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**President of the National Assembly:
Mr. François Paradis**

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- (1) Bill 2
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Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 21 October 2021
Report of the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on **7 December 2021**
- (2) 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**
- (3) Bill 8
An Act to postpone the coming into force of certain provisions of the Act to transfer responsibility for the registry of lobbyists to the Lobbyists Commissioner and to implement the Charbonneau Commission recommendation on the prescription period for bringing penal proceedings
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions and Electoral Reform on **9 November 2021**
- (4) Bill 9
An Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman
Introduced by the Minister of Education on **23 November 2021**

- (5) 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**
- (6) 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**
- (7) 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
Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce on **8 December 2021**
- (8) 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**
- (9) 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**
- (10) 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**
- (11) 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

(12) 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

(13) Bill 5

An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 25 March 2021 and to certain other measures

Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 2 November 2021

Passed in principle on **23 November 2021**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

(14) Bill 7

An Act to facilitate the conduct of the next provincial general election in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and to amend the Election Act

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions and Electoral Reform on 27 October 2021

Report of the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 11 November 2021

Passed in principle on **24 November 2021**, and

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

(15) 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

- (16) 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
- (17) 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
- (18) 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
- (19) 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

- (20)** 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**
- (21)** Bill 191
An Act to regulate the distribution of advertising items
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **11 November 2021**
- (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 198
An Act to facilitate disclosure of wrongdoings
Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on **9 May 2019**
- (28) 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**
- (29) 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**
- (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 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**
- (34) Bill 395
An Act to establish the Just Transition Fund
Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on **28 October 2021**

- (35) Bill 396
An Act for better air quality
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **28 October 2021**
- (36) 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**
- (37) Bill 398
An Act to proclaim Québec Democracy Day
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **20 February 2020**
- (38) 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**
- (39) 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**
- (40) Bill 491
An Act to combat food waste
Introduced by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue on **12 November 2020**
- (41) Bill 493
Interculturalism Act
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **30 October 2019**
- (42) Bill 494
An Act to prohibit petroleum exploration and production
Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on **2 December 2021**
- (43) 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**

- (44) Bill 496
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act
Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on **14 November 2019**
- (45) 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**
- (46) 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**
- (47) 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**
- (48) 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**
- (49) 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**
- (50) 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**
- (51) 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**

- (52) Bill 595
An Act to create the Rent Register
Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **4 June 2020**
- (53) Bill 596
An Act to establish Pharma-Québec
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **15 September 2020**
- (54) 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**
- (55) 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**
- (56) Bill 599
An Act to respect sexual orientation and gender identity
Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **22 September 2020**
- (57) 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**
- (58) 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**
- (59) 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**
- (60) Bill 694
An Act to regulate appointments to certain senior positions
Introduced by the Member for René-Levesque on **10 June 2021**

- (61) 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**
- (62) 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**
- (63) 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**
- (64) 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**
- (65) 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**
- (66) 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**
- (67) 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**
- (68) Bill 792
An Act to enhance the transparency of municipal councils
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **14 April 2021**

- (69) 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**
- (70) 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**
- (71) 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**
- (72) Bill 798
Act 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**
- (73) 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**
- (74) 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**
- (75) Bill 894
An Act to prohibit petroleum exploration and production
Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on **16 September 2021**
- (76) 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**

- (77) 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**
- (78) 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

- (79) 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
- (80) 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

- (81) 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 3

BILLS PASSED

(Bills awaiting Royal Assent)

Bill 103

An Act to amend various legislative provisions mainly for the purpose of reducing red tape

Passed on **7 December 2021**

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 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 5**, An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 25 March 2021 and to certain other measures (Order of reference given on 23 November 2021).
- **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).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

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

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 7**, An Act to facilitate the conduct of the next provincial general election in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and to amend the Election Act (Order of reference given on 24 November 2021).
- **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

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

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

- (41) Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) – **9 December 2021**
To the Minister of Education

In the factsheet “Enseigner et apprendre dehors” (outdoor teaching and learning) published in June 2020 and created in collaboration with the Fondation Monique-Fitz-Back, your department acknowledged the positive links between the outdoor learning approach and benefits such as student commitment, healthy lifestyles, critical and creative thinking, a heightened awareness of environmental responsibility and a greater sense of community. However, the outdoor learning approach is based on a specific program to be followed and curriculum to be learned, with common learning goals to be obtained. As a result, the target goals are mainly academic and the chances of broadening the scope are diminished.

