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Comments meant to mislead public

Union of Public Sector Employees President, Shelley Ward, is calling on Finance Minister, Wes Sheridan, to publicly apologize for intentionally misleading the public with the comments he made in the House on Friday, April 18, 2008. Minister Sheridan made reference to an email he received from a former labour representative who suggests using the Civil Service Pension Fund to support the Minister's vision of utilizing P3 funding models for upcoming government projects.

"The Minister is fully aware of unionized labour's position on P3s. UPSE had been very vocal on this issue. For him to connect UPSE with any comments made by a past president was a desperate attempt to try and validate his stand on the P3 issue. Any comments made by the referenced former labour leader are those of a private citizen and not a spokesperson for labour. The Union of Public Sector Employees does not support utilizing the Civil Service Superannuation Fund's assets to finance manor replacement or any other P3 initiative that this government may be considering," states Ward.

Shelley Ward is the elected President of the PEI Union of Public Sector Employees. UPSE is the largest labour union in the province and represents over 5000 members in the public and private sectors.