



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

Bill 499

**An Act to promote taking gender
equality and diversity into account in
the budgetary process**

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Act respecting the Ministère des Finances to entrust the Minister of Finance with the function of seeing that gender equality and diversity are taken into account in the Government's economic, fiscal, budgetary and financial decision-making and policy development.

For that purpose, it is provided that the Minister of Finance shall prepare and table in the National Assembly a report describing the impact, according to gender and as regards diversity, of the new measures set out following a Budget Speech or an economic and financial update. Such a report is to be examined by the competent committee of the National Assembly.

It is also provided that the Minister of Finance is to make public, once a year, an impact analysis, according to gender and as regards diversity, of the fiscal measures that the Minister deems appropriate.

Lastly, the bill amends the Public Administration Act to entrust the chair of the Conseil du trésor with the function of making public, once a year, an impact analysis, according to gender and as regards diversity, of the expenditures appearing in the expenditure budget that the chair deems appropriate.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Public Administration Act (chapter A-6.01);
- Act respecting the Ministère des Finances (chapter M-24.01).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACT

1. Section 77 of the Public Administration Act (chapter A-6.01) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 1:

“(1.1) make public, once a year and together with the Minister of Finance, an impact analysis, according to gender and as regards diversity, of the expenditures appearing in the expenditure budget that the chair deems appropriate;”.

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DES FINANCES

2. Section 4 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Finances (chapter M-24.01) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 1:

“(1.1) see that gender equality and diversity are taken into account in the Government’s economic, fiscal, budgetary and financial decision-making and policy development;”.

3. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 4.4:

“**4.5.** The Minister shall table in the National Assembly a report describing the impact, according to gender and as regards diversity, of the new measures set out during the presentation of the Budget Speech in the Assembly within 30 days after that presentation or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption.

The Minister shall also table in the National Assembly a report referred to in the first paragraph within 30 days after the presentation of an economic and financial update or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 30 days of resumption, if the update sets out new measures.

The competent committee of the Assembly shall examine any report filed under the provisions of the first and second paragraphs.

“4.6. The Minister shall make public, once a year, an impact analysis, according to gender and as regards diversity, of the fiscal measures that the Minister deems appropriate.”

FINAL PROVISION

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