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Bill 2

An Act respecting the reform of government accounting policies

Introduction

**Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The object of this bill is to give effect to the reform of government accounting policies announced by the Minister of Finance in the Budget Speech of 31 March 1998. In particular, it proposes that expenditures made but not recorded as at 1 April 1997 be included in the net debt of the Government.

The bill provides that the payment of such expenditures is to be made out of the consolidated revenue fund, at the times and subject to the terms and conditions approved by the Minister of Finance, in cases where the payment has not been authorized by specific enactment.

A further object of the bill is to authorize the Government to pay out of the consolidated revenue fund a sum of \$344,129,500.00 for the fiscal year 1997-98 and a sum of \$78,390,900.00 for the fiscal year 1998-99, being the estimates to be voted for each of the programs of the portfolios listed in the schedules and representing Supplementary Estimates 1997-98, and the Supplementary Estimates 1998-99.

Lastly, the bill contains amendments to the Financial Administration Act (R.S.Q., chapter A-6).

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL :

- Financial Administration Act (R.S.Q., chapter A-6).

LEGISLATION REPEALED BY THIS BILL :

- Act to establish a departure incentive management fund (R.S.Q., chapter F-3.2.0.2).

Bill 2

AN ACT RESPECTING THE REFORM OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The expenditures made and not accounted for as at 1 April 1997 in respect of operations of the consolidated revenue fund, in the amount of \$14,510,579,500.00, as determined in Schedules 1 and 2, are added to the net debt of the Government for the fiscal year ending on 31 March 1998.

2. The sums required for the payment of the expenditures listed in Schedule 1 shall be taken out of the consolidated revenue fund and payment shall be effected at the times and subject to the terms and conditions approved by the Minister of Finance.

3. The Government may draw out of the consolidated revenue fund a sum not exceeding \$344,129,500.00 to defray a part of the Expenditure Budget of Québec proposed in the Supplementary Estimates for the fiscal year 1997-98 as tabled in the National Assembly, not otherwise provided for, being the amount of each of the estimates to be voted for the various programs listed in Schedule 3 to this Act.

4. The Government may draw out of the consolidated revenue fund a sum not exceeding \$78,390,900.00 to defray a part of the Expenditure Budget of Québec proposed in the Supplementary Estimates for the fiscal year 1998-99 as tabled in the National Assembly, not otherwise provided for, being the amount of the estimates to be voted for the program set forth in Schedule 4 to this Act.

AMENDING PROVISIONS

5. Section 11 of the Financial Administration Act (R.S.Q., chapter A-6) is repealed.

6. Section 25 of the said Act is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“25. The Conseil du trésor may make regulations respecting the accounting system to be used in the departments and public bodies it designates, the financial information to be provided by them, and the issuing of warrants

for payment and the accounting for public moneys in such departments and bodies.”

7. Section 39 of the said Act is amended by adding the following paragraph :

“The estimates shall also indicate the amount of amortization of capital assets.”

8. Section 58 of the said Act is amended by inserting “or within such other shorter time as determined by the Government” after “fiscal year” in the first line of the second paragraph.

9. Section 71 of the said Act is replaced by the following section :

“71. The public accounts shall consist of

(a) a consolidated statement presenting the financial position of the Government of Québec, a consolidated statement presenting the results of its operations, a consolidated statement presenting changes in its financial position and a consolidated statement presenting its capital assets ;

(b) information on the revenues, expenditures and other operations of the consolidated revenue fund ;

(c) a statement of the permanent and annual appropriations and of the special warrants for the year, and of the amounts expended under each appropriation or special warrant ;

(d) a report showing the excess of expenditures of the consolidated revenue fund entered in the accounts for a year over appropriations for the same year ;
and

(e) any other information necessary to account for the financial position of the Government.”

10. The Act to establish a departure incentive management fund (R.S.Q., chapter F-3.2.0.2) is repealed.

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

SCHEDULE 1

EXPENDITURES NOT ACCOUNTED FOR
ENTERED IN THE NET DEBT AS AT 1 APRIL 1997
FOR WHICH APPROPRIATIONS ARE TO BE AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT

CONSEIL DU TRÉSOR,
ADMINISTRATION ET
FONCTION PUBLIQUE

PROGRAM 2

Government Operations	111,451,500.00
	111,451,500.00

SANTÉ ET SERVICES SOCIAUX

PROGRAM 2

Regional Operations	350,035,500.00
	350,035,500.00

TRANSPORTS

PROGRAM 1

Transportation Infrastructures	141,336,800.00
	141,336,800.00

TOTAL

602,823,800.00

SCHEDULE 2

EXPENDITURES NOT ACCOUNTED FOR ENTERED IN THE NET DEBT AS AT 1 APRIL 1997 FOR WHICH APPROPRIATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SPECIAL ACTS

Financial Administration Act (R.S.Q., chapter A-6)	
Loans	731,000,000.00
Capital expenditures	2,723,800.00
Pension plans sinking fund	(80,545,600.00)
SUBTOTAL, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT	653,178,200.00
RÉGIMES DE RETRAITE	
Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly (R.S.Q., chapter C-52.1)	116,752,000.00
	116,752,000.00
Police Act (R.S.Q., chapter P-13)	436,819,000.00
	436,819,000.00
Act respecting the Pension Plan of Certain Teachers (R.S.Q., chapter R-9.1)	884,602,000.00
	884,602,000.00
Act respecting the Pension Plan of Peace Officers in Correctional Services (R.S.Q., chapter R-9.2)	43,475,400.00
	43,475,400.00
Act respecting the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (R.S.Q., chapter R-10)	1,435,677,100.00
	1,435,677,100.00

Act respecting the Teachers Pension Plan (R.S.Q., chapter R-11)	6,302,114,000.00	
	6,302,114,000.00	
Act respecting the Civil Service Superannuation Plan (R.S.Q., chapter R-12)	3,975,106,000.00	
	3,975,106,000.00	
Courts of Justice Act (R.S.Q., chapter T-16)	60,032,000.00	
	60,032,000.00	
SUBTOTAL, RÉGIMES DE RETRAITE		13,254,577,500.00
TOTAL		13,907,755,700.00

SCHEDULE 3

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1997-98

DÉVELOPPEMENT DES RÉGIONS ET AFFAIRES AUTOCHTONES

PROGRAM 1

Development of Regions	34, 565,000.00
	34, 565,000.00

SANTÉ ET SERVICES SOCIAUX

PROGRAM 2

Regional Operations	223,924,400.00
	223,924,400.00

TRANSPORTS

PROGRAM 1

Transportation Infrastructures	85,640,100.00
	85,640,100.00

TOTAL

344,129,500.00

SCHEDULE 4

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1998-99

TRANSPORTS

PROGRAM 1

Transportation Infrastructures	78,390,900.00	
TOTAL		78,390,900.00