In that context, a working committee comprised of citizens in Longueuil has taken steps to establish an alternative school with the forest school approach in Longueuil. The learning method proposed by the working committee for this new alternative school retains the concepts of respect for humans and their environment, community involvement and mutual assistance promoted by alternative schools that provide outdoor learning, and it is unique in that it is student-centred and each child’s overall development is ensured through a wide array of experiences, exploration, free play and discovery. The forest school approach is also part of a long-term process in which the academic structure may include diverse disciplines, such as meditation, risk management, gardening and interaction with nature. Although the aim is not to attain immediate measurable results, this approach does provide students the benefits of outdoor learning, and more.

The reputation of forest schools in Scandinavian countries, where the concept was introduced in the 1950s, is well established and the success of their approach is proven. Such schools are increasingly popular around the world and can be found in France, Denmark, Germany, England and the United States. In Québec, the pilot project École Forêt Nature in the Mauricie region yielded promising results after its first year of activities in 2016, but without being officially recognized by the Ministère de l’Éducation. The alternative primary school Saules-Rieurs in Verdun appears to be on track to meet the educational objectives for its target date in 2022.

It took more than four years of effort for the working group to finally gain the potential support of the Centre de services scolaire Marie-Victorin. However, facilitating the development of this type of school would not only help to decentralize academic institutions, but also meet a growing demand for such schools and make more options available to the parents of school-age children, with an educational framework they want.

My question is the following:

Will the Minister commit to considering

- streamlining the process for developing alternative forest schools in order to make it simpler and faster;
- recognizing and supporting initiatives to provide forest learning activities;
- promoting the forest school approach, which is student-centred and ensures each child's overall development through regular, high-quality contact with nature?

(42) Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance-Viger) – **9 December 2021**

To the Minister of Tourism

The 2020–2021 annual management report of the Société de développement et de mise en valeur du Parc olympique identifies issues related to the maintenance of the stadium's roof.

The cumulative number of tears in the stadium's roof has surpassed 16,000 and the report mentions on page 29 that the general state of the roof just goes to show once again the importance of replacing the current roof as soon as possible.

Can the Minister provide us with the expected timeline and budget for replacing the Olympic Stadium roof?

- (43) Ms. Robitaille (Bourassa-Sauvé) – **9 December 2021**
To the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

In February 2021, a study on competitiveness in Québec's grain sector was published. That study, commissioned by the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ), was completed in order to provide an overview of the situation in the grain sector in comparison with their different competitors on the international stage.

That study has reinforced findings in recent years that the overall environment in which Québec grain producers are evolving does not allow them to rival foreign competitors if nothing is done in the way of subsidies and rewards for producers' services and agri-environmental efforts.

Along those same lines, societal concerns, sustainable development efforts, and climate change will have a significant impact on grain producers' competitiveness if the status quo is maintained. The Plan d'agriculture durable (PAD) captures these issues well, but the financial support granted is still insufficient and the timeline is too short. As a result, it is not up to this monumental challenge.

The grain sector is caught in the eye of the commercial storm raging between the United States and China. In the face of this situation, the sector is powerless. By comparison, American grain producers received subsidies totalling \$12 billion to address the adversity, whereas Québec grain producers received no financial assistance. The illustration is even more revealing when we see that the most recent amount per hectare in the United States was \$242/ha and \$80/ha in Québec in 2019. That represents a structural constraint on the Québec grain producers' competitiveness in the market.

In the European politico-economic community, grain producers receive financing 5 to 7 times higher than the amounts mentioned above. Clearly, producers here are disqualified from the game of economic competitiveness.

This shows that the Québec government does not do enough in terms of accompanying and financing Québec grain producers. The Québec government is responsible for offering better chances of success for its farmers, in order to stand out in a competitive global market such as this, especially if other market measures will affect producers. In this regard, the PAD, in its current form, is woefully inadequate to meet this imposing challenge. The grain sector provides a large majority of the grains required for other agricultural sectors and for several processing sectors.

Considering this structurally unfavourable perspective, Québec producers have, for some time, been anxiously waiting and asking the Québec government to hold a summit on the competitiveness of the grain sector. Headed by the MAPAQ, this exercise, with the support of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, would allow for the coordination of a series of actions to meet the colossal challenges in the grain sector and for farmer support to be properly adjusted.

