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- The Member for Verchères on the following subject: *Underline the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Cercle de fermières de Sainte-Julie.*
- The Member for Maskinongé on the following subject: *Underline the participation of Mr. Patrick Charlebois in the World Marathon Challenge.*
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An Act respecting the optimization of subsidized educational childcare services

Introduced by the Minister of Families on 26 November 2014

Report from the Committee on Citizen Relations (consultations) tabled on
10 February 2015

(2) Bill 49

An Act to implement the Accord Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec for the Joint Management of Petroleum Resources in the Gulf of St. Lawrence

Introduced by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on **11 June 2015**

(3) Bill 53

An Act to update the Act respecting collective agreement decrees mainly to facilitate its application and enhance the transparency and accountability of parity committees

Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on
26 May 2015

- (4) Bill 56*
Lobbying Transparency Act
Introduced by the Minister responsible for Access to Information and the Reform of Democratic Institutions on **12 June 2015**

*** Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor**

- (5) Bill 62
An Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality and, in particular, to provide a framework for religious accommodation requests in certain bodies
Introduced by the Minister of Justice on **10 June 2015**

- (6) Bill 63
An Act respecting inmate identity verification through fingerprinting
Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on **28 October 2015**

- (7) Bill 64
Firearms Registration Act
Introduced by the Mr. Moreau, Acting Minister of Public Security, on **3 December 2015**

- (8) Bill 72
An Act respecting the suspension of school by-elections
Introduced by the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Research on **11 November 2015**

- (9) Bill 79
An Act to give effect to the report of the L'Heureux-Dubé independent committee and to introduce the conditions of employment of the Members of the National Assembly as of the 42nd Legislature
Introduced by the Government House Leader and Minister responsible for Access to Information and the Reform of Democratic Institutions
on **12 November 2015**

*** Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor**

(10) Bill 81

An Act to reduce the cost of certain medications covered by the basic prescription drug insurance plan by allowing calls for tender

Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social Services on 24 November 2015

Report from the Committee on Health and Social Services (consultations) tabled on **15 March 2016**

(11) Bill 85

An Act to establish two logistics hubs and an economic development corridor along Autoroute 30 and develop the industrial port zones in the Montréal metropolitan area

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy on **4 December 2015**

(12) Bill 86

An Act to modify the organization and governance of school boards to give schools a greater say in decision-making and ensure parents' presence within each school board's decision-making body

Introduced by the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Research on 4 December 2015

Report from the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on **7 April 2016**

(13) Bill 92

An Act to extend the powers of the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec and to amend various legislative provisions

Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social Services on **6 April 2016**

Committee Stage

(14) Bill 59

An Act to enact the Act to prevent and combat hate speech and speech inciting violence and to amend various legislative provisions to better protect individuals

Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 10 June 2015

Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 24 September 2015

Passed in principle on **19 November 2015**, and

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

(15) Bill 70

An Act to allow a better match between training and jobs and to facilitate labour market entry

Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on 10 November 2015

Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 18 February 2016

Passed in principle on **10 March 2016**, and

Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

(16) Bill 74

An Act respecting mainly the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 26 March 2015

Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 12 November 2015

Passed in principle on **19 November 2015**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

(17) Bill 75

An Act respecting the restructuring of university-sector defined benefit pension plans and amending various legislative provisions

Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on 11 November 2015

Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 23 February 2016

Passed in principle on **12 April 2016**, and

Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

(18) Bill 76

An Act to modify the organization and governance of shared transportation in the Montréal metropolitan area

Introduced by the Minister of Transport on 12 November 2015

Report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment (consultations) tabled on 27 November 2015

Passed in principle on **1 December 2015**, and

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment

(19) Bill 83

An Act to amend various municipal-related legislative provisions concerning such matters as political financing

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy on 1 December 2015

Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain (consultations) tabled on 8 March 2016

Passed in principle on **15 March 2016**, and

Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(20) Bill 87

An Act to facilitate the disclosure of wrongdoings within public bodies

Introduced by the Minister responsible for Government Administration and Ongoing Program Review and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 2 December 2015

Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 17 February 2016

Passed in principle on **18 February 2016**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

(21) Bill 88

An Act respecting development of the small-scale alcoholic beverage industry

Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 3 December 2015

Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 18 February 2016

Passed in principle on **12 April 2016**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

Report Stage

Passage

(22) Bill 82

An Act to proclaim Memorial Day for Crimes Against Humanity Committed in Cambodia Between 1975 and 1979

Introduced by the Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness on 27 November 2015

Passed in principle on 4 December 2015

Report from the Committee of the Whole adopted on **4 December 2015**

II. Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

(23) Bill 190

An Act to amend the Civil Code in order to protect the rights of seniors as lessees

Introduced by the Member for Gouin on 27 May 2014

Resuming the debate adjourned on **5 June 2014**

(24) Bill 192

An Act to amend the Anti-Corruption Act as concerns the protection of whistleblowers

Introduced by the Member for Chutes-de-la-Chaudière on **23 September 2014**

(25) Bill 193

An Act to regulate ferrous and non-ferrous metal transactions and recycling

Introduced by the Member for Chutes-de-la-Chaudière on **21 October 2014**

(26) Bill 194

An Act to promote the inclusion of social housing or affordable housing in new construction projects

Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **2 October 2014**

(27) Bill 195

An Act to amend the Municipal Powers Act to allow regional county municipalities to carry out certain work without delay

Introduced by the Member for Nicolet-Bécancour on **25 September 2014**

(28) Bill 196

An Act to amend the Public Protector Act

Introduced by the Member for Deux-Montagnes on **1 October 2014**

(29) Bill 197

An Act to reduce medication procurement costs in Québec

Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **17 February 2015**

- (30) Bill 390
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 **3 December 2014**
- (31) Bill 392
An Act respecting zero-GHG-emission motor vehicles
Introduced by the Member for Vachon on **15 April 2015**
- (32) Bill 394
An act to amend the Police Act as concerns issuing statements of offence
Introduced by the Member for Chutes-de-la-Chaudière on **12 February 2015**
- (33) Bill 395
Religious Fundamentalism Observer Act
Introduced by the Member for Taschereau on **11 February 2015**
- (34) Bill 396
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act
Introduced by the Member for Granby on **19 February 2015**
- (35) Bill 397
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act
Introduced by the Member for Rousseau on **26 February 2015**
- (36) Bill 398
An Act to amend the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly
Introduced by the Member for Verchères on **18 March 2015**
- (37) Bill 399
An Act to exclude child support payments from income calculation under various social laws
Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on **18 March 2015**
- (38) Bill 490
An Act to amend the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly as regards the transition allowance
Introduced by the Member for Deux-Montagnes on **18 March 2015**

- (39) Bill 491
An Act to put an end to accessory costs by amending various legislative provisions
Introduced by the Member for Taillon on **21 October 2015**
- (40) Bill 494
Taxpayer Protection Act
Introduced by the Member for Granby on **28 May 2015**
- (41) Bill 495
An Act to amend the Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines
Introduced by the Member for Granby on **3 December 2015**
- (42) Bill 496
Whistleblower Protection Act
Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on **22 October 2015**
- (43) Bill 497
Inmate Pay-for-Stay Act
Introduced by the Member for Beauce-Nord on **4 November 2015**
- (44) Bill 498
An Act to amend the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec and the Act respecting liquor permits to create a farmer-distiller's permit
Introduced by the Member for Granby on **26 November 2015**
- (45) Bill 590
An Act to amend the Auditor General Act
Introduced by the Member for Lac-Saint-Jean on **9 March 2016**
- (46) Bill 591
An Act to affirm Québec's participation in the appointment process for Québec Supreme Court of Canada judges
Introduced by the Member for Borduas on **25 February 2016**
- (47) Bill 592
An Act respecting the selection of Québec senators
Introduced by the Member for Borduas on **9 March 2016**

