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**President of the National Assembly:
Madam Nathalie Roy**

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- (1) Bill 74
An Act mainly to improve the regulatory scheme governing international students
Introduced by the Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration on 10 October 2024
Report from the Committee on Citizen Relations (consultations) tabled on 7 November 2024
Vote reporté le **19 novembre 2024**

- (2) Bill 78
An Act to give effect to the agreement between the Minister of Justice and the Barreau du Québec to improve the tariffs for legal aid
Introduced by the Minister of Justice on **6 November 2024**

- (3) Bill 79
An Act to enact the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies and to amend various provisions mainly for the purpose of reducing the administrative burden of municipal bodies
Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on **7 November 2024**

Committee Stage

- (4) Bill 32
An Act to establish the cultural safety approach within the health and social services network
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Relations with the First Nations and the Inuit on 9 June 2023
Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 14 September 2023
Passed in principle on **4 June 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Institutions
- (5) Bill 61
An Act enacting the Act respecting Mobilité Infra Québec and amending certain provisions relating to shared transportation
Introduced by the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility on 9 May 2024
Report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment (consultations) tabled on 18 September 2024
Passed in principle on **26 September 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment
- (6) Bill 63
An Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests on 28 May 2024
Report from the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources (consultations) tabled on 1 October 2024
Passed in principle on **8 October 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources
- (7) Bill 69
An Act to ensure the responsible governance of energy resources and to amend various legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy on 6 June 2024
Report from the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources (consultations) tabled on 24 September 2024
Passed in principle on **3 October 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources

- (8) Bill 73
An Act to counter non-consensual sharing of intimate images and to improve protection and support in civil matters for persons who are victims of violence
Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 3 October 2024
Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 31 October 2024
Passed in principle on **6 November 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Institutions
- (9) Bill 75
An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 12 March 2024 and to certain other measures
Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 7 November 2024
Passed in principle on **19 November 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Public Finance
- (10) Bill 76
An Act mainly to enhance the quality of construction and public safety
Introduced by the Minister of Labour on 2 October 2024
Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain (consultations) tabled on 29 October 2024
Passed in principle on **30 October 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain
- (11) Bill 80
An Act respecting the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 12 March 2024 and amending other provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 7 November 2024
Passed in principle on **19 November 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

Report Stage

- (12) Bill 71
An Act to improve support for persons and to simplify the social assistance regime
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action on 11 September 2024
Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 22 October 2024
Passed in principle on 24 October 2024
Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy tabled on **19 November 2024**

Passage

II. Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

- (13) Bill 190
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 **1 December 2022**
- (14) Bill 191
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 **8 December 2022**
- (15) Bill 192
An Act to ensure student health and safety in the classroom by regulating ambient air quality in schools
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **7 December 2022**
- (16) Bill 193
An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms to recognize the right to a healthful environment as a fundamental right
Introduced by the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce on **1 February 2023**
- (17) Bill 195
An Act to amend the Consumer Protection Act to fight planned obsolescence and assert the right to repair goods
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **2 February 2023**

- (18) Bill 196
An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to guarantee the right to receive childcare services
Introduced by the Member for Robert-Baldwin on **14 March 2023**
- (19) Bill 197
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 **6 December 2022**
- (20) Bill 198
An Act to amend the Civil Code to ensure greater protection of seniors as lessees against repossession of dwellings and evictions
Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **21 February 2023**
Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Vimont on **28 March 2024**
- (21) Bill 199
An Act to better protect consumers against abusive credit contracts
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **23 February 2023**
- (22) Bill 390
An Act to promote taking gender equality and diversity in an intersectional perspective into account in the budgetary process
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **21 March 2023**
- (23) Bill 391
An Act to amend the Education Act to enshrine the right to free special school projects offered in schools providing preschool or elementary and secondary education and to limit the distance between immovables of a school with a special project
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **16 March 2023**
- (24) Bill 392
An Act respecting the suspension of the issuing of new mining claims and ending the precedence of mining and gas rights over other land uses
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **18 April 2023**
- (25) Bill 393
An Act to combat food waste
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **6 April 2023**

- (26) Bill 394
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 **5 December 2023**
- (27) Bill 395
An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Matane-Matapédia by Matane-Matapédia-Mitis
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **11 April 2024**
- (28) Bill 396
An Act to amend the Act to reduce the debt and establish the Generations Fund to provide for the achievement of a capitalization of one hundred billion dollars
Introduced by the Member for Marguerite-Bourgeoys on **16 March 2023**
- (29) Bill 397
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 or vocational education, including adult education services
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **27 April 2023**
- (30) Bill 398
An Act to amend the Education Act to enshrine the right of handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities to receive educational services equivalent to those provided by the school
Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **20 April 2023**
- (31) Bill 399
An Act to amend the Act respecting the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec to require the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec to make and to report on investments with sustainable social and environmental impacts
Introduced by the Member for Maurice-Richard on **27 April 2023**
- (32) Bill 490
An Act to reinforce the qualified majority required for the appointment and removal of persons appointed by the National Assembly
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **18 April 2023**
- (33) Bill 491
An Act amending the Public Infrastructure Act to submit projects included in the Québec infrastructure plan to a climate test
Introduced by the Member for Taschereau on **14 September 2023**

- (34) Bill 492
An Act to combat waste
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **18 April 2023**
- (35) Bill 493
An Act to amend the Québec Immigration Act to take temporary residents into account for immigration planning purposes
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **10 May 2023**
- (36) Bill 494
An Act to amend the Civil Code to render without effect the clauses of a lease of a dwelling tending to prohibit companion animals
Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **25 May 2023**
- (37) Bill 495
Anti-Farm Land Grabbing Act
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on 26 September 2023
Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Jonquière on **31 January 2024**
- (38) Bill 496
An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec
Introduced by the Member for Argenteuil on **9 June 2023**
- (39) Bill 499
An Act to establish a new electoral system
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **5 October 2023**
- (40) Bill 591
An Act mainly to reinforce Members' oversight of government action by recognizing their right to visit administrative institutions
Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **21 March 2024**
- (41) Bill 593
An Act to amend the Civil Code to prohibit evictions carried out with a view to converting a dwelling into short-term tourist accommodation
Introduced by the Member for Mille-Îles on **4 October 2023**

- (42) Bill 596
An Act amending mainly the Act respecting land use planning and development so that municipalities may adopt a differentiated zoning by-law aimed at increasing and sustaining the supply of social housing or affordable housing
Introduced by the Member for Mille-Îles on **24 October 2023**
- (43) Bill 597
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 Matane-Matapédia on **1 February 2024**
- (44) Bill 599
An Act to amend mainly the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan to abolish the reduction of the retirement pension of a person who receives a disability pension between 60 and 65 years of age
Introduced by the Member for Maurice-Richard on **20 February 2024**
- (45) Bill 690
An Act to amend the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan to rectify an inequity toward disabled retirees
Introduced by the Member for La Pinière on 23 November 2023
Resuming the debate ajourned on **7 December 2023**
- (46) Bill 691
An Act to amend various legislative provisions regarding financial assistance for education expenses
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **7 December 2023**
- (47) Bill 693
An Act to foster the active contribution to society of recipients under the Social Solidarity Program
Introduced by the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce on **22 February 2024**
- (48) Bill 694
An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to more effectively fight drinking and driving
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **19 March 2024**

- (49) Bill 695
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **14 March 2024**
- (50) Bill 697
An Act to combat waste
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **23 April 2024**
- (51) Bill 699
An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms to enshrine the right to decent housing
Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **4 June 2024**
- (52) Bill 790
An Act to extend to users sheltered in a continuous assistance residence the application of the Regulation respecting the terms governing the use of monitoring mechanisms by a user sheltered in a facility maintained by an institution operating a residential and long-term care centre
Introduced by the Member for D'Arcy-McGee on **22 May 2024**
- (53) Bill 791
An Act to allow public transit authorities to develop real estate projects near or above their public transit infrastructures
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **1 May 2024**
- (54) Bill 792
An Act to enhance the presence of the flag of Québec
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **30 May 2024**
- (55) Bill 794
An Act to declare Québec's commitment to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **7 November 2024**
- (56) Bill 796
An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Arthabaska by the name "Arthabaska-L'Érable"
Introduced by the Member for Arthabaska on **30 May 2024**

Committee Stage

- (57) Bill 194
An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death
Introduced by the Member for Pontiac on 26 April 2023
Passed in principle on **9 June 2023**, and
Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

Report Stage

Passage

III. Private Bills

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

- (58) Bill 201
An Act respecting Municipalité de Morin-Heights
Introduced by the Member for Argenteuil on **20 April 2023**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain
- (59) Bill 203
An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal
Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **19 April 2023**, and
Referred to the Committee on Institutions
- (60) Bill 209
An Act respecting Ville de Terrebonne
Introduced by the Member for Les Plaines on **6 November 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain
- (61) Bill 210
An Act respecting Ville de Blainville
Introduced by the Member for Blainville on **5 November 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain
- (62) Bill 211
An Act respecting the École Polytechnique de Montréal
Introduced by the Member for Anjou–Louis-Riel on **7 November 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Culture and Education

Passage in Principle

Passage

IV. Government Motions

V. Estimates of Expenditure

VI. Statutory Debates

BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION

(63) 19 November 2024

Motion by the Member for Marguerite-Bourgeoys

THAT the National Assembly ask the CAQ government to not take any action that would increase the tax burden on Québec's small and medium-sized businesses.

Part 3
BILLS PASSED
(Bills awaiting Royal Assent)

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

Orders in compliance with the Standing Orders

- Hearing of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, the CISSS de la Montérégie-Centre, the CIUSSS de l’Estrie-CHUS and the CIUSS de l’Ouest-de-l’Île-de-Montréal on Chapter 2 of the Auditor General’s May 2023 report entitled “Octroi de contrats de gré à gré : en vertu du décret d’urgence sanitaire, ou pour obtenir des places d’hébergement et de la main-d’œuvre indépendante” (Awarding untendered contracts: Under public health emergency orders, or to obtain residential and long term care beds and independent labour).
- Hearing of the Auditor General of Québec on its annual management report and financial commitments.
- Hearing of the Tribunal administratif du logement on its administrative management, on its financial commitments and on the annual report of the Public Protector.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 63**, An Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions (Order of reference given on 8 October 2024)
- **Bill 69**, An Act to ensure the responsible governance of energy resources and to amend various legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 3 October 2024).

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 76**, An Act mainly to enhance the quality of construction and public safety (Order of reference given on 30 October 2024).
- **Bill 201**, An Act respecting Municipalité de Morin-Heights (Order of reference given on 20 April 2023).
- **Bill 209**, An Act respecting Ville de Terrebonne (Order of reference given on 6 November 2024).
- **Bill 210**, An Act respecting Ville de Blainville (Order of reference given on 5 November 2024).

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 211**, An Act respecting the École Polytechnique de Montréal (Order of reference given on 7 November 2024).

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 75**, An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Budget Speech delivered on 12 March 2024 and to certain other measures (Order of reference given on 19 November 2024).
- **Bill 80**, An Act respecting the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 12 March 2024 and amending other provisions (Order of reference given on 19 November 2024).

Orders in compliance with the Standing Orders

Interpellation:

- By the Member for Marguerite-Bourgeoys to the Minister of Finance on the following subject: *The CAQ's failure regarding the sound management of public finances* (Order of reference given on 7 November 2024).

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 32**, An Act to establish the cultural safety approach within the health and social services network (Order of reference given on 4 June 2024).
- **Bill 73**, An Act to counter non-consensual sharing of intimate images and to improve protection and support in civil matters for persons who are victims of violence (Order of reference given on 6 November 2024).
- **Bill 203**, An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal (Order of reference given on 19 April 2023).

COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 194**, An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death (Order of reference given on 9 June 2023).

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 61**, An Act enacting the Act respecting Mobilité Infra Québec and amending certain provisions relating to shared transportation (Order of reference given on 26 September 2024).

