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Mr. François Paradis

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(1) 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**

(2) Bill 49

An Act to amend the Act respecting elections and referendums in
municipalities, the Municipal Ethics and Good Conduct Act and various
legislative provisions

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on
13 November 2019

(3) Bill 61

An Act to restart Québec's economy and to mitigate the consequences of the
public health emergency declared on 13 March 2020 because of the
COVID-19 pandemic

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and
Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 3 June 2020

Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on
11 June 2020

Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for La Pinière on
12 June 2020

- (4) Bill 78
An Act mainly to improve the transparency of enterprises
Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on
8 December 2020
Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations)
tabled on **9 March 2021**
- (5) Bill 79
An Act to authorize the communication of personal information to the
families of Indigenous children who went missing or died after being admitted
to an institution
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs on
9 December 2020
- (6) Bill 83
An Act respecting mainly the health insurance plan and prescription drug
insurance plan eligibility of certain children whose parents' migratory status
is precarious
Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social Services on **10 December
2020**
- (7) Bill 86
An Act respecting the demise of the Crown
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Canadian Relations and the
Canadian Francophonie on **11 March 2021**
- (8) Bill 88
An Act to amend the Act respecting the conservation and development of
wildlife and other legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks on **11 March 2021**

Committee Stage

(9) 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

(10) 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

(11) Bill 59

An Act to modernize the occupational health and safety regime

Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on 27 October 2020

Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 2 February 2021

Passed in principle on **16 February 2021**, and

Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

(12) Bill 60

An Act to amend the Public Service Act and other provisions

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 12 June 2020

Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 17 February 2021

Passed in principle on **9 March 2021**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

(13) Bill 64

An Act to modernize legislative provisions as regards the protection of personal information

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions, Electoral Reform and Access to Information on 12 June 2020, and

Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 30 September 2020

Passed in principle on **20 October 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

(14) Bill 74

An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 10 March 2020 and to certain other measures

Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 2 December 2020

Passed in principle on **2 February 2021**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

(15) Bill 82

An Act respecting mainly the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 10 March 2020

Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 11 December 2020

Passed in principle on **17 February 2021**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

(16) Bill 84*

An Act to assist persons who are victims of criminal offences and to facilitate their recovery

Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 10 December 2020

Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 2 February 2021

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

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

*** Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor**

(17) Bill 85

An Act to facilitate the conduct of the 7 November 2021 municipal general election in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on 10 February 2021

Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain (consultations) tabled on 11 March 2021

Passed in principle on **16 March 2021**, and

Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

Report Stage

(18) Bill 69

An Act to amend the Cultural Heritage Act and other legislative provisions

Introduced by the Minister of Culture and Communications on 29 October 2020

Report from the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on 1 December 2020

Passed in principle on 8 December 2020

Report from the Committee on Culture and Education tabled on 16 March 2021 (Amend. handed in under Standing Order 252)

Resuming the debate adjourned on **18 March 2021**

Passage

(19) Bill 67

An Act to establish a new development regime for the flood zones of lakes and watercourses, to temporarily grant municipalities powers enabling them to respond to certain needs and to amend various provisions

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on 30 September 2020

Passed in principle on 5 November 2020

Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain concurred in on 11 March 2021

Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **17 March 2021**

II. Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

(20)Bill 190

An Act to exclude child support payments from income calculation under various social laws

Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **7 December 2018**

(21)Bill 191

An Act to amend the Act respecting the National Assembly to prescribe the publication of information on the use of the amounts granted to Members in the performance of their duties

Introduced by the Member for Gouin on **6 December 2018**

(22)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**

(23)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**

(24)Bill 194

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

Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on **21 February 2019**

(25)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**

(26)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**

- (27) 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**
- (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 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**
- (31) Bill 392
An Act respecting the selection of Québec senators
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **9 May 2019**
- (32) 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**
- (33) Bill 396
An Act to amend the Civil Code to provide that an action for damages for bodily injury resulting from a sexual aggression, from childhood violence or from the violent behaviour of a spouse or former spouse cannot be prescribed during the lifetime of the author of the act
Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **12 June 2019**