In this context, my questions to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food are the following:

- Does the Minister recognize the specific needs for grain production and the strong societal expectations in that respect, and in that sense, does the Minister plan to grant compensation so that Québec grain producers can be competitive in the international market, where the competitors are heavily subsidized and face fewer constraints?
- How does the Minister plan to follow up on the MAPAQ study on competitiveness in Québec's grain sector?
- Does the Québec government intend to hold a summit on competitiveness in the grain sector with all those involved in the agriculture and agri-environment sectors?

(44) Mr. Derraji (Nelligan) – **9 December 2021**

To the Minister of Economy and Innovation

The field of quantum research is one of the fields that will ensure Québec's future economic prosperity.

Québec can count on a number of leading higher education institutions from which the talents required to develop a quantum ecosystem graduate; however, challenges in retaining those talents exist.

In its last budget, the federal government earmarked \$360 million to launch a National Quantum Strategy.

Québec has the opportunity to demonstrate vision, just as it did twenty years ago in developing the video game industry, an extremely rich and dynamic sector in our current economy.

Can the Minister tell us what actions the Government intends to take to support development of the quantum sector?

- (45) Mr. Leitão (Robert-Baldwin) – **9 December 2021**
To the Minister of Finance

On May 26, I introduced Bill 797, An Act to amend the Business Corporations Act to include benefit corporations.

Benefit corporations are business corporations whose articles contain a statement according to which they commit to operating responsibly and sustainably, while promoting one or more social interests or public benefits.

This is an appropriate way to direct businesses to work in a way that is greater than for their sole economic interests. Benefit corporations are going to see growth worldwide, especially in connection with the economic transition towards a green economy.

Can the Minister inform us if he intends to follow up on Bill 797?

- (46) Mr. Leitão (Robert-Baldwin) – **9 December 2021**
To the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor

Since 2018, the Government has twice enlarged the Plan québécois des infrastructures (PQI), bringing the total investments listed in the plan from \$100.4 billion to \$135 billion in the next 10 years.

Such a level of infrastructure expenses raises questions as to the capacity of Québec's construction sector to carry out all these projects and the effects of a possible overheating resulting in an increase in the cost of carrying out the projects.

Certain recent calls for tenders did not obtain the required number of bidders or had bids that were well over the governmental assessment of the project's cost.

Knowing that inflation is higher than the Government expected in its March 2021 budget, 5.1% instead of 2%, can the Chair of the Conseil du trésor tell us if the envelope of \$135 billion is still realistic or if the projects risk being postponed or abandoned?

(47) Mr. Leitão (Robert-Baldwin) – **9 December 2021**

To the Minister for Government Digital Transformation

In the last few years, many computer security incidents have occurred at companies of all sizes, jeopardizing the personal information of the Quebecers who do business with these companies.

Québec municipalities and cities have also been subject to cyber attacks, especially in the form of ransomware, resulting in significant costs that are borne by the taxpayers of these municipalities and cities.

Considering that when it comes to protecting citizens' personal information, a single weak link can lead to identity theft and fraud that can have major impacts on citizens, what actions does the Minister intend to take to strengthen computer security practices at small- and medium-sized businesses, large businesses and Québec municipalities and cities?

(48) Mr. Leitão (Robert-Baldwin) – **9 December 2021**

To the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor

On 20 February 2020, the National Assembly passed Bill 37, An Act mainly to establish the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales and Infrastructures technologiques Québec.

During the passage of this bill, the potential impact of grouping government purchases around local purchasing and small- and medium-sized Québec businesses was one of the issues we expressed concern about.

Eighteen months after the passage of this Act, the Government has still not published the regulations to specify local content in calls for tenders.

Is the Chair of the Conseil du trésor satisfied with the amount of local purchasing by the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales and can she specify her timeframe for publishing regulations under this legislation?

Part 6
NOTICES

I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

Government Bills

- (a) 8 December 2021
An Act to amend various legislative provisions to implement Complementary Agreements No. 22 and No. 27 to the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement – *Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs*.

Private Members' Public Bills

- (b) 2 December 2021
An Act to promote socially responsible investments – *Member for René-Lévesque*.

Private Bills

II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME

- (aa) Right-to-Disconnect Act – *Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve*.