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**YAKABUSKI TO MINISTER: REVEAL THOSE NAMES!**

*Premier and Minister Duncan still refuse to disclose the names of so-called coal experts*

Queen's Park, Toronto - Today in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Progressive Conservative Energy Critic John Yakabuski continued to press Energy Minister Dwight Duncan to reveal the names of the so-called experts that advised the McGuinty Liberals' Coal shutdown policy. Last week, the Ontario Power Authority released a discussion paper recommending that coal-powered generation plants remain open in Ontario until at least 2014 – seven years later than the McGuinty Liberals promised.

During today's Question Period, Yakabuski reminded Duncan that he had agreed to provide the full list of advisors during the Standing Committee on Estimates on September 26, 2006. For Yakabuski, the Minister's failure to respond represents a lack of respect for the committees of the provincial legislature. Yakabuski said, "This is about credibility and integrity...Is a promise made to a committee of this Legislature for you people, the same as a promise made to the people of Ontario -- one that can you can break when you are out fishing for votes?"

Yakabuski continued, saying that the coal plant shutdown strategy was a policy of mere electoral convenience that was doomed to fail from the start. He also said that the so-called experts that advised them were a creation of the McGuinty Liberals. "Minister, either give us the names now or admit that they never existed. You and your Premier made the whole thing up because you will say anything and you will do anything just to get a vote. Will you admit that or reveal those names now?"

In the past week, Premier Dalton McGuinty has been forced to admit, due to the pressure of the Tory Progressive Conservatives and the persistent questioning of MPP Yakabuski, that he has botched the coal file. Yakabuski plans to continue to demand that the Liberals reveal the names of the so-called experts or reveal that they were made up for the sake of votes.

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