- (34) 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**
- (35) Bill 398
An Act to proclaim Québec Democracy Day
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **20 February 2020**
- (36) 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**
- (37) 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
- (38) Bill 491
An Act to combat food waste
Introduced by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue on
12 November 2020
- (39) Bill 492
Right-to-Disconnect Act
Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **3 June 2020**
- (40) Bill 493
Interculturalism Act
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **30 October 2019**
- (41) 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**

- (42) Bill 496
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act
Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on **14 November 2019**
- (43) 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**
- (44) 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**
- (45) 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**
- (46) 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**
- (47) Bill 595
An Act to create the Rent Register
Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **4 June 2020**
- (48) Bill 596
An Act to establish Pharma-Québec
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **15 September 2020**
- (49) 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**

- (50) 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**
- (51) Bill 599
An Act to respect sexual orientation and gender identity
Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **22 September 2020**
- (52) Bill 690
An Act to amend the Charter of the French language to specify that it applies to private enterprises operating in an area of federal jurisdiction
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **24 September 2020**
- (53) 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**
- (54) 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**
- (55) 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**
- (56) 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**

(57)Bill 696

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 **10 February 2021**

(58)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**

(59)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**

Committee Stage

Report Stage

Passage

III. Private Bills

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

(60)Bill 209

An Act respecting Ville de Saint-Tite

Introduced by the Member for Maskinongé on **4 December 2019**, and Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(61)Bill 214

An Act respecting Ville de Sutton

Introduced by the Member for Richmond on **12 November 2020**, and Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(62)Bill 215

An Act respecting Municipalité de Nominigüe

Introduced by the Member for Labelle on **12 November 2020**, and Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(63)Bill 216

An Act to amend the Act respecting the establishment of a special taxation scheme for the Corporation de gestion du port de Baie-Comeau
Introduced by the Member for René-Lévesque on **21 October 2020**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(64)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

(65)Bill 219

An Act respecting an immovable located on Rue University in Montréal
Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **11 November 2020**, and
Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

Passage in Principle

Passage

IV. Government Motions

V. Estimates of Expenditure

(66)Supplementary Estimates of March 2021 for the fiscal year ending on 31 March 2021 tabled by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on **9 March 2021** and referred for consideration to a Committee of the Whole

VI. Statutory Debates

BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION

Part 3

BILLS PASSED

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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 Auditor General of Québec on her 2018–2019 annual management report and financial commitments.
- Hearing of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor on the Report on the application of the *Public Administration Act*.
- Hearing of the Public Curator on Chapter 6 of the Auditor General of Québec’s November 2019 report entitled “Protection of Incapacitated Persons Under Public Protective Supervision”.
- Hearing of the Société d’habitation du Québec on Chapter 4 of the Auditor General of Québec’s October 2020 report on housing projects entitled “AccèsLogis Québec Programme: Réalisation des projets d’habitation” as a follow-up to recommendation 2.1 of the 41st report from the Committee on Public Administration.
- 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 Ministère de la Famille on its administrative management and financial commitments, as well as on Chapter 2 of the Auditor General of Québec’s October 2020 report entitled “Access to Educational Childcare Services”.
- Hearing of the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation on its administrative management and financial commitments.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Order of reference

- Examination of Hydro-Québec's Strategic Plan 2020-2024 (Order of reference given on 5 December 2019).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Examination of the policy directions, activities and management of the Régie de l'énergie.

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 85**, An Act to facilitate the conduct of the 7 November 2021 municipal general election in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (Order of reference given on 16 March 2021).
- **Bill 209**, An Act respecting Ville de Saint-Tite (Order of reference given on 4 December 2019).
- **Bill 214**, An Act respecting Ville de Sutton (Order of reference given on 12 November 2020).
- **Bill 215**, An Act respecting Municipalité de Nominique (Order of reference given on 12 November 2020).
- **Bill 216**, An Act to amend the Act respecting the establishment of a special taxation scheme for the Corporation de gestion du port de Baie-Comeau (Order of reference given on 21 October 2020).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Hearing the Commission municipale du Québec.