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACTS OF SCREENS AND SOCIAL MEDIA ON YOUNG
PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

Special Consultations:

- The Impacts of Screens and Social Media on Young People's Health and Development.

Part 5

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

(165) Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) – **24 September 2024**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

In his announcement in Dolbeau-Mistassini on 6 August 2024, the Minister mentioned a permanent housing project with a “high threshold of acceptability” in Ville de Dolbeau-Mistassini.

Can the Minister specify what is meant by the expression “high threshold of acceptability”? In addition, how is this threshold assessed by the Minister, and what specific criteria are used to define the threshold?

Have any public consultations been held?

(166) Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) – **25 September 2024**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

The number of people experiencing homelessness continues to grow, and an ever-increasing proportion have mental health problems, making it more difficult for them to access services adapted to their needs.

The Minister recently announced additional funding for people experiencing homelessness and who have serious mental health problems.

Can the Minister explain what criteria or conditions are used to define these serious mental health problems?

(184) Mr. Morin (Acadie) – **9 October 2024**

To the Minister of Justice

Currently in Québec, the cost for a citizen to obtain an apostille in Québec is \$65. That is twice as much as in Ontario and six times as much as in British Columbia.

Can the Minister of Justice tell us why the cost is so different between Québec and the other Canadian provinces?

(186) Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) – **24 October 2024**

To the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks

The 2019–2024 action plan of the *Québec Residual Materials Management Policy* includes Action 22, the purpose of which is to promote the emergence of complementary approaches for the diversion of residual materials. One of its indicators provides for the establishment of energy conversion criteria by regulation by 2022.

1. Have such criteria been established, and if so, when will they be made public?
2. If they have not yet been established, when does the Minister intend to remedy this gap in his action plan, which will soon come to an end?

(187) Ms. Caron (La Pinière) – **24 October 2024**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

During Routine Proceedings of 28 March 2024, I asked the Minister about the national agreement governing intermediate resources.

In response, he claimed to be aware that rising construction costs and inflation had an impact on the services provided by intermediate resources and on the funding they receive. He also said that the real estate component was a topical area of discussion, as well as ways the Minister could help intermediate resources remain open.

Six months after making this statement in the National Assembly, can the Minister tell us what progress has been made in discussions with ARIHQ on the real estate component?

(188) Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) – **29 October 2024**

To the Minister of Culture and Communications

On 22 October 2024, the Québec Public Library Association published its 2024 portrait of Québec public libraries. This analysis, which is based on number of acquisitions, opening hours, floor space, seating capacity and human resources, provides an overview of library services in Québec.

The indicators show that the situation is still far from ideal for our public libraries. Although the results for floor space and seating capacity have improved slightly, the situation has worsened with regard to opening hours, acquisitions and human resources. As regards this last category, the report notes that for our libraries to function properly, there is a need for 1,853 FTE employees, 765 FTE technicians and 489 librarians.

The document also reveals that the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region is ranked worst in the province, with an overall result of 50%, compared with the Québec average of 66%.

Given the importance of access to reading, can the Minister of Culture and Communications tell us what actions he intends to take to improve the state of our public libraries and ensure that they have the means to achieve their ambitions?

(189) Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) – **30 October 2024**
To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

According to the Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ), 619 people died between July 2023 and June 2024 from suspected intoxication by opioids or other drugs (including stimulants). More specifically, following a relatively stable period in 2021, there was an increase in the number of cases from the spring of 2022 to the end of that year, followed by another increase from the second quarter of 2023. The average number of deaths from January to June 2024 (53 deaths per month) is higher than the average for that same period in 2023 (39 deaths per month) and in 2022 (42 deaths per month).

The overdose crisis is real and is gaining ground in Québec, which the Minister noted was a great concern. In an interview with the *Le Devoir* newspaper, he said that the Government had invested \$6.1 million last year, including \$1.6 million for Montréal, to combat this scourge. He added that he had carried out a massive advertising campaign on social media and on television to raise awareness, and mentioned how important it was to spread the word that this did not solely impact the homeless population, and that most deaths occurred in private residences.

