

DOs AND DON'Ts FOR A QPOR MEETING

Addressing MPPs

- Ministers are always referred to as Minister unless they indicate otherwise.
- Refer to MPPs as Mr. or Ms. unless they indicate otherwise.
- Be focused. The key to an effective lobby session is to stay on topic and do your best to ensure the MPP does too.
- Be punctual. Start and end the meeting at the appointed time.
- Use personal examples from your work or community to support the key messages RNAO is trying to deliver in the meeting.
- Ask the key questions from the briefing notes before you deal with other matters.
- Remember, politicians value and appreciate your knowledge and experience as a nurse. Be confident in your ability to use personal and work narratives to make your point about nursing, health care, poverty, housing, etc.

Avoid

- Being late for the meeting—even if the MPP does not start on time.
- Speaking for so long that there is no time left for questions.
- Speaking negatively about the previous or current government.
- Contradicting RNAO's positions.

- Saying, in response to a question, “I don’t know”. Instead, tell the MPP, “I will get back to you with details as soon as possible.”
- Any reference to your own political party membership (if any). RNAO is a non-partisan organization which works with MPPs from all political parties.