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Section 4

AMENDMENT:

Insert “and taking into account the need to adapt to the effects of climate change”
at the end of the first paragraph of proposed section 15.4.45.

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Amendment 2 has been withdrawn and renamed AM i.

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Insert after subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph of proposed section 15.4.47:

(1.1) the sums debited from the Fund by each minister or public body who or that is a party to an agreement referred to in section 15.4.46.2 or has been entrusted with a mandate under that section; and

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Insert after proposed section 15.4.46:

“15.4.46.1. A minister or a public body who or that is a party to an agreement entered into with the minister responsible for the administration of this Act under section 15.4.46.2 or has been entrusted with a mandate by the latter under the same section may, if applicable, debit the sums provided for in the agreement or the mandate from the Fund.

The estimates of the expenditures and investments for which each minister or public body may debit sums from the Fund must be clearly specified in the Fund estimates appearing in the special fund budget provided for in section 47 of the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001).

Any such estimates must also appear in the estimates of each minister other than the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks.

“15.4.46.2. When the activities of a department or public body allow the implementation of measures that may be financed by the Fund in accordance with section 15.4.44, the minister responsible for the administration of this Act may enter into an agreement with the minister responsible for that department or with that public body to allow it to debit the sums required for those measures from the Fund.

The minister responsible for the administration of this Act may also entrust a minister or a public body with a mandate to implement, as specified in the mandate, measures relating to the protection, restoration, development and management of water in an area under the latter minister’s or the public body’s responsibility. The minister may also, within the framework of such a mandate, allow the other minister or the public body to debit the sums required for such measures from the Fund.

Every agreement and mandate must be made public and specify the amount that may be debited from the Fund for the fiscal years during which the agreement or mandate will be applicable. An agreement must also specify the measures that

may be financed using those sums as well as how the sums are to be distributed among the measures, or leave it up to the minister or the public body who or that is a party to the agreement to distribute the financing among those measures in the manner that is the most efficient. The administrative costs that may be debited from the Fund under such an agreement or mandate must be approved by the minister responsible for the administration of this Act.

The minister or public body concerned is responsible for implementing the measures for which he or it debits sums from the Fund as well as for achieving the objectives set regarding the protection, restoration, development and management of water.

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Section 9

AMENDMENT:

Replace “be evaluated every five years” in the proposed paragraph by “, at least every five years, be evaluated”.

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Section 9.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 9:

9.1. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 118.4:

“118.4.1. The Minister shall make available, on the Minister’s department’s website, any information obtained under a regulation made under subparagraph *l* of paragraph 16 of section 46 or under subparagraphs 11 and 12 of the first paragraph of section 95.1 concerning

(a) the monthly and annual volumes of water withdrawn or used or, if they are not measured with measuring equipment, an estimate of those volumes in litres;

(b) the name of the person who withdraws or uses the volumes of water referred to in subparagraph *a*; and

(c) the location of the site where the volumes of water referred to in subparagraph *a* are withdrawn or of the waterworks system from which the volumes of water are derived.

Sections 23.1 and 27 do not have the effect of restricting the scope of this section.”

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Section 11.1

AMENDMENT:

Insert after section 11:

11.1. The expenditure and investment estimates for the Blue Fund, set out in Schedule I, are approved for the 2023–2024 fiscal year.

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Schedule I

AMENDMENT:

Add at the end:

SCHEDULE I
(section 11.1)

BLUE FUND

<u>Estimates</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
Revenues	\$50,000,000
MELCCFP expenditures	\$50,000,000
Other departments' expenditures	0
Surplus (deficit) of the fiscal year	0
Ending cumulative surplus (deficit)	0
Investments	0
Total borrowings or advances¹	0

¹ To (from) the Financing Fund and the general fund

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Section 12

AMENDMENT:

Insert “, except section 9.1, which comes into force on 1 January 2024” at the end.

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