However, there exists a safe antidote that can temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid overdose: the naloxone. Since 2017, a program to provide naloxone free of charge was launched throughout Québec following an agreement between the Association québécoise des pharmaciens propriétaires and the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux. According to the INSPQ, this program makes it possible for any person, whether a Québec citizen or not, to obtain a free naloxone kit in Québec pharmacies.

I would like to inform the Minister of a barrier to access to naloxone. The main distribution channel to the population is the pharmacy, which carries a stigma as the pharmacist must note this request for naloxone in the person's health record. Unfortunately, this barrier restricts many citizens in our collective efforts to prevent deaths. In this regard, we often hear that one of the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec's billing codes is intended for pharmacists to identify that the recipient is not an opioid user. The fact remains that this information may not be correctly interpreted later if it was not kept secret, or if the health professional or the employer, as the case may be, is not fully informed of the nuances. The is sufficiently discouraging and is an avoidable administrative barrier.

As a result, many citizens tell us that they are discouraged by the note in their health record following the delivery of a naloxone kit by the pharmacist. It's hard to blame them: after all, since when should preparing for emergencies be done at the risk of tainting one's health record? These same people also tell us that a measure allowing truly anonymous access to naloxone would positively impact public access to naloxone, as it would then be non-binding and non-stigmatizing to obtain it for prevention purposes.

My questions to the Minister Responsible for Social Services are the following:

What is the Minister waiting for to directly contribute to saving lives and better reach the general population by committing the RAMQ to providing a specific billing code for the anonymous delivery of naloxone?

Can the Government provide a clear schedule for the actions it intends to take with the RAMQ to remove this administrative barrier and save lives?

If the Government's awareness-raising efforts are working, but the general population must still rely on pharmacies to have access to naloxone, why do we not prioritize the administrative efficiency of this distribution channel so that it is fully utilized?

(190) Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) – **30 October 2024**

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

The Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor (SCT) is the largest employer in Québec, with approximately 1 million employees, or nearly 24% of Québec workers. The majority of employees in the public and parapublic sector, almost 75%, are women. As the employer also serves as a legislator, this places it in a delicate position with regard to the *Pay Equity Act* and its application.

In the framework of pay equity audit processes, we know that the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) struggles to carry out its investigations within reasonable time frames. It rendered the first decision on the 2010 audit more than 13 years after the filing of complaints by public and parapublic employees. Investigations are still underway for the 2015 audit process, more than 8 years after the end of the period covered. The CNESST will start processing complaints from the 2020 audit within the framework of conciliation, suggesting more long delays. And yet, the *Pay Equity Act* is a fundamental act meant to help put an end to gender discrimination in Québec. There always seems to be a plethora of reasons for postponing this important matter meant to rectify the unjust pay disparity affecting women.

Women teachers, working in a predominantly female profession, are still waiting for their work to be properly compensated, as evidenced by the numerous equity complaints filed over many years. Although they have made progress with regard to wages since 2020, particularly during the 2023 negotiations, the fact remains that their salary ranking contestation file has yet to be processed after many years, according to the job assessment system based on 17 sub-factors. Proper compensation for teachers could help attract new workers to this sector facing a labour shortage.

My questions are the following:

- What is the SCT doing to make sure the CNESST has the human resources necessary to prevent unreasonable delays with regard to the *Pay Equity Act*, as underlined by the Public Protector in a 2024 decision?
- What time frames for processing complaints are deemed acceptable by the SCT as an administrator? Given its administrative function, has the SCT established guidelines on the matter?
- Given the backlog of files to be processed, what objective has the SCT established for catching up on the processing of pay equity files?

(191) Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) – **19 November 2024**

To the Premier

On 7 October 2024, the elected municipal officers of the Bas-Saint-Laurent region sent the Premier a letter requesting a review of the Minister of Finance's policy concerning increasing the fuel tax to finance the development of regional public transportation. The request is motivated by the desire to increase the fuel tax in the Bas-Saint-Laurent region, as is the case in the Gaspésie and Montréal regions. Such a measure is deemed more appropriate than the passenger vehicle registration tax. Following the Minister of Finance's refusal to grant the request, the Minister Responsible for the Bas-Saint-Laurent Region and the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine Region committed to meeting with the Premier to discuss this essential issue for the region.

