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## Preem's rep on the mend

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PREMIER DALTON McGuinty's battered reputation has been on the mend -- if only a bit -- since his government released its health-premium budget last spring, a new poll suggests. The SES Research survey found 15% of those surveyed earlier this week approved of the job McGuinty is doing.

It's an upswing compared to the dismal 9% approval rating McGuinty received in a similar SES survey shortly after imposing the new tax.

SES president and CEO Nik Nanos said a more positive finding for McGuinty and company is that significantly fewer people (44% compared to 57% in June) feel the government is on the "wrong track."

"He still hasn't overturned the negative impact of the provincial budget, but he's managed to move people from the negative column into 'unsure,' " he said.

Since August, McGuinty has spent much of his time travelling the province to convince people his government's first budget was tough but necessary in order to get the province on a healthier track over the long run.

The 500-person survey's results are accurate plus or minus 4.5%, 19 times out of 20.

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