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### **Manitoba Museum funding shows Government doesn't get it**

(Queen's Park) – According to a Toronto Sun report, the Ontario Government has committed to contributing \$5 million towards the construction of a new Human Rights Museum in Manitoba.

PC Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs Ted Arnott says this shows that the Government just doesn't get it.

"Here we are with a \$16 billion deficit and the McGuinty Government is handing out money to build a museum in another province. Where are the Government's priorities?" asked Mr. Arnott. "People will wonder if they have lost their minds."

According to the Fall Economic Update, the Government projects a \$16 billion dollar deficit for the current fiscal year. That means that the Ontario Government is borrowing \$1.8 million every hour, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Government has commissioned Don Drummond to conduct a review of all Government spending and identify areas where government can be cut back and savings can be found. The Drummond Report, which is likely to be released next month, is expected to recommend deep cuts to many government services and departments.

"If the Government has \$5 million dollars to hand out – which it clearly doesn't – why wouldn't they look at the needs of our Ontario museums?" asked Mr. Arnott.

Ultimately, argues Mr. Arnott, this decision raises major question marks about the Government's commitment to balancing the books.

"We have to question how serious the McGuinty Government is about getting the deficit under control. Obviously, someone hasn't gotten the memo," he concluded.

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