Interpellation :

- By the Member for Saint-Laurent to the Minister Responsible for the Capitale-Nationale Region on the following subject: *Leadership necessary for the prosperity and development of the Capitale-Nationale* (notice given on 11 March 2021).

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

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 59**, An Act to modernize the occupational health and safety regime (Order of reference given on 16 February 2021).
- **Bill 217**, An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal (Order of reference given on 11 November 2020).

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **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 19 September 2019).
- **Bill 60**, An Act to amend the Public Service Act and other provisions (Order of reference given on 9 March 2021).
- **Bill 74**, An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 10 March 2020 and to certain other measures (Order of reference given on 2 February 2021).
- **Bill 82**, An Act respecting mainly the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 10 March 2020 (Order of reference given on 17 February 2021).
- **Bill 219**, An Act respecting an immovable located on Rue University in Montréal (Order of reference given on 11 November 2020).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

- Quarterly examination of the Government's budgetary policy and of the evolution of public finance.

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 39**, An Act to establish a new electoral system (Order of reference given on 8 October 2020).
- **Bill 64**, An Act to modernize legislative provisions as regards the protection of personal information (Order of reference given on 20 October 2020).
- **Bill 84**, An Act to assist persons who are victims of criminal offences and to facilitate their recovery (Order of reference given on 4 February 2021).

COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Part 5

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

*Questions already placed on the Order Paper
are published each Wednesday*

- (213) Mr. LeBel (Rimouski) – **18 March 2021**
To the Government

Street outreach workers work in various organizations throughout Québec and their job is to provide support to individuals with kindness, professionalism and integrity. This work has existed for over 50 years, but unfortunately is not well understood and goes largely unseen by the general public.

Our society is not always able to properly care for people who are socially excluded. Street outreach workers provide a regular ongoing presence in the community for these vulnerable individuals serving as a point of reference and helping to reduce marginalization and social exclusion. They also provide support by integrating themselves into their daily lives and the spaces these individuals occupy with a non-repressive and tolerant approach. Their role is also to increase people's awareness who live in the streets by encouraging them to adopt and maintain safe and non-abusive behaviour with regard to their health, all while carrying out actions of an informative, preventive and educational nature both for individuals and the community. Street outreach workers have the expertise to help individuals experiencing different problematic situations while making personalized referrals to services and demystifying the role of public health and social workers. They also promote cooperation amongst various organizations and resources in the community.

The impacts of the pandemic on mental health have demonstrated that needs are becoming increasingly dire within the general public. For this reason, the Government intends to deploy a network of scouts throughout Québec. Social workers and community workers will become the eyes and ears of communities in order to reach those suffering in silence. The Government cannot take a one-size-fits-all approach for all regions of Québec, rather it must take into account services that are already established in communities. In Bas-Saint-Laurent, the organization En Tout C.A.S. works hard to maintain what it has achieved. This new initiative will change the picture and limit access to financing, which is already difficult. The Government's efforts should instead be complementary while also increasing financial assistance.

My question is the following:

Street outreach workers must be considered and their work must be funded adequately to meet the needs of the communities in each region. Why not consolidate the outreach work already being done in the streets, rather than start a new project?

(214) Ms. Melançon (Verdun) - **18 March 2021**
To the Minister of Tourism

On 11 June 2020, the Minister of Tourism announced a tourism recovery plan with an emergency assistance envelope under the Concerted Temporary Action Program for Businesses (PACTE) of \$446 million in loans, including forgiveness of an amount equal to 25% of the loan repayment, up to a maximum of \$100,000. This represents direct assistance of only 8%. This low proportion will increase the financial burden on Québec's establishments and tourist attractions and hamper the industry's recovery.

