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# **Order Paper and Notices**

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President of the National Assembly: Mr. François Paradis

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- The Member for Lotbinière-Frontenac on the following subject: *Tribute to Mr. Marcel Groleau.*
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- The Member for Vimont on the following subject: *Thank Ms. Line Boudreault for her loyal service to Service bénévole d'entraide de Vimont-Auteuil.*
- The Member for Sanguinet on the following subject: *Mr. Gabriel Mandes* -Sport-études recognition.
- The Member for Taschereau on the following subject: *Mois Multi 2022*.
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- The Member for Borduas on the following subject: *The 30th anniversary* of La Maison Victor-Gadbois.
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- (1) Bill 11 An Act to increase the supply of primary care services by general practitioners and to improve the management of that supply Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social Services on 11 November 2021
- (2) Bill 12

An Act mainly to promote Québec-sourced and responsible procurement by public bodies, to reinforce the integrity regime of enterprises and to increase the powers of the Autorité des marchés publics Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on **3 February 2022** 

(3) Bill 14

An Act to ensure the protection of trainees in the workplace Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on **2 December 2021** 

(4) Bill 18
 An Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and enacting the Act to assist in locating missing persons
 Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on 8 December 2021

(5) Bill 19

An Act respecting health and social services information and amending various legislative provisions Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social services on **3 December 2021** 

#### (6) Bill 21

An Act mainly to end petroleum exploration and production and the public financing of those activities

Introduced by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on 2 February 2022

(7) Bill 24

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Québec correctional system to provide for the power to require that an offender be connected to a device that allows the offender's whereabouts to be known Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on **2 February 2022** 

(8) Bill 30

An Act to recover amounts owed to the State Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 14 June 2019

Committee Stage

(9) Bill 1

An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development Introduced by the Minister of Families on 21 October 2021 Report of the Committee on Citizen Relations (consultations) tabled on 30 November 2021 Passed in principle on **2 December 2021**, and Referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations

#### (10) Bill 2

An Act respecting family law reform with regard to filiation and amending the Civil Code in relation to personality rights and civil status Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 21 October 2021 Report of the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 7 December 2021 Passed in principle on **1 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Institutions

#### (11) Bill 4

An Act to reinforce the governance of state-owned enterprises and to amend other legislative provisions Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 26 October 2021 Report of the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 1 February 2022 Passed in principle on **2 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

#### (12) Bill 9

An Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman Introduced by the Minister of Education on 23 November 2021 Report of the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on 1 February 2022 Passed in principle on **3 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Culture and Education

# (13) Bill 15

An Act to amend the Youth Protection Act and other legislative provisions Introduced by the Minister for Health and Social Services on 1 December 2021

Passed in principle on 1 February 2022, and

Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

#### (14) Bill 16

An Act to amend various legislative provisions to implement Complementary Agreements No. 22 and No. 27 to the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs on

9 December 2021

Passed in principle on 1 February 2022, and

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

#### (15) Bill 17

An Act respecting the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 25 March 2021 and amending other provisions Introduced by the Minister of Finance on **3 December 2021** Passed in principle on **1 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

## (16) Bill 23

An Act respecting the names and responsibilities of certain ministers and government departments and to enact the Act respecting the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 18 April 2019 Passed in principle on **19 September 2019**, and Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

# (17) Bill 39

An Act to establish a new electoral system Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions, Electoral Reform and Access to Information on 25 September 2019 Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 11 February 2020 Passed in principle on **8 October 2020**, and Referred to the Committee on Institutions

# (18) Bill 96

An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec Introduced by the Minister Responsible for the French Language on 13 May 2021 Report of the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on 21 October 2021

Passed in principle on **4 November 2021**, and

Referred to the Committee on Culture and Education

#### (**19**) Bill 101

An Act to strengthen the fight against maltreatment of seniors and other persons of full age in vulnerable situations as well as the monitoring of the quality of health services and social services

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Seniors and Informal Caregivers on 9 June 2021

Report of the Committee on Citizen Relations (consultations) tabled on 5 October 2021

Passed in principle on 6 October 2021, and

Referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations

(20) Bill 102

An Act mainly to reinforce the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation, to ensure the responsible management of pesticides and to implement certain measures of the 2030 Plan for a Green Economy concerning zero emission vehicles

Introduced by the Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change on 5 October 2021

Report of the Committee on Transportation and Environment (consultations) tabled on 30 November 2021

Passed in principle on 1 December 2021, and

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Environment

Report Stage

#### Passage

# II. Private Members' Public Bills

#### Passage in Principle

(21) Bill 190

An Act to amend the Charter of the French language and other legislative provisions in order to enhance the protection of the French language Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **11 November 2021** 

(22) Bill 191

An Act to regulate the distribution of advertising items Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **11 November 2021**  (23) Bill 192

An Act to recognize the Members' oath to the people of Québec as the sole oath required for Members to take office Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on 28 February 2019

#### (24) Bill 193

An Act to establish a budgetary shield to protect education, child and youth protection services Introduced by the Member for Joliette on 7 February 2019

(25) Bill 194

An Act to ensure compliance with Québec's climate change-related obligations

Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on 21 February 2019

(26) Bill 195

An Act to amend the Act respecting the National Assembly to extend the scope of the right to payment of expenses for counsel Introduced by the Member for Chomedey on 11 April 2019

#### (27) Bill 196

An Act to amend the Act respecting safety in sports to establish a Passe-Sports register to collect data on the state of health of persons under 18 years of age following a concussion

Introduced by the Member for Marquette on 11 April 2019

(28) Bill 198

An Act to facilitate disclosure of wrongdoings Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on 9 May 2019

(29) Bill 199

An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act to establish a right of citizen initiative in environmental matters and reinforce the powers and independence of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement Introduced by the Member for Mercier on 25 September 2019

(30) Bill 390

An Act providing for the temporary suspension of the right to increase the rent for a lease of a dwelling Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on 4 November 2021

(**31**) Bill 391

An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act in order to assert the primacy of Québec's jurisdiction in this area Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on **30 May 2019** 

(**32**) Bill 392

An Act respecting the selection of Québec senators Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **9 May 2019** 

(33) Bill 393

An Act to affirm Québec's participation in the appointment process for Québec Supreme Court of Canada judges Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 16 May 2019

(34) Bill 394

An Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in educational institutions that provide preschool education services, elementary school instructional services, or secondary school instructional services in general and vocational education, including adult education services Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **21 October 2021** 

(35) Bill 395

An Act to establish the Just Transition Fund Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on **28 October 2021** 

(36) Bill 396

An Act for better air quality Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **28 October 2021** 

(37) Bill 397

An Act to reinforce oversight of the processes to select, renew a term of or dismiss directors of municipal police forces Introduced by the Member for Vaudreuil on 14 November 2019

(**38**) Bill 398

An Act to proclaim Québec Democracy Day Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **20 February 2020**  (**39**) Bill 399

An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death

Introduced by the Member for Pontiac on 5 November 2019

 (40) Bill 490
 An Act to establish the gradual electrification of Québec's vehicle fleet Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on 26 September 2019

- (41) Bill 491
   An Act to combat food waste
   Introduced by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue on
   12 November 2020
- (42) Bill 493
   Interculturalism Act
   Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 30 October 2019
- (43) Bill 494
   An Act to prohibit petroleum exploration and production
   Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on 2 December 2021
- (44) Bill 495

An Act to authorize the recording of sound and images during the public sittings of a municipal council or the public meetings of a council of a metropolitan community Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **20 November 2019** 

- (45) Bill 496 Parliamentary Budget Officer Act Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on 14 November 2019
- (46) Bill 497

An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms in order to strengthen the protection of seniors' rights and create the office of Seniors Ombudsperson Introduced by the Member for Rimouski on **4 December 2019** 

(47) Bill 498

An Act to proclaim the National Day for the Promotion of Positive Mental Health Introduced by the Member for D'Arcy-McGee on **2 December 2021** 

# (48) Bill 590

An Act to amend the Charter of the French language to establish free French instruction services for every person who resides in Québec Introduced by the Member for Jacques-Cartier on **4 December 2019** 

#### (49) Bill 591

An Act to amend the Charter of the French language to define the circumstances under which an employer may make knowledge of a language other than the official language a requirement for access to employment or a position

Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on 12 February 2020

(50) Bill 592

An Act to amend the Act respecting the flag and emblems of Québec to enhance the presence of the flag of Québec Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **11 June 2021** 

(51) Bill 593

An Act to change the minimum age required to be a qualified elector Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **10 June 2021** 

#### (52) Bill 594

An Act to improve the quality of care through the setting of ratios in certain institutions governed by the Act respecting health services and social services Introduced by the Member for Pontiac on 26 May 2020

(53) Bill 595

An Act to create the Rent Register Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **4 June 2020** 

- (54) Bill 596An Act to establish Pharma-QuébecIntroduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on 15 September 2020
- (55) Bill 597

An Act to improve support offered to entrepreneurs and farmers in relation to mental health Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **10 June 2020** 

#### (56) Bill 598

An Act to authorize the holder of a restaurant sales liquor permit to sell, for takeout or delivery, spirit-based alcoholic beverages Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **12 June 2020** 

# (57) Bill 599

An Act to respect sexual orientation and gender identity Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on 22 September 2020

(58) Bill 690

An Act to promote socially responsible investments Presented by the Member for René-Lévesque on **9 December 2021** 

#### (59) Bill 691

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Ministère des Transports to maintain air transportation services in certain regions of Québec Introduced by the Member for Mont-Royal–Outremont on **30 September 2020** 

## (60) Bill 692

An Act to amend the Act respecting safety in sports to prohibit fighting in sports activities in which persons under 18 years of age participate Introduced by the Member for Marquette on **21 October 2020** 

#### (61) Bill 693

An Act to amend the Election Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in the context of political activities Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **22 October 2020** 

# (62) Bill 694

An Act to regulate appointments to certain senior positions Introduced by the Member for René-Levesque on **10 June 2021** 

#### (63) Bill 695

An Act to set a standard for the maximum concentration of manganese in drinking water Introduced by the Member for Vaudreuil on **9 December 2020** 

# (64) Bill 696 An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Arthabaska by Arthabaska-L'Érable Introduced by the Member for Arthabaska on 7 December 2021

(65) Bill 697

An Act to promote the disclosure of wrongdoings and strengthen the protection of whistleblowers Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on 17 March 2021

#### (66) Bill 698

An Act to temporarily limit the charges that restaurateurs may be required to pay for online order services and meal delivery services Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **18 February 2021** 

#### (67) Bill 699

Act to promote integration of immigrants by organizing welcome ceremonies for newcomers Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **1 April 2021** 

(68) Bill 790

An Act to amend the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry to right the power imbalance

Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on 15 April 2021

#### (69) Bill 791

An Act respecting the implementation of study-family-work balance policies in particular in higher education institutions Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **30 September 2021** 

- (70) Bill 792An Act to enhance the transparency of municipal councils Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 14 April 2021
- (71) Bill 794

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec to facilitate the production and circulation of statistical information Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **21 April 2021** 

(72) Bill 796

An Act respecting the Agence des infrastructures de transport du Québec Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **1 June 2021**  (73) Bill 797

An Act to amend the Business Corporations Act to include benefit corporations Introduced by the Member for Robert-Baldwin on **26 May 2021** 

(74) Bill 798Act to permanently limit the amount of certain charges payable by restaurateurs when they retain the delivery services of a third person Introduced by the Member for Mercier on 3 December 2021

- (75) Bill 799
   Right-to-Disconnect Act
   Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on 10 December 2021
- (76) Bill 890

An Act to amend various legislative provisions relating to financial assistance for education expenses Introduced by the Member for Bonaventure on **27 May 2021** 

(77) Bill 893

An Act to facilitate the marketing of Québec microdistillers' and microbrewers' products Introduced by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue on **10 June 2021** 

(78) Bill 894

An Act to prohibit petroleum exploration and production Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on 16 September 2021

(79) Bill 896

An Act to amend the Election Act to encourage parity between women and men as candidates of political parties in a general election Introduced by the Member for LaFontaine on **7 October 2021** 

(80) Bill 897

An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to guarantee the right to receive childcare services Introduced by the Member for LaFontaine on **29 September 2021** 

# (81) Bill 898

An Act to amend the Public Health Act to change the terms of renewal of the declaration of a state of health emergency Introduced by the Member for Iberville on **6 October 2021** 

Committee Stage

(82) Bill 197

An Act to amend the Consumer Protection Act to fight planned obsolescence and assert the right to repair goods Introduced by the Member for Chomedey on 9 April 2019 Passed in principle on **13 April 2021**, and Referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations

#### (83) Bill 793

An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec Introduced by the Member for Argenteuil on 26 May 2021 Passed in principle on **10 June 2021**, and Referred to the Committee on Institutions

Report Stage

Passage

#### III. Private Bills

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

(84) Bill 217

An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **11 November 2020**, and Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

Passage in Principle

Passage

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#### Part 4

#### **PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEES**

The detailed calendar of the proceedings of each committee is available on the Internet site of the Assembly

#### **COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

#### Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

- Hearing of the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation on its administrative management and financial commitments.
- Hearing of the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques on Chapter 2 of the Sustainable Development Commissioner's June 2020 report entitled "Eco-Taxation, Cross-Compliance and Eco-Responsibility for a Green and Responsible Economy".
- Hearing of the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques and the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation on Chapter 3 of the Sustainable Development Commissioner's June 2020 report entitled "Conservation of Water Resources".
- Hearing of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor on the Report on the application of the *Public Administration Act*.

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES** 

# COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

#### COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

#### Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

**Bill 9**, An Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman (Order of reference given on 3 February 2022)

- **Bill 96**, An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec (Order of reference given on 4 November 2021).

#### Statutory order

- Hearing the heads of educational institutions at the university level.

## **COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY**

#### Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 217**, An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal (Order of reference given on 20 October 2021).

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

# **Order of reference**

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 4**, An Act to reinforce the governance of state-owned enterprises and to amend other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 2 February 2022)
- Bill 17, An Act respecting the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 25 March 2021 and amending other provisions (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).
- Bill 23, An Act respecting the names and responsibilities of certain ministers and government departments and to enact the Act respecting the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (Order of reference given on 20 October 2021).

# **COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS**

## Order of reference

# Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 2**, An Act respecting family law reform with regard to filiation and amending the Civil Code in relation to personality rights and civil status (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).
- **Bill 16**, An Act to amend various legislative provisions to implement Complementary Agreements No. 22 and No. 27 to the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).
- **Bill 39**, An Act to establish a new electoral system (Order of reference given on 20 October 2021).
- **Bill 793**, An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec (Order of reference given on 20 October 2021).

#### Statutory order

- Examination of the Report on the implementation of the Code of Ethics and Conduct of the Members of the National Assembly.

# COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

# Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- Bill 1, An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development (Order of reference given on 2 December 2021).
- **Bill 101**, An Act to strengthen the fight against maltreatment of seniors and other persons of full age in vulnerable situations as well as the monitoring of the quality of health services and social services (Order of reference given on 20 October 2021).
- Bill 197, An Act to amend the Consumer Protection Act to fight planned obsolescence and assert the right to repair goods (Order of reference given on 20 October 2021).

# **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

# **Order of reference**

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 11**, An Act to increase the supply of primary care services by general practitioners and to improve the management of that supply (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).
- **Bill 15**, An Act to amend the Youth Protection Act and other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 2 February 2022).

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 15**, An Act to amend the Youth Protection Act and other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).

#### Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

#### Interpellation:

By the Member for Nelligan to the Minister of Health and Social Services on the following subject: *Lack of foresight, inconsistency and backtracking: Quebecers are paying for the CAQ government's management of the COVID-19 pandemic* (notice given on 3 February 2022).

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

# **Order of reference**

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 102**, An Act mainly to reinforce the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation, to ensure the responsible management of pesticides and to implement certain measures of the 2030 Plan for a Green Economy concerning zero emission vehicles (Order of reference given on 1 December 2021).

#### Part 5

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

#### <u>*Questions already placed*</u> on the Order Paper are published each Wednesday

 (57) Ms. Lessard-Therrien (Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue) – 8 February 2022 To the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

The Farm Income Stabilization Insurance Program (ASRA) is a collective program that pays compensation when a product's average selling price is lower than the insured income based on the average production cost of specialized farm businesses.

All the production cost expense items, except the remuneration of operators (producer-owners), are updated every five years using a new survey.

Although it is indexed annually, the historical remuneration to which that indexing applies no longer reflects the reality of today's operators, as demonstrated by the work of the Centre d'études sur les coûts de production en agriculture (CECPA).

To remedy this situation, CECPA proposes that the methodology be adjusted to better reflect the number of hours worked and management time spent by operators. With the proposed adjustments, CECPA's calculations justify an increase in operator remuneration of between 12.8% and 15.9%. This increase would result in an annual salary of between \$74,100 and \$76,100 (compared to \$65,685 for 2019).

In December 2019, the board of directors of the Financière agricole du Québec (FADQ) accepted the conclusions in the CECPA report and forwarded the report to the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec to obtain the required authorizations. The FADQ has estimated that this update would cost a maximum of \$20 million per year. The additional cost could be funded from the FADQ's budget surplus.

Since then, the Minister has not revealed his plans.

My questions to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food are the following:

- Will the Minister take the necessary steps to update operator remuneration in the ASRA program, as recommended by the Financière agricole du Québec?
- Does the Minister have a timetable for completing this update, which is so beneficial to our farm producers?
- (58) Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) **8 February 2022** To the Minister for Health and Social Services

The number of Quebecers with dementia will double in the next 20 years, a "tidal wave" that is predictable, but for which the health network is not prepared, experts warn. Nouha Ben Gaied, director of research and development at the Federation of Québec Alzheimer Societies, says that the next disease of the century is Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, which covers the spectrum of symptoms associated with declining mental functions. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there is a new case of Alzheimer's every seven seconds. We have seen the breakthroughs made possible by significant government investments in scientific and medical research for other public health issues such as HIV/AIDS. The Alzheimer Society of Canada recommends an investment of \$150 million over five years to implement a fully funded and robust national dementia strategy.

In this context, my questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services are the following:

- How much public money has been invested annually over the past 10 years in dementia and Alzheimer's research?
- What investments are planned for this research in future years?

Mr. Gaudreault (Jonquière) – 8 February 2022
 To the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor

On 26 November 2018, the Government announced the expansion and restructuring of the emergency department of the Hôpital de Jonquière in the Jonquière riding. The announcement stated that development of the functional and technical program was authorized to begin. Since this phase is still in progress and the deadline has already been extended, the public is concerned about the real willingness to complete the work in accordance with the planned schedule.

The SQI says it has additional delays to consider, which are due to the pandemic and to specific projects that the Government wants to promote.

Consequently, as regards this project:

- 1. Does the Minister intend to follow through on her Government's 2018 announcement and thus meet the 2024 final deadline?
- 2. Can the Minister take action to ensure the initial deadlines are met to carry out work on a project that has been formally announced and which the local population is eagerly waiting for?

# (60) Mr. LeBel (Rimouski) – 8 February 2022 To the Government

The labour shortage is very significant for the community organizations and public institutions working in the field of health and social services not only in Québec, but also in my region, the Bas-Saint-Laurent.

The Québec government's Opération main-d'œuvre was announced in recent weeks. This initiative aims to address the labour shortage in Québec, in certain targeted sectors, including professions related to mental health and youth protection. *Perspective Québec* incentive scholarships will be offered to students in the health and social services sector. Surprisingly, the social work program does

not appear in the list of programs included by the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur. However, social work graduates have been working in these sectors for more than 50 years

This non-recognition of the social work program will result in future students going into programs that are eligible for these scholarships, such as special education or university programs. Obviously, when students have to choose a program, they will prefer the one that offers financial incentives of up to \$15,000. However, the social work program prepares future workers able to serve in the field of health and social services.

According to teachers at the Cégep de Rimouski, excluding college students in social work from this program will worsen the shortage of workers in the CISSS and community organizations, even though this program was created specifically to address this shortage.

My questions are the following:

- Why did the Minister of Higher Education and her department exclude the social work program and on what grounds did they come to this conclusion?
- Will the Government add the social work program to the list of programs recognized for the *Perspective Québec* scholarships, since we need more and more workers now?

# Part 6

#### NOTICES

## I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

#### **Government Bills**

**Private Members' Public Bills** 

#### **Private Bills**

# II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME

- (aa) An Act to amend the Automobile Insurance Act, the Highway Safety Code and other provisions *Minister of Transport*
- (bb) Motion moved by the Minister of Justice

THAT the National Assembly:

- I Concur in the position and justifications given by the Government in its reply, tabled in the National Assembly on 3 February 2022, to the report from the Comité de la rémunération des juges (Committee on the remuneration of judges) for the period 2019–2023, tabled in the Assembly on 7 October 2021, as amended by an addendum also tabled in the National Assembly on 3 February 2022;
- II Concerning Court of Québec judges:
  - Approve recommendation 1 without admissions as to certain conclusions of the Committee;
  - Approve recommendation 2, specifying that it will apply to municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis once they have enrolled in the pension plan of certain Québec judges and that it will be be implemented according to the same conditions as those set out for the other public sector pension plans. Since this reccommendation has also been made with regard to exclusively municipal judges and presiding justices of the peace, the response to recommendation 2 will also apply to those judges;

- Approve recommendation 3, specifying that it concerns the reimbursement of innovative drugs on the basis of the price of equivalent generic drugs and the maximum annual payment of medication and paramedical expenses and that these amendments will apply to Court of Québec judges, exclusively municipal judges and presiding justices of the peace as of 1 January following the resolution of the National Assembly, and to municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis once they have enrolled in the Court of Québec judges' group insurance plan;
- Approve recommendation 4, specifying that it confirms the application since 1 October 2020 of modifications to the clauses for travel insurance with assistance services and travel cancellation insurance of the Court of Québec judges' group insurance plan, that it applies to both the plan for active judges and the plan for retired judges and that it will apply to municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis once they have enrolled in those plans. Since this recommendation was also made with regard to exclusively municipal judges and presiding justices of the peace, the response to recommendation 4 will also apply to those judges;
- Approve recommendation 5, specifying that it will apply to retired municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis who have participated in the Court of Québec judges' group insurance plan. Since this recommendation was also made with regard to exclusively municipal judges and presiding justices of the peace, the response to recommendation 5 will also apply to those judges;
- Reject recommendation 6 concerning the incidental expense allowance;
- Approve recommendation 7, specifying that it will apply only to Court of Québec judges who travel in the performance of their duties;
- Approve recommendation 8 concerning the partial reimbursement of experts' and lawyers' fees incurred for the purposes of the Committee on the remuneration of judges' work without admissions as to that Committee's competence to make such a recommendation and as to evaluation of the amount determined by the Committee for reimbursement purposes.

**III** Concerning exclusively municipal judges:

- Amend recommendation 1 to grant the same salary parameters as those for Court of Québec judges, which increases the salary to
  - a) \$224,000 as of 1 July 2019 (increase of 3.3%);
  - b) \$236,690 as of 1 July 2020 (increase of 5.67%);
  - c) \$249,977 as of 1 July 2021 (increase of 5.61%);
  - d) \$264,030 as of 1 July 2022 (increase of 5.62%);
- Approve recommendation 2, specifying that it applies, subject to the duration of the term of the president judge, which is 7 years, retroactively to 28 March 2017, without admissions, however, as to the Committee on the remuneration of judges' competence to make such a recommendation for the period prior to 1 July 2019;
- Reject recommendation 3 concerning the incidental expense allowance;
- Approve recommendation 4 concerning the partial reiumbursement of experts' and lawyers' fees incurred for the purposes of the Committee on the remuneration of judges' work without admissions as to that Committee's competence to make such a recommendation and as to evaluation of the amount determined by the Committee for reimbursement purposes.

IV Concerning municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis:

- Amend recommendation 1 to provide for the coming into force of the determined annual remuneration method as soon as possible and not later than 1 July 2024, subject to the recommendations of the next Committee on the remuneration of judges, if applicable, and to specify that until such time, the maximum annual salary is the salary provided for exclusively municipal judges;
- Amend recommendations 2 and 3 so that the remuneration method for sittings is maintained until 30 June 2023, as well as the allowance for the absence of pension and insurance plans, in accordance with the current methodology and with Order in Council 578-2017, and that the sitting rates be increased according to the same parameters as those granted to exclusively municipal judges. The sitting rates are therefore as follows:

1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

| Sitting              | Current Rate | Increase | Proposed New<br>Rate |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|----------------------|
| Less than<br>2 hours | \$643        | 3.3%     | \$665                |
| 2 to 5<br>hours      | \$858        | 3.3%     | \$887                |
| More than<br>5 hours | \$1,714      | 3.3%     | \$1,771              |

#### 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

| Sitting           | Increase | Proposed New Rate |  |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--|
| Less than 2 hours | 5.67%    | \$702             |  |
| 2 to 5 hours      | 5.67%    | \$937             |  |
| More than 5 hours | 5.67%    | \$1,871           |  |

| 1 | July | 2021 | to | 30 | June | 2022 |
|---|------|------|----|----|------|------|
|   |      |      |    |    |      |      |

| Sitting           | Increase | Proposed New Rate |  |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--|
| Less than 2 hours | 5.61%    | \$741             |  |
| 2 to 5 hours      | 5.61%    | \$989             |  |
| More than 5 hours | 5.61%    | \$1,977           |  |

- Amend recommendation 4 to provide that court sittings be held in blocks as of 1 July 2022;

- Amend recommendation 5 to indicate that the rate for a block sitting that will apply as of 1 July 2022 be determined by dividing the exclusively municipal judges' amended annual salary of \$264,030 by 250 sittings, which sets the rate at \$1,056, that there may not be more than two sittings per day, unless authorized by the associate chief judge responsible for municipal courts, that the remuneration of sittings, including the remuneration paid for the teleprocessing of the court's business, the remuneration paid for the purposes of the Conseil de la magistrature's work and the remuneration paid for travel, may not

exceed the annual salary of exclusively municipal judges and that travel time is excluded from the contents of a sitting;

- Amend recommendation 6 to provide that it take effect as of the date the order is made until the coming into force of the determined annual remuneration and that the time that the judge devotes to handling the court's business remotely is only payable to the extent that the business handled is not related to a sitting or included in a sitting's rates;
- Amend recommendation 7 to add a different method of calculation, as suggested in the Government's response, where an appointment arising in the prepandemic period and where an absence for reasons out of the judge's control arises during the prepandemic or pandemic period, and specify that the indemnity for the absence of pension and insurance plans for the pandemic period be fixed at 25.10%;
- Approve recommendation 8, specifying that it applies as of 1 July 2019 until the coming into force of the determined annual remuneration method, that for the Conseil de la magistrature's work occuring between 1 July 2019 and the date the order is made, the municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis who are members of the Conseil de la magistrature must be able to show their attendance and the duration of their attendance to receive remuneration and that the remuneration is paid according to the remuneration method for sittings applicable at the time of the Conseil de la magistrature's work, that is, according to the duration of a sitting or to a determined block rate;
- Amend recommendation 9 to enroll all the municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis in the pension plan of certain Québec judges and to the Court of Québec judges' group insurance plan at the same time as the coming into force of the determined annual salary, without the possibility of optional membership;
- Amend recommendation 10 to provide that the official expenses be paid to the municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis, regardless of the number of months that the judge has been in office, while maintaining the status quo with respect to the amounts paid;

- Amend recommendation 11 to provide that it applies only to municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis for whom the installation of a home office is necessary, meaning those who do not have a permanent office space in a municipality and who must regularly travel between several municipalities due to the organization of duties and functions, and to provide for an amount of \$2,500 to judges who have a permanent office in a municipal court for the purchase of a computer;
- Amend recommendation 12 so that an annual sum of \$2,000 is allocated only to municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis for whom the installation of a home office is necessary, meaning those who do not have a permanent office space in a municipality and who must regularly travel between several municipalities due to the organization of duties and functions;
- Amend recommendation 13 to provide that it apply only to municipal judges paid on a per-sitting basis for whom the installation of a home office is necessary, meaning those who do not have a permanent office space in a municipality and who must regularly travel between several municipalities due to the organization of duties and functions;
- Approve recommendation 14, specifying that it is applicable as of the date the order is made until the coming into force of the determined annual salary and that the status quo remains for the other conditions of application;
- V Concerning presiding justices of the peace:
  - Approve recommendation 1 without admissions as to certain conclusions of the Committee;
  - Reject recommendation 2 concerning the allowance to install a home office;
  - Reject recommendation 3 concerning the annual allowance;
  - Reject recommendation 4 concerning the incidental expense allowance;
  - Approve recommendation 5 concerning leave without pay or leave with deferred pay;

- Approve recommendation 6 concerning the partial reimbursement of experts' and lawyers' fees incurred for the purposes of the Comité de la rémunération des juges's work without admissions as to that Committee's competence to make such a recommendation and as to evaluation of the amount determined by the Committee for reimbursement purposes.
- (cc) Motion moved by the Member for Iberville under Standing Order 97:

THAT Bill 898, An Act to amend the Public Health Act to change the terms of renewal of the declaration of a state of health emergency, do now pass in principle.