(48) Bill 593

An Act to put an end to illegal taxi services

Introduced by the Member for Vachon on **18 February 2016**

(49) Bill 594

An Act to amend the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities

Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **25 February 2016**

(50) Bill 595

An Act to protect access to institutions where elective abortions are performed

Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **24 February 2016**

(51) Bill 596

An Act to amend the Civil Code to make judicial remedies for victims of sexual aggression imprescriptible

Introduced by the Member for Borduas on **16 March 2016**

Committee Stage

(52) Bill 492

An Act to amend the Civil Code to protect seniors' rights as lessees

Introduced by the Member for Gouin on 21 May 2015

Passed in principle on 4 June 2015

Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain (consultations) tabled on **23 September 2015**

Report Stage

Passage

III. Private Bills

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

(53) Bill 204

An Act respecting Ville de Saint-Joseph-de-Sorel
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Hyacinthe on **13 November 2014**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(54) Bill 209

An Act respecting Ville de Mascouche
Introduced by the Member for Masson on **14 May 2015**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(55) Bill 211

An Act respecting Municipalité régionale de comté Les Moulins
Introduced by the Member for Terrebonne on **29 October 2015**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(56) Bill 212

An Act respecting Ville de Saguenay
Introduced by the Member for Dubuc on **28 October 2015**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(57) Bill 214

An Act respecting Ville de Drummondville
Introduced by the Member for Drummond–Bois-Francis on
12 November 2015, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(58) Bill 215

An Act respecting Municipalité de Sainte-Anne-de-Sorel
Introduced by the Member for Richelieu on **12 November 2015**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

Passage in Principle

Passage

IV. Government Motions

(59) 16 February 2016

Motion by the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie:

THAT, in accordance with section 22.3 of the *Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales*, the National Assembly approve the agreement on social security between the Government of Québec and the Government of the Republic of Korea, signed in Québec City on 24 November 2015.

In compliance with section 22.3 of the *Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales*, this motion cannot be debated before 26 February 2016.

V. Estimates of Expenditure

(60) Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2017 tabled by the Minister responsible for Government Administration and Ongoing Program Review and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 17 March 2016 and referred for consideration to the standing committees on **22 March 2016**.

VI. Statutory Debates

BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION

Part 3

BILLS PASSED

(Bills not yet given Royal Assent)

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 on the administrative management and financial commitments of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique.
- Hearing on the administrative management of the Régie du logement.
- Hearing on the administrative management and financial commitments of the Ministère du Développement économique, de l'Innovation et de l'Exportation.
- Hearing on the Auditor General's 2014-2015 annual management report and financial commitments.
- Hearing of the Régie de l'assurance maladie on chapter 3 of the Auditor General's fall 2015 report entitled "Physician Compensation: Administration and Control".
- Hearing on the Auditor General's special audit report entitled "Information Technology Contracts".
- Hearing on the administrative management and financial commitments of the Ministère de la Famille and as a follow-up to chapter 5 of the Auditor General's fall 2011 report entitled "Educational Childcare Services: Quality, Performance and Reporting".
- Hearing to follow up on Chapter 4 of the Sustainable Development Commissioner's Spring 2014 report, concerning Green Fund management and financial assistance.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 83**, An Act to amend various municipal-related legislative provisions concerning such matters as political financing (Order of reference given on 15 March 2016).
- **Bill 204**, An Act respecting Ville de Saint-Joseph-de-Sorel (Order of reference given on 13 November 2014).
- **Bill 209**, An Act respecting Ville de Mascouche (Order of reference given on 14 May 2015).
- **Bill 211**, An Act respecting Municipalité régionale de comté Les Moulins (Order of reference given on 29 October 2015).
- **Bill 212**, An Act respecting Ville de Saguenay (Order of reference given on 28 October 2015).
- **Bill 214**, An Act respecting Ville de Drummondville (Order of reference given on 12 November 2015).
- **Bill 215**, An Act respecting Municipalité de Sainte-Anne-de-Sorel (Order of reference given on 12 November 2015).
- **Bill 492**, An Act to amend the Civil Code to protect seniors' rights as lessees (Order of reference given on 4 June 2015).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Examination of the policy directions, activities and administrative management of the Société d'habitation du Québec.

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 70**, An Act to allow a better match between training and jobs and to facilitate labour market entry (Order of reference given on 10 March 2016).
- **Bill 75**, An Act respecting the restructuring of university-sector defined benefit pension plans and amending various legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 12 April 2016).

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 74**, An Act respecting mainly the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 26 March 2015 (Order of reference given on 19 November 2015).
- **Bill 87**, An Act to facilitate the disclosure of wrongdoings within public bodies (Order of reference given on 18 February 2016).
- **Bill 88**, An Act respecting development of the small-scale alcoholic beverage industry (Order of reference given on 12 April 2016).

Order of initiative

- The tax havens phenomenon.

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 59**, An Act to enact the Act to prevent and combat hate speech and speech inciting violence and to amend various legislative provisions to better protect individuals (Order of reference given on 19 November 2015).

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 64**, Firearms Registration Act (Order of reference given on 10 March 2016).

Statutory order

- Examination of the report on the implementation of the Code of ethics and conduct of the Members of the National Assembly.

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Examination of the policy directions, activities and management of the reintegration support central fund's advisory committee.
- Examination of the policy directions, activities and management of the 18 reintegration support funds of Québec's correctional facilities.

COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

Order of initiative

- Aboriginal women's living conditions as affected by sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Women's place in politics.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Statutory order

- Examination of the 2013-2014 annual reports of the following health and social services agencies: Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Bas-Saint-Laurent, Capitale-Nationale, Chaudière-Appalaches, Côte-Nord, Estrie, Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Lanaudière, Laurentides, Laval, Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec, Montérégie, Montréal, Outaouais, Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, and of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay and the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (deferred on 7 October 2014).
- Examination of the 2013-2014 annual management report of the Centre régional de santé et de services sociaux de la Baie-James (deferred on 9 October 2014).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Examination of the policy directions, activities and management of the Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Côte-Nord, Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine and Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean health and social services agencies and of the Centre régional de santé et de services sociaux de la Baie-James.

Order of initiative

- The living conditions of adults staying in residential and long-term care centres.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 76**, An Act to modify the organization and governance of shared transportation in the Montréal metropolitan region (Order of reference given on 1 December 2015).

Statutory order

- Examination of the report from the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec on automobile advertising guidelines.
- Examination of the 2013 evaluation report – Photo radar devices and red light camera systems.

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Hearing the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec on its administrative management, activities and policy directions.

Part 5

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Questions already placed on the Order Paper
are published each Wednesday

(148) Mr. Lisée (Rosemont) – **11 February 2016**
To the Minister responsible for Labour

- What is the total number of arbitration requests received, per month, since 2012?
- How many arbitration requests have come from RI-RTFs, per month, since 2012?
- How many cases went before an arbitration board and when?
- What is the average waiting time?
- Is the Minister satisfied with this waiting time?
- What does she intend to do to reduce this waiting time?
- Does the Minister plan to appoint new arbitrators so that hearings can be held within a shorter period of time? If so, what is her timeline?
- Does she foresee establishing timelines so that the hearings are obligatorily held within a reasonable number of days?

(149) Mrs. Lamarre (Taillon) – **16 February 2016**
To the Minister of Health and Social Services

In its report tabled in November 2015, the Auditor General (AG) demonstrated, after reviewing the agreements negotiated between the Liberal Government and the medical federations, that additional sums were paid to physicians upon closing the agreement on the averaging of wage increases. Page 21, chapter 2, of the report indicates that when the memorandums of agreement were ratified, the sums to be averaged over an eight-year period, which total \$5,675.6 million (table 6, line B), were overstated by \$148.5 million compared to the sums remaining to be paid in accordance with the compensation agreements, which total \$5,527.1 million.

In its comments, the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux mentions that in paragraph 50, the Auditor General indicates that the sums to be averaged were overstated by \$148.5 million over the term of the agreement and that if there indeed was an error, the MSSS will correct it. (page 37 of the AG's report, chapter 2).

- How does the government plan to recover the overstated \$148.5 million paid to physicians following the signing of an agreement on the averaging of their wage increases?
- How will it correct its error?

(154) Mrs. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) – **10 March 2016**
To the Chair of the Conseil du trésor

Within the framework of the "lundis de Manon" activity, a monthly open-house day during which citizens and organizations of the riding are invited to come and discuss their concerns with their MNA, the Member for Sainte-Marie-Saint-Jacques met with Olivia Collette, an active member of the Marché Voyageur citizens' action group, an association of committed citizens interested in converting Montréal's former bus terminal into an intermodal public market. This public market would be a hub for urban agriculture, solar energy, social integration initiatives, with local growers and producers selling their wares and encouraging the local economy.

Considering that the transfer of Revenu Québec employees to the former bus terminal at the corner of De Maisonneuve and Berri streets has been suspended since 2013 and that no clear direction regarding the future of this site has been announced since the current Government came to power, I ask the Chair of the Conseil du trésor, who is responsible for the Société québécoise des infrastructures, to answer the following questions:

- 1) Since the Revenu Québec towers project has been shelved and no timeline has been established, what does the Société québécoise des infrastructures intend to do with the Îlot Voyageur Sud project and the abandoned bus terminal?
- 2) Is the Government willing to consider a property development model that is rooted in the community and which sets forth sustainable development principles for the Îlot Voyageur Sud project instead of a high-density model targeting private developers?

(155) Mr. Paradis (Lévis) – **10 March 2016**
To the Minister of Health and Social Services

On 28 April 2015, during Oral Question Period, the Minister of Health and Social Services underlined the important work carried out by orderlies in the healthcare network. I questioned him on the opportunity of meeting the Fédération des préposés aux bénéficiaires du Québec, which has long been working to establish a professional corporation with compulsory membership in order to protect the public and provide a proper framework for the work of orderlies. The Minister met with Fédération representatives the same day and made a commitment to examine the Fédération's proposal.

Close to 75,000 orderlies work under conditions that are not always optimal. They are practically the only healthcare professionals who provide care and services directly to patients and whose work is not governed by any standards. Moreover, this is a recommendation that was written in black and white in a coroner's report.

For the sake of transparency and in order to allow for proper follow up on this matter, can the Minister answer the following questions without delay:

- a) What is the status of work at the MSSS regarding the establishment of an orderlies professional corporation and when does the Minister plan to follow up on it?
- b) Have any budgets been set aside for this project and if so, can he give us a breakdown thereof?

(156) Mr. Paradis (Lévis) – **15 March 2016**
To the Minister of Health and Social Services

On 23 February 2016, during Oral Question Period, the Minister of Health and Social Services stated that a circular on the parking fees of health network institutions is currently being reviewed and that the health network has been informally asked to adapt things to the situation of patients.

For the sake of transparency and in order to allow for proper follow up on this matter, can the Minister answer the following questions without delay:

- a) What directives have already been informally issued to the health network?
- b) What are the new principles behind the next review of parking fees?

(168) Mr. Roberge (Chambly) – **16 March 2016**
To the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sport

The first week known as "spring break" in Québec was held in 1979, at the instigation of school commissioner Fernand Paradis, who had calculated that the absenteeism rate was higher at the end of February. Inspired by France's school holiday, he shortened the Christmas holidays by one week and added this holiday week to March. Over time, this practice was taken up by all of Québec's school boards.

Not only does this holiday encourage family time between parents and students, but it also allows teachers, support staff and all education sector stakeholders to relax and unwind before undertaking the last stage of the school year.

It is also beneficial for several seasonal industries such as ski centres, outdoor winter parks and other seasonal businesses that welcome a greater number of visitors, which contributes to Québec's economy and, by the same token, to employment in the regions.

Following a dispute between the teachers' union and the Hautes-Rivières school board, spring break was removed from this school board's 2015-2016 school calendar. This decision had undesirable and unfortunate impacts, particularly a sharp increase in the absenteeism rate during that week.

Was the Minister informed of this unfortunate situation and what does he intend to do fix this problem? Has he considered the possibility of amending the *Education Act* to establish this week as a mandatory holiday for all school boards?

(169) Mr. Turcotte (Saint-Jean) – **17 March 2016**
To the Minister of Health and Social Services

Last 18 August, the cancellation of the expansion work on the laboratories at Hôpital Haut-Richelieu created confusion and misunderstanding among my constituents. Since this decision was taken, I personally brought the matter to your attention; I had a written question placed on the National Assembly's Order Paper on 15 September 2015; I asked a question during Oral Question Period on 12 November 2015; and I tabled a petition entitled "Situation des laboratoires de l'Hôpital du Haut-Richelieu et projet Optilab", signed by close to 4000 petitioners, last 10 February. It's clear that none of my interventions, nor any of my questions, and none of the actions undertaken by my community received a satisfactory answer. Considering your recent reply regarding this petition and in spite of the fact that I do not share your opinion on the transfer of a good part of our laboratory to Hôpital Charles-Le Moyne, I would like to know the following:

- How will you apply the recommendations made in the feasibility study conducted by your department?
- Can we be certain that quality of care will improve?

- Currently, as is provided for in the Ministère's project, does the Hôpital Charles-LeMoyne laboratory have the capacity to alone analyze 70 % of Hôpital du Haut-Richelieu's samples and three-quarters of the samples currently analyzed by the remaining Montérégie hospital laboratories?
- Why not share the tasks of the future Optilab host server among Hôpital Charles-Le Moyne and Hôpital du Haut-Richelieu, since both hospitals will henceforth be a part of the same CISSS?
- How will the vacant laboratory premises be used (over 85 % of the finished area) at Hôpital du Haut-Richelieu?
- What are the costs associated with the cancellation of the laboratory expansion project, if we take into account the amounts invested for studies, plans, deconstruction, penalties, etc.?
- What amounts will need to be invested to create the computer interface that is required to complete the Optilab project?
- How will specimen transportation to Hôpital Charles-LeMoyne laboratories be carried out and what will transportation costs be?

(171) Mr. Paradis (Lévis) – **24 March 2016**

To the Minister of Health and Social Services

On 23 February 2016, during Oral Question Period, the Minister of Health and Social Services stated that the directive on the parking fees of health network institutions is currently being reviewed.

On 22 March 2016, during the consideration of interim supply, the Minister stated that a new directive would be sent to the institutions next April.

For the sake of transparency and in order to allow for proper follow up on this matter, can the Minister tell us what new principles are behind the next parking fee review?

(172) Mrs. Poirier (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) – **7 April 2016**
To the Premier

We ask the Premier to provide us with the following information regarding his mission to Washington DC, United States, in February 2016:

1. The list of persons who accompanied the Premier;
2. The overall expenses related to the mission as well as to its preparation, and charged to the Ministère du Conseil exécutif;
3. The overall expenses related to the mission as well as to its preparation, and charged to the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie;
4. The Premier's complete mission agenda, including his itinerary and modes of transportation used;
5. The list of all persons met as well as a copy of their business cards;
6. For each working meeting held by the Premier, we would like to have: the list of persons present, the location, the duration, the details of expenses incurred, the subject and minutes, as well as the commitments made by each party (with respect to investments on both sides, the estimated impact and benefits for Québec, as regards employment particularly, etc.);
7. The list of official announcements with their economic benefits for Québec;
8. The assessment of benefits for the territories visited.

(173) Mrs. Poirier (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) – **7 April 2016**
To the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie

We ask the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie to provide us with the following information regarding her mission to the Ivory Coast and Senegal in February and March 2016:

1. The list of persons who accompanied the Minister;
2. The overall expenses related to the mission as well as to its preparation, and charged to the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie;
3. The Minister's complete mission agenda, including her itinerary and modes of transportation used;
4. The list of all persons met as well as a copy of their business cards;

5. For each working meeting held by the Minister, we would like to have: the list of persons present, the location, the duration, the details of expenses incurred, the subject and minutes, as well as the commitments made by each party (with respect to investments on both sides, the estimated impact and benefits for Québec, as regards employment particularly, etc.);
6. The list of official announcements with details of their economic benefits for Québec;
7. The assessment of benefits for the territories visited.

(174) Mrs. Poirier (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) – **7 April 2016**
To the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie

We ask the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie to provide us with the following information regarding her mission to California in February 2016:

1. The list of persons who accompanied the Minister;
2. The overall expenses related to the mission as well as to its preparation, and charged to the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie;
3. The Minister's complete mission agenda, including her itinerary and modes of transportation used;
4. The list of all persons met as well as a copy of their business cards;
5. For each working meeting held by the Minister, we would like to have: the list of persons present, the location, the duration, the details of expenses incurred, the subject and minutes, as well as the commitments made by each party (with respect to investments on both sides, the estimated impact and benefits for Québec, as regards employment particularly, etc.);
6. The list of official announcements with details of their economic benefits for Québec;
7. The assessment of benefits for the territories visited.

(175) Mrs. Poirier (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) – **7 April 2016**

To the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie

We ask the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie to provide us with the following information regarding her mission to China in March 2016:

1. The list of persons who accompanied the Minister;
2. The overall expenses related to the mission as well as to its preparation, and charged to the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie;
3. The Minister's complete mission agenda, including her itinerary and modes of transportation used;
4. The list of all persons met as well as a copy of their business cards;
5. For each working meeting held by the Minister, we would like to have: the list of persons present, the location, the duration, the details of expenses incurred, the subject and minutes, as well as the commitments made by each party (with respect to investments on both sides, the estimated impact and benefits for Québec, as regards employment particularly, etc.);
6. The list of official announcements with details of their economic benefits for Québec;
7. The assessment of benefits for the territories visited.

(176) Mr. Turcotte (Saint-Jean) – **7 April 2016**

To the Minister of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification,

Built in 1915 in the Vieux-Saint-Jean sector, the Gouin bridge was declared a bridge of strategic importance by your department on 25 May 2005. The heavy traffic load, the cost of rebuilding the bridge and its availability as an alternative route for Highway 35 make the reconstruction of this infrastructure a major issue, one of primary concern for the Haut-Richelieu region. In a document dated 29 October 2012, the final recommendation of the Direction des structures' decision-making committee provided for the bridge deck replacement before 2015. However, the deck has yet to be replaced.

I interpellated your colleague, the Member for Marguerite-Bourgeoys, then Minister of Transport, on several occasions with regard to the reconstruction of the Gouin bridge. In November 2014, a member of his office's staff confirmed to me in writing that the project was ongoing and that the budgets set aside for this purpose were included in the 2014-2016 projects schedule, and that the Cabinet had authorized the preparation of the business case. In December 2015, according to the information made public by Le Canada Français newspaper, the said business case still had not been sent to the Cabinet, since the agreements between the City of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu and Parks Canada had not yet been finalized. As I did not receive any answer to my letter of last 29 January concerning this matter specifically, I will repeat my questions regarding the reconstruction of the Gouin bridge in the Vieux-Saint-Jean sector.

- Is Gouin bridge in its current state considered safe, despite the fact that its deck has not yet been replaced?
- Would it be possible to make public the latest assessments regarding the bridge's condition rating to reassure the citizens of the Haut-Richelieu region?
- Was an agreement establishing the sharing of costs and responsibilities between your department and the City of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu finalized? If so, what does it consist of?
- Was a tentative agreement reached with Parks Canada with regard to obtaining surface rights for the construction of the bridge over the Chambly canal?
- When is construction work expected to begin and end?
- Can you make public the environmental studies carried out with respect to this project?

Part 6
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