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Charlottetown-Rochford Square	Robert Ghiz
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Crapaud-Hazel Grove	Carolyn Bertram
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Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove	David McKenna
Kensington-Malpeque	Mitch Murphy
Montague-Kilmuir	Jim Bagnall
Morell-Fortune Bay	Kevin MacAdam
Murray River-Gaspereaux	Pat Binns
North River-Rice Point	Ron MacKinley
Park Corner-Oyster Bed	Beth MacKenzie
Parkdale-Belvedere	Chester Gillan
Sherwood-Hillsborough	Elmer MacFadyen
Souris-Elmira	Andy Mooney
St. Eleanors-Summerside	Helen MacDonald
Stanhope-East Royalty	Jamie Ballem
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Brown, Philip (Cascumpec-Grand River)	Tourism
Brown, Richard (Charlottetown-Kings Square)	Opposition House Leader
Collins, Wayne (Winsloe-West Royalty)	
Currie, Michael (Georgetown-Baldwin's Road)	Development and Technology

Deighan, Greg (Wilmot-Summerside)	Speaker
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Murphy, Mitch (Kensington-Malpeque)	Provincial Treasurer
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