, our schools are rated among the world's best, our health care ranks first in Canada, and old jobs are coming back while new jobs are being created in emerging industries like advanced manufacturing and clean energy.

In an uncertain global economy, Ontario Liberals are boldly confronting the challenges that face us in the global economy, and setting out a plan to get us through. The PCs and the NDP would take us off track and put our fragile recovery at risk with their reckless schemes.

Forward. Together.

Appendix: ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN - PLATFORM COMMITMENTS

(\$ MILLIONS)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Ontario Liberal Platform					
CHALLENGE #1: MAKE ONTARIO THE MOST ATTRACTIVE PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR JOB CREATORS					
1 Full-day kindergarten by 2014	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
2 Introduce a new strategy for teaching science	0	8	8	8	8
3 Foster skills like critical thinking, creativity, and problem solving	0	10	10	10	10
4 Summer learning camps for struggling students	0	12	12	12	12
5 Doubling teacher education; professional development opportunities for new teachers	0	20	20	20	20
6 Create 60,000 more postsecondary education spaces	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
7 Build three new undergraduate campuses	0		IN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN		
8 30% across-the-board undergraduate tuition grant	201	423	444	465	486
9 Continue loan repayment assistance	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
10 Extended OSAP grace period for non-profit sector	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
11 Triple the number of successful start-up companies over the next five years	0	40	90	140	140
12 Increased support for young entrepreneurs	0	10	10	10	10
13 Double the number of Premier-led trade missions	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
14 Complete our tax reform plan	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
15 Reduce small business tax to 4%	0	0	75	100	100
16 Tax credit for employers to help high-skilled newcomers get work experience	0	12	12	12	12
17 Create a new Southwestern Ontario Economic Development Fund	0	20	20	20	20
18 Committed to Green Energy Act/Feed-in-Tariff program; create 50,000 jobs by 2012	0		IN LONG-TERM ENERGY PLAN		
19 Complete coal phase-out by 2014; increase other forms of clean power	0		IN LONG-TERM ENERGY PLAN		
20 Allow job creators to control their energy costs	0		IN LONG-TERM ENERGY PLAN		
21 Invest in infrastructure for electric vehicles	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
22 Improve pathways to apprenticeship and remove barriers	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
CHALLENGE #2: MAKE ONTARIO THE HEALTHIEST PLACE IN NORTH AMERICA TO GROW UP AND GROW OLD					
23 Continue to hire more new, full-time nurses	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
24 Train more health care professionals	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
25 Enhanced family health services for seniors: home visits, online and phone	0	40	60	60	60
26 Health care coordinator	0	30	40	50	50
27 Personal support workers for the most frail	0	30	45	60	60
28 Create a new Family Caregiver Leave	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
29 Seniors' Healthy Home Tax Credit	0	30	120	120	120
30 Property tax deferral program for seniors	0	5	10	15	20
31 Active aging strategy	0	2	2	2	2

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	Ontario Liberal Platform				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
	0				
32 Refocus investments to support Alzheimer's and dementia	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
33 Engage seniors in education and not-for-profit sectors	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
34 Promote local food / Create Local Food Act	0	12	12	12	12
35 Personalized cancer risk profile	0	5	5	5	5
36 Maintain ownership of your own health record	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
37 Increased fines on sales to minors and contraband off reserve; revoke OLG and tobacco privileges	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
38 Double contraband enforcement activity	0	17	34	34	34
39 Childhood obesity strategy; reduce childhood obesity by 20% within five years	0	10	10	10	10
40 Healthy snack program for elementary school children	0	35	63	63	63
41 Double the Children's Activity Tax Credit	0	19	75	75	75
42 Mental health strategy for adults	0	0	0	30	30
CHALLENGE #3: LEAD NORTH AMERICA IN CLEAN, HEALTHY GROWTH AND SMART RESOURCE CONSERVATION					
43 Two-way all day GO service	0		IN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN		
44 Money-back GO guarantee	0	8	6	6	6
45 Implement Water Opportunities and Water Conservation Act	0	5	5	5	5
46 Expand the Greenbelt	0	0	0	0	0
47 Great Lakes Protection Act / Water clean-up fund	0	4	4	4	4
48 Continue to grow the best mining industry in the world	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
49 New opportunities for kids to get outside	0	15	15	15	15
CHALLENGE #4: HELP ONTARIO FAMILIES COPE WITH CHANGE					
50 Ontario Clean Energy Benefit - 10% off electricity bills	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
51 Increase the Ontario Child Benefit to \$1,310 a year	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
52 Consider delivering a new housing benefit	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
53 Next poverty reduction target	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
54 After school programs for children aged 6-12	0	0	0	0	49
55 20 minute wait-time service guarantee - Service Ontario	0	12	12	12	12
56 Coordinate family renewal dates	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
57 Enhanced environmental education	0	5	5	5	5
CHALLENGE #5: A STRONG VOICE FOR A STRONG ONTARIO					
58 Negotiate a new 10-year Health Accord	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
59 Ensure promised federal support for Ontario's clean energy sector	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
60 Ensure federal reform of EI system addresses inequities/lack of coordination with Ontario	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		

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	Ontario Liberal Platform				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
61 Demand same deal on immigration as Quebec, Manitoba, and British Columbia	0				
62 Federal government to take its traditional partner role in our risk management program	0		NO FISCAL IMPACT		
CHALLENGE #6: MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR BALANCED BUDGET PLAN					
63 Balance the budget by 2017-18	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
64 Complete upload of costs from municipalities by 2018	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
65 Reform public services - Drummond Commission	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
66 Strengthen partnerships with public sector, private sector and non-for-profit sector	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
67 Reduce the size of the public service; find \$500M in savings	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
68 Achieve \$200M in savings from our large agencies	0		IN FISCAL PLAN		
RURAL / NORTHERN					
NORTHERN PLATFORM	0	40	40	40	40
RURAL PLATFORM	0	25	25	25	25
Total - Cost of Platform	201	904	1,289	1,446	1,520
Fiscal Room					
1 Updated Economic Forecast	(250)	(150)	(300)	(350)	(400)
2 Enhanced Contraband Enforcement	-	(75)	(125)	(175)	(175)
3 Ongoing Savings from Public Accounts	(785)	(785)	(785)	(785)	(785)
4 Lower Interest on Debt Costs	(125)	(175)	(175)	(175)	(175)
Total - Fiscal Room	(1,160)	(1,185)	(1,385)	(1,485)	(1,535)
Impact on Deficit	(959)	(281)	(96)	(39)	(15)