

## Statement by Minister Yasir Naqvi on the Minimum Wage Advisory Panel's Final Report

Today, Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Labour, released the following statement on the Minimum Wage Advisory Panel's final report:

"We have received the [Minimum Wage Advisory Panel's final report](#) on how the province's minimum wage should be set in the future.

I want to thank Professor Anil Verma and the other five panel members for their dedication and hard work on this report.

The panel travelled across Ontario, holding public consultations in 10 cities and heard from almost 450 organizations, businesses, and individual Ontarians. I also want to thank participants for their input, and suggestions on this important issue.

With representation from the business, labour and anti-poverty sectors, the panel has delivered a consensus report. We are reviewing its recommendations and will bring our plan forward shortly.

The minimum wage has increased 50 per cent in Ontario since 2003, from \$6.85 to \$10.25 per hour, taking it from one of the lowest in Canada to one of the highest. This report will guide our efforts to ensure a fair minimum wage for Ontario's workers, improve living standards for the most vulnerable and keep businesses competitive.

Ensuring a fair and predictable minimum wage system is part of our plan to work together as One Ontario, to build a successful, vital province where everyone has the opportunity to connect, contribute and achieve their goals."