

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

### **Order Paper and Notices**

of the Assembly

Thursday, 17 March 2022 – No. 38 Nine forty a.m.

President of the National Assembly: Mr. François Paradis

#### **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

#### **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

- The Member for Soulanges on the following subject: Ms. Mélodie Daoust: Olympic triple-medalist.
- The Member for Laporte on the following subject: Underline International Francophonie Day 2022.
- The Member for Beauharnois on the following subject: *The first student-led health clinic in Salaberry-de-Valleyfield.*
- The Member for Vimont on the following subject: *Thanks to Mr. Christian Gagné for his three years of service as Director General of the CISSS de Laval.*
- The Member for Bellechasse on the following subject: *Underline Journées de la psychoéducation*.
- The Member for Jonquière on the following subject: *The Comité de solidarité Jonquière-Ukraine*.
- The Member for Chauveau on the following subject: The 15th anniversary of Journal.ca.
- The Member for Jacques-Cartier on the following subject: Underline Saint-Patrick's Day.
- The Member for Chambly on the following subject: Sugar shacks near you!
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## COMPLAINTS OF BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OR CONTEMPT AND PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

#### **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

#### **DEFERRED DIVISIONS**

Motion moved by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve under Standing Order 97:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge the constantly rising inflation which has a huge impact on the cost of living for citizens, especially for those with a modest income;

THAT it note that the Government's planned increase in the minimum wage does not enable workers to absorb the increasing costs;

THAT the National Assembly ask the Government to introduce a plan to gradually increase the minimum wage to at least \$18 per hour by 1 May 2023 to ensure the predictability of such increases;

THAT the National Assembly ask the Government to include support measures for small businesses and the community in its plan to increase the minimum wage.

#### MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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#### I. Government Bills

Passage in Principle

(1) 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** 

#### (2) 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** 

(3) Bill 28
 An Act to terminate the public health emergency
 Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social Services on 16 March 2022

(4) 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

(5) 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

#### (6) Bill 2

An Act respecting family law reform with regard to filiation and amending the Civil Code in relation to personality rights and civil status Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 21 October 2021 Report of the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 7 December 2021 Passed in principle on **1 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Institutions

#### (7) 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 Report of the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 1 February 2022 Passed in principle on **2 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

#### (8) Bill 9

An Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman Introduced by the Minister of Education on 23 November 2021 Report of the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on 1 February 2022 Passed in principle on **3 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Culture and Education

#### (9) 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 Report of the Committee on Health and Social Services (consultations) tabled on 8 February 2022 Passed in principle on **10 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

#### (10) Bill 12

An Act mainly to promote Québec-sourced and responsible procurement by public bodies, to reinforce the integrity regime of enterprises and to increase the powers of the Autorité des marchés publics Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 3 February 2022

Passed in principle on 17 February 2022, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

#### (11) 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

Passed in principle on 1 February 2022, and

Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

Report of the Committee on Health and Social Services (consultations) tabled on **15 February 2022** 

#### (12) Bill 21

An Act mainly to end petroleum exploration and production and the public financing of those activities

Introduced by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on 2 February 2022

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources (consultations) tabled on 15 March 2022

Passed in principle on 16 March 2022, and

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources

(13) Bill 22

An Act to amend the Automobile Insurance Act, the Highway Safety Code and other provisions Introduced by the Minister of Transport on 9 February 2022 Passed in principle on **17 February 2022**, and Referred to Committee on Transportation and the Environment

(14) 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

#### (15) 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 of the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 11 February 2020 Passed in principle on **8 October 2020**, and Referred to the Committee on Institutions

(16) 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

#### (17) 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

(18) 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 the Environment (consultations) tabled on 30 November 2021

Passed in principle on 1 December 2021, and

Referred to Committee on Transportation and the Environment

Report Stage

#### Passage

(19) Bill 24

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Québec correctional system to provide for the power to require that an offender be connected to a device that allows the offender's whereabouts to be known Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on 2 February 2022 Passed in principle on 8 February 2022

Report of the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 22 February 2022

Report of the Committee on Institutions adopted on 16 March 2022

#### 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 395An Act to establish the Just Transition Fund Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on 28 October 2021
- (35) Bill 396An Act for better air qualityIntroduced 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 Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for D'Arcy-McGee on **16 March 2022** 

(47) Bill 499

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

Introduced by the Member for Mercier on 24 February 2022

(48) 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** 

(49) 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

(50) 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** 

(51) 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**  (52) 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

- (53) Bill 595An Act to create the Rent RegisterIntroduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on 4 June 2020
- (54) Bill 596
   An Act to establish Pharma-Québec
   Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on 15 September 2020
- (55) 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** 

(56) 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** 

(57) Bill 599

An Act to respect sexual orientation and gender identity Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on 22 September 2020

(58) Bill 690

An Act to promote socially responsible investments Presented by the Member for René-Lévesque on **9 December 2021** 

(59) 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** 

(60) 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** 

(61) 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** 

- (62) Bill 694An Act to regulate appointments to certain senior positionsIntroduced by the Member for René-Levesque on 10 June 2021
- (63) 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

#### (64) 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** 

#### (65) 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

#### (66) 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** 

#### (67) 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

#### (68) 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

(69) 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** 

#### (70) Bill 792

An Act to enhance the transparency of municipal councils Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **14 April 2021** 

(71) 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** 

(72) 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** 

(73) 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

(74) 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** 

(75) Bill 799

Right-to-Disconnect Act Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on 10 December 2021

(76) 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** 

#### (77) Bill 892

An Act to broaden a lessee's right to have the rent fixed and to have other conditions of the lease modified by the Administrative Housing Tribunal Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **24 February 2022** 

#### (78) 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** 

#### (79) Bill 894

An Act to prohibit petroleum exploration and production Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on 16 September 2021

#### (80) 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** 

#### (81) 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** 

#### (82) 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** Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Saint-Jean on **9 February 2022** 

#### Committee Stage

(83) 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 (84) 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

(85) 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

- **IV.** Government Motions
- V. Estimates of Expenditure
- VI. Statutory Debates

#### BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION

#### **BILLS PASSED**

(Bills awaiting Royal Assent)

#### **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**

#### **Order of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 21**, An Act mainly to end petroleum exploration and production and the public financing of those activities (Order of reference given on 16 March2022).

#### **COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN**

#### **COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION**

#### **Order of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 9**, An Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman (Order of reference given on 3 February 2022).
- **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**

#### Special consultations:

 Bill 12, An Act mainly to promote Québec-sourced and responsible procurement by public bodies, to reinforce the integrity regime of enterprises and to increase the powers of the Autorité des marchés publics (Order of reference given on 15 March 2022). Consideration of Bills:

- Bill 4, An Act to reinforce the governance of state-owned enterprises and to amend other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 2 February 2022).
- **Bill 12**, An Act mainly to promote Québec-sourced and responsible procurement by public bodies, to reinforce the integrity regime of enterprises and to increase the powers of the Autorité des marchés publics (Order of reference given on 17 February 2022).
- **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

Interpellation:

- By the House Leader of the Third Opposition Group to the Minister of Finance on the following subject: *The CAQ government's lack of vision in helping Québec families deal with the rising cost of living* (notice given on 24 February 2022).

#### **COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS**

#### Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- Bill 2, An Act respecting family law reform with regard to filiation and amending the Civil Code in relation to personality rights and civil status (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).
- **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**

#### **Order of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 11**, An Act to increase the supply of primary care services by general practitioners and to improve the management of that supply (Order of reference given on 10 February 2022).
- **Bill 15**, An Act to amend the Youth Protection Act and other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

#### **Order of reference**

Special consultations:

- **Bill 22**, An Act to amend the Automobile Insurance Act, the Highway Safety Code and other provisions (Order of reference given on 15 March 2022).

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 22**, An Act to amend the Automobile Insurance Act, the Highway Safety Code and other provisions (Order of reference given on 17 February 2022).
- **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).

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

<u>*Questions already placed*</u> on the Order Paper are published each Wednesday

Ms. Dorion (Taschereau) – 17 March 2022
 To the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity

I would like to bring to the Minister's attention the funding of the community organizations under his department's responsibility.

Autonomous community action organizations play an essential role in our society by driving social development and providing a social safety net in Québec. Nearly 350 organizations involved in the collective defence of rights are still awaiting adequate funding from the Minister's department, both for existing organizations and for organizations pending. Despite the 2019 increase, those organizations are still awaiting a substantial increase that would enable them to fulfill all aspects of their mission. As those organizations approach the renewal of their three-year agreements, I would like to point out to the Minister the importance of including an indexation process based on the increase in operating costs so as to maintain the organizations' activities and improve the working conditions of the workers in those fields. The work those groups perform is essential to achieving a fairer, egalitarian society, whose members support one another, and it is high time that work was rightly acknowledged.

For many years, these groups have been advocating for recognition of the extent of the financial needs of the 4,000 autonomous community action organizations in Québec and for acknowlegement of the negative impacts they have sustained because of underfunding. These impacts significantly affect not only the people served by these organizations, but also the already difficult working conditions of their workers. In 2019, under the direction of the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity, the Government began work to develop a new government action plan on community action to ensure greater recognition and support of community action. These consultations have been held but we are still waiting for the policy plan and the funds earmarked to implement it properly.

In light of the aforementioned, my questions to the Minister responsible for the rights enhancement component of the government action plan on community action (PAGAC) are the following:

- 1. Does the Minister intend to ensure that the Government honours its commitment to table a government action plan on community action before the end of this legislature?
- 2. Does the Minister intend to ensure that the next budget will include substantial investments for autonomous community action that will sustainably support the mission of the organizations under his responsibility?
- 3. Can the Minister assure us that he will then implement an indexation process based on the increase in operating costs so as to maintain the organizations' activities and improve the working conditions of the workers in those fields?

#### NOTICES

#### I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

#### **Government Bills**

#### **Private Members' Public Bills**

(a) 15 March 2022

An Act to facilitate the Auditor General's access to documents and information necessary for the exercise of the Auditor General's powers and duties – *Member for Rosemont* 

#### **Private Bills**

#### II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME

(aa) Interpellation by the Member for Robert-Baldwin to the Minister of Finance on the following subject: *The economic uncertainty Québec is facing*.