Last November 10, the Minister announced that the forgivable portion of a loan under the tourism recovery plan would be increased from 25% to 40%, without however changing the ceiling, which is maintained at \$100,000.

On February 12 of this year, the Minister announced a new modification to the PACTE program, this time increasing the ceiling on the forgivable portion to \$250,000 and adding 100% coverage of monthly energy costs incurred between 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2021, up to \$35,000 per month, subject to an overall maximum of \$210,000 per establishment.

Further to the changes set out above, can the Minister tell us what proportion of the \$446 million of the tourism component of the PACTE program will be dedicated to establishments and tourist attractions?

(215) Ms. Melançon (Verdun) - **18 March 2021**

To the Minister of Tourism

In recent weeks, the Minister announced an action plan for responsible and sustainable tourism. In a related press conference, the Minister affirmed that the first measure she wants to quickly put in place is an electric car circuit to visit vineyards and farms in the Estrie region.

In connection with this statement and objective 2.2 of the action plan, can the Minister specify which regions will be targeted by the deployment of such circuits first, the planned investments that will be required to establish these circuits and the timetable for putting them in place?

(216) Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine) – **18 March 2021**

To the Minister of Justice

On 14 April 2020, the Honourable Judge Claude Dallaire made an important judgement (*A v. Attorney General of Quebec*, 2020 QCCS 3375) in which he ordered the Attorney General of Quebec and Ms. France Rémillard to pay damages to the plaintiff as a result of the actions of a public servant of the Ministère de la Justice.

Once the facts of this case were made public by the newspaper *La Presse*, the Minister mandated Ms. Lise Verreault to conduct an internal investigation into the compliance of the current management mechanisms and procedures of the *Autorité centrale du Québec (ACQ)*. The report was submitted to the Minister on 17 December 2020 and subsequently made public.

With regard to this matter, I would like to ask the Minister the following questions:

- What actions have been taken to follow up on each of report's recommendations so far?
- How many people are currently employed by the ACQ? Can he provide their names and functions, a description of their duties and who they report to?
- Can he tell us what procedures have been put in place to ensure control and accountability mechanisms?
- Lastly, can the Minister tell us what Ms. France Rémillard's current functions are within the Ministère de la Justice?

- (217) Ms. David (Marguerite-Bourgeois) – **18 March 2021**
To the Minister Responsible for the French Language

On November 4, 2019, the Conseil supérieur de la langue française released a study entitled “Pratiques linguistiques des ministères et organismes publics du gouvernement du Québec”. The report contains an analysis of the governmental language policy adopted in 2011. The report reveals that just under 40% of government employees are aware of the existence of this language policy. Therefore, a large proportion of government employees cannot apply the policy in their day-to-day work and in their interactions with Québec citizens.

The day after the publication of this report, the Minister Responsible for the French Language issued a press release in which he stated that he had read the report and that he wanted to rectify the situation quickly.

Now that 16 months have passed since the Minister's commitment to rectify the situation, can the Minister tell us what actions have been taken to improve language practices within government departments and agencies?

- (218) Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) – **18 March 2021**
To the Minister of Justice

Last January 28, the Superior Court, in the Centre for Gender Advocacy v. Attorney General of Quebec case, declared certain articles of the *Civil Code* discriminatory against trans and non-binary individuals. Following this ruling, the Government has until December 31 to amend these articles.

These legislative changes are very important for Québec's LGBT+ community and will require the sensitivity and expertise necessary to be able to carry out this legislative work.

In order to accomplish this, will the Minister commit to setting up, as of now, a working table on the necessary amendments with the relevant groups, in particular, LGBT+ Family Coalition, Gender Creative Kids Canada, Conseil québécois LGBT and other experts?

Part 6
NOTICES

I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

Government Bills

Private Members' Public Bills

Private Bills

II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME

(aa) Interpellation by the Member for Rosemont to the Minister of Finance on the following subject: *The lack of vision in the CAQ government's 2021–2022 budget.*