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

Part 1
ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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- The Member for Jonquière on the following subject: *Dr. Claude Gagnon, a great ambassador for Jonquière-Médecin.*
- The Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce on the following subject: *Tribute to Ms. Marlene Jennings for her great contribution to the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce community.*
- The Member for Joliette on the following subject: *The 25th anniversary of the Joliette Salon des métiers d'art.*
- The Member for Taschereau on the following subject: *Women's homelessness.*
- The Member for Anjou-Louis-Riel on the following subject: *The 45th anniversary of SARA d'Anjou.*
- The Member for Mercier on the following subject: *La Guignolée du Plateau.*
- The Member for Duplessis on the following subject: *Mr. Frédéric Gagnon, volunteer and recipient of the Mérite municipal 2024 award.*
- The Member for Saint-Jérôme on the following subject: *The 15th edition of Arbre du partage, a generous initiative from the police force.*
- The Member for Laporte on the following subject: *The 130th anniversary of the Saint-Lambert Horticultural Society..*
- The Member for Labelle on the following subject: *Tribute to Mr. Pierre Laporte.*
- The Member for Champlain on the following subject: *Recognition of Ms. Jacqueline Bergeron, recipient of the Prix Hommage Aînés award.*
- The Member for Papineau on the following subject: *Thanks to the food banks La Lièvre and La Petite Nation.*

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Motion moved by the Minister of Justice for the passage of 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.

Motion moved by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests for the passage of Bill 63, An Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions.

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I. Government Bills

Passage in Principle

- (1) 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**

- (2) Bill 81
An Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment
Introduced by the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks on **20 November 2024**

- (3) Bill 82
An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology on **21 November 2024**

Committee Stage

- (4) 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

- (5) 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
Passed in principle on **20 November 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations
- (6) 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

Report Stage

- (7) 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
Report from the Committee on Institutions tabled on **27 November 2024** (Amend. handed in under Standing Order 252)
- (8) 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
Report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment tabled on **27 November 2024** (Amend. handed in under Standing Order 252)

- (9) 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
Report from the Committee on Public Finance tabled on **27 November 2024**

Passage

- (10) 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
Report from the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources adopted on 26 November 2024
Division deferred on **27 November 2024**
- (11) 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
Report from the Committee on Institutions adopted on 26 November 2024
Division deferred on **27 November 2024**
- (12) 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
Passed in principle on 21 November 2024
Report from the Committee on Institutions adopted on **27 November 2024**

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 793
An Act respecting the process for publishing the documents from the inquiry conducted by Bernard Grenier concerning the activities of Option Canada in the referendum held in Québec in October 1995
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **27 November 2024**
- (56) 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**
- (57) 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**
- (58) Bill 892
An Act to prohibit offering supervised consumption services near an educational childcare facility or an educational institution providing preschool-, elementary- or secondary-level education
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **27 November 2024**

Committee Stage

- (59) 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

- (60) 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
- (61) 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
- (62) 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
- (63) 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
- (64) 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

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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 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

Special Consultations:

- **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 (Order of reference given on 21 November 2024).

Consideration of Bills:

- **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).

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **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

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 74**, An Act mainly to improve the regulatory scheme governing international students (Order of reference given on 20 November 2024).

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

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*

- (201) Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) – **28 November 2024**
To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

The safety of persons with a disability is a priority.

According to the 2023–2024 annual report on the anti-maltreatment policy, covering the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, there was a considerable increase in the number of reported maltreatment cases.

The number of maltreatment reports handled by local service quality and complaints commissioners rose from 5,241 in 2022–2023 to 8,420 in 2023–2024, an increase of 60%.

What measures does the Minister intend to implement to significantly reduce the number of maltreatment cases against these vulnerable persons?

- (202) Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) – **28 November 2024**
To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

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(203) Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger) – **28 November 2024**

To the Minister Responsible for de Metropolis and the Montréal Region

On 22 November 2024, the opening day of the 70th Annual Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Montréal, the militant organization NATO Counter Summit held a demonstration to oppose the event. Demonstrators also included people who had come to express their opposition to the war in Gaza.

Unfortunately, the demonstration quickly degenerated, with havoc breaking out and vandalism occurring during the demonstration in downtown Montréal. Authorities reported that, on Friday, vehicles were set on fire and windows were broken. Smoke bombs were deployed and metal barriers were thrown into the street to obstruct police work.

The Minister will agree that what happened in Montréal is unacceptable, undermines Quebecers' sense of security and damages the image of our metropolis.

Can the Minister tell us what specific measures she intends to put in place in order to shed light on what happened in Montréal and what she intends to do to prevent a similar situation from occurring?

(204) Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger) – **28 November 2024**

To the Minister Responsible for de Metropolis and the Montréal Region

According to a new survey of a majority of residents, the Village neighbourhood is still considered “somewhat or very unsafe”. The survey was conducted online in August 2024 on a voluntary basis with more than 700 respondents, on the initiative of the Association citoyenne du Village de Montréal (ACVM).

Used needles found on the ground, breaking and entering in buildings: more than two thirds of the Village residents feel that safety has decreased near their homes, according to a recent survey. Two thirds of respondents (66%) say that they intentionally avoid certain places.

Cases of vandalism and problems related to homelessness exacerbated tensions in the Village last summer, the situation even forcing businesses to close their terrasses. Montréal stated that it has made “unprecedented efforts” since then to decrease the sense of insecurity in the area.

Montréal asks the Québec government for support in its efforts to provide better services to homeless people suffering from drug addiction or mental health problems. A Village resident also calls for more “political will” on the part of the Québec government, including the creation of an interdepartmental committee to bring together all the departments concerned.

Can the Minister tell us how she intends to follow-up on each of these requests, and what timeline she has set to improve the situation in Montréal’s Village?

(205) Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) – **28 November 2024**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

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

Access to social services is crucial for the well-being of the population. However, vulnerable or marginalized populations, such as low-income earners, persons living with disabilities and newcomers may experience issues in travelling to and accessing those services. The city of Québec’s tramway will help reduce these inequalities by providing a means of transportation that is accessible to all. The elderly, pregnant women, mobility impaired persons or persons with visual or hearing disabilities, and young families will be able to easily use the tramway. The tramway will pass through neighbourhoods where many social services are concentrated, such as health centres, community centres and organizations helping people in need.

The tramway will provide a public transportation alternative that is more reliable, comfortable, and quicker than existing options. With its exclusive track (dedicated platform) and priority at traffic lights, the tramway will only stop to let passengers on and off at stations. There will be no delays because the travel time will be reliable and regular! Furthermore, the cost to use the tramway will be lower than that of a car, which will mean substantial savings on transportation for vulnerable populations. The tramway and its network will help many families avoid buying an additional vehicle, which represents up to \$10,000 in savings per year.

By improving access to social services and providing an affordable and reliable means of transportation, the tramway will contribute to improving the quality of life of all citizens, in particular those who are most vulnerable. It will allow people to participate more actively in the city's social and economic life, and to enjoy a more independent and fulfilling life.

The construction of the city of Québec's tramway is therefore a socially responsible investment that will create a more inclusive and accessible city for all.

My question to the Minister Responsible for Social Services is the following:

Does the Minister Responsible for Social Services 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?

(206) Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) – **28 November 2024**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs

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

The city of Québec's tramway will contribute to the fight against urban sprawl by promoting denser, more compact development along its route. This efficient public transit mode will encourage citizens to live, work and leisure in more centralized neighbourhoods, thus reducing the pressure on farmlands, wetlands and forests on the city's outskirts. The tramway's introduction will also result in an increased density of local businesses and higher property values.

The construction of the tramway is a unique opportunity to densify the existing neighbourhoods and stimulate real estate development along its route. Proximity to a reliable, efficient public transit system will increase the attractiveness of land near stations, thus promoting the construction of new housing, businesses and offices. In February 2024, the Institut de développement urbain du Québec estimated that the construction of 6,000 to 7,000 housing units would be delayed due to the uncertainty surrounding the tramway project. The value of pending projects along the tramway route was then estimated at between \$1.7 and \$1.9 billion. Accelerating this densification will help meet the growing demand for housing in the city of Québec region, and contribute to alleviating the current housing crisis in the city.

The tramway will have a positive impact on the revenue of cities and towns around the city of Québec. The construction of the tramway will generate thousands of direct and indirect jobs. Higher property values on land near the tramway will bring in more property taxes for Ville de Québec. Furthermore, the region's increased attractiveness to businesses and residents will stimulate economic activity, yielding additional revenues for the cities and towns. The tramway's introduction will bring about an increase in private investments and a greater commercial reach for businesses near the stations.

The construction of the city of Québec's tramway is therefore a strategic investment that will benefit all municipalities in the city's metropolitan community. By promoting sustainable urban development, protecting natural environments, stimulating densification and real estate development, and increasing the city's revenue, the tramway will help create a more prosperous, equitable and attractive region for all.

My question to the Minister of Municipal Affairs is the following:

Does the Minister of Municipal Affairs 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

Private Members' Public Bills

Private Bills

- (a) 27 November 2024
An Act to amend the Act to incorporate Foyer Wales - The Wales Home –
Member for Richmond

II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME