


Cost to Ontario taxpayer of securing jobs at Ford Oakville Plant and Darlington Nuclear Station

 = **FORD**
= **\$25,000**
per job

 = **DARLINGTON**
= **\$5.8 to \$14.4**
million
per job

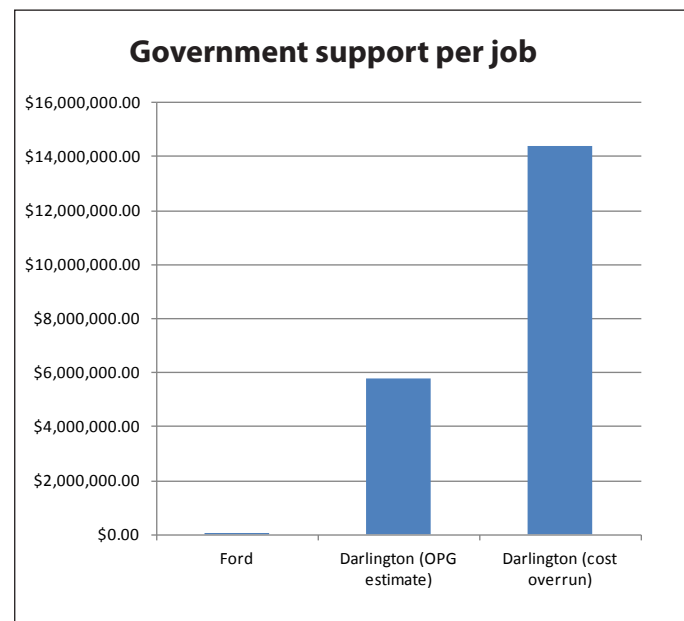
Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) nuclear operations employ 5,083 people of which approximately 2,224 are directly or indirectly associated with the Darlington Nuclear Station which will come to the end of its life in 2020.¹

OPG is proposing to re-build the Darlington Nuclear Station to extend its service life to 2050. According to OPG's "high-confidence" estimate, the cost of the re-build will be \$12.9 billion.² And OPG is asking the Government of Ontario to provide 100% of the financing for this project through both an equity investment and below-market rate financing. Therefore the cost to Ontario taxpayers of maintaining jobs at Darlington, beyond the year 2020, is at least \$5.8 million per job.³

However, every nuclear project in Ontario's history has gone massively over budget – on average by 2.5 times.⁴ If the real cost of the Darlington Re-Build is 2.5 times greater than OPG's estimate, the cost to Ontario taxpayers of maintaining jobs at Darlington will be \$14.4 million per job.⁵

In September 2013 the Government of Ontario invested \$70.9 million to secure more than 2,800 jobs at the Ford Motor Company's Oakville Assembly Plant.⁶ This means the cost to Ontario taxpayers of maintaining jobs at the Ford Plant was \$25,000 per job.⁷

The result is the cost to Ontario taxpayers of maintaining a job at Darlington is 232 to 576 times more expensive than maintaining a job at the Ford plant.



Endnotes

- 1 According to OPG, in 2015, its nuclear operations will have 5,083 employees of whom 1,830 and 1,194 will be directly associated with the Pickering and Darlington Nuclear Stations respectively. We have allocated 50% (1,030) of the remaining 2,059 nuclear employees to Darlington. See Wayne Robbins, Chief Nuclear Officer, OPG, *2013-2015 Nuclear Business Plan*, (May 16, 2013), page 20.
- 2 Ontario Energy Board Docket No. EB-2013-0321, Exhibit L, Tab 4.7, Schedule 6, ED-005.
- 3 \$12.9 billion/2224 jobs.
- 4 Ontario Clean Air Alliance Research Inc., *The Darlington Re-Build Consumer Protection Plan*, (September, 2010), Appendix A.
- 5 \$32 billion/2224 jobs.
- 6 Office of the Premier, *News*, "Ontario Invests with Ford", (September 19, 2013).
- 7 \$70.9 million/2,800 jobs.



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