My questions are the following:

Given that the Minister Responsible for the Bas-Saint-Laurent Region and the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine Region made a commitment to the members of the Table régionale des élus municipaux du Bas-Saint-Laurent to organize a meeting with the Premier regarding their request to increase the fuel tax in order to fund public transportation in the region, can the Premier confirm whether that meeting will be held, and if so, can he specify a time frame for that meeting? If no meeting is to be held, can he explain why not?

(192) Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) – **19 November 2024**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action

I noticed, through an access to information request, that the number of social assistance recipients seeking employment or another form of social participation decreased from 58,047 in 2018 to 48,728 in 2023.

Can the Minister explain the reasons for this decrease?

(193) Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) – **20 November 2024**

To the Minister of Finance

The tramway is a major investment for the city of Québec, with positive economic benefits expected in both the short and long terms.

The construction of the tramway alone will create thousands of jobs and pump billions of dollars into the local economy. The project is expected to result in 19,000 new jobs (12,000 directly and 7,000 indirectly), for a total payroll of \$1.1 billion. The average annual salary for these jobs is estimated at \$61,200.

Once operational, the tramway will spur economic activity by improving mobility and facilitating access to employment, education, recreation and trade. It will also help businesses more easily recruit the qualified workforce they need, thereby increasing their productivity. The tramway is also expected to increase business density across its route and lead to growth in private investments and higher property values.

Furthermore, the tramway will allow many families to eliminate the need for a second car, which means substantial savings of up to \$10,000 per year. These savings, once reallocated to other expenses, will have a 20% greater economic impact than if the expenses were vehicle-related.

In short, the city of Québec tramway is much more than a mere public transport project: it is a strategic investment that will boost the region's economy and improve the population's quality of life.

My question to the Minister of Finance is the following:

Does the Minister of Finance agree with the points made above, and does he believe that the construction of the city of Québec tramway should begin as soon as possible?

(194) Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) – **20 November 2024**
To the Minister Responsible for Housing

The tramway is a major investment for the city of Québec, with positive economic benefits expected in both the short and long terms.

The tramway will promote densification across its route, thus creating hubs for new real estate projects. It will also result in an increased density of local businesses, growth in private investments and higher property values. This densification will enable the construction of more housing, which will increase the supply and help stabilize housing prices. The tramway will also provide efficient and reliable public transportation, making new neighbourhoods more attractive for residents.

It is well known that the tramway will facilitate major real estate investments across its route. The total amount of investments is estimated at nearly \$2 billion. In the context of the housing crisis currently experienced province-wide, particularly in our Capitale-Nationale region, such a construction project for new housing would be most welcome.

The tramway's implementation will also revitalize the city's existing neighbourhoods. All of the spaces between both ends of the tramway's route will be redeveloped, in keeping with the spirit of the neighbourhoods it spans. The urban integration of the city of Québec's tramway will be exemplary. Nothing will be left to chance! The tramway will be part of a global urban planning vision that places the well-being of its citizens at the forefront of its priorities.

In short, the tramway will provide a host of benefits for our Capitale-Nationale region's economy. It is therefore crucial to support this important project, which will help make the city of Québec more prosperous, sustainable and inclusive, while ensuring long-lasting solutions for the housing crisis.

My question to the Minister Responsible for Housing is the following:

Does the Minister Responsible for Housing agree with the points made above, and does she believe that the construction of the city of Québec tramway should begin as soon as possible?

**Part 6
NOTICES**

I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

Government Bills

- (a) 19 November 2024
An Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment – *Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks*

Private Members' Public Bills

- (b) 12 September 2023
An Act to make available the documents from the inquiry conducted by Investigation Commissioner Bernard Grenier concerning the unlawful activities of Option Canada in the 1995 Québec Referendum – *Member for Camille-Laurin*

Private Bills

II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME

- (aa) An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions – *Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology*