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Bill 393

**An Act to amend the Public
Administration Act to require
government departments and bodies
to publish monthly reports of their
expenditures**

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill provides that each department or body must prepare a monthly expenditure report to be published on its website. The report must cover remuneration expenditures, travel expenses, expenses incidental to official duties and expenditures for telecommunication services (including publicity and promotion), professional services (including banking, financial and administrative services), auxiliary services (including entertainment and hospitality expenses, insurance contracts and maintenance costs), the acquisition, leasing, construction and renovation of buildings, the acquisition, leasing and maintenance of furniture, energy services and, lastly, non-capitalizable supplies, material and equipment.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

– Public Administration Act (R.S.Q., chapter A-6.01).

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACT TO REQUIRE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BODIES TO PUBLISH MONTHLY REPORTS OF THEIR EXPENDITURES

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Public Administration Act (R.S.Q., chapter A-6.01) is amended by inserting the following sections after section 27:

“27.1. Each department or body shall prepare a monthly report of its expenditures in such categories as

- (1) remuneration;
- (2) travel expenses;
- (3) expenses incidental to official duties;
- (4) telecommunication services, including publicity and promotion;
- (5) professional services, including banking, financial and administrative services;
- (6) auxiliary services, including entertainment and hospitality expenses, insurance contracts and maintenance costs;
- (7) building acquisition, leasing, construction and renovation;
- (8) furniture acquisition, leasing and maintenance;
- (9) energy services; and
- (10) non-capitalizable supplies, material and equipment.

The report must also give the cumulative category expenditures and cumulative total expenditures for the fiscal year.

A report must be prepared for every sector of a department that is under the responsibility of a different minister.

“27.2. The monthly report is published on the department’s or body’s website within 15 days after the end of the month concerned. It must be intelligible and easily accessible.

Monthly reports must remain posted on the Internet for a minimum of three years from the date of their publication.

“27.3. The chair of the Conseil du trésor may make rules concerning the form in which a monthly report must be submitted.

“27.4. The chair of the Conseil du trésor may exempt a department or a body from disclosing its expenditures in a given category in its monthly reports if their disclosure would compromise the public interest, the safety of persons or state security.

The exemption and the reason for the exemption must be mentioned in the report.”

2. This Act comes into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*).