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## **Order Paper and Notices**

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

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Introduced by the Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology on 21 November 2024  
Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on **30 January 2025**
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An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network  
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An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden  
Introduced by the Minister for the Economy on **4 December 2024**

- (6) Bill 86  
An Act to ensure the long-term preservation and vitality of agricultural land  
Introduced by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on  
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- (7) Bill 88  
An Act amending the Act respecting the process of negotiation of collective agreements and the settlement of disputes in the municipal sector  
Introduced by the Minister of Labour on 6 December 2024  
Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on  
**30 January 2025**

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- (8) 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
- (9) 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  
Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain (consultations) tabled on 6 December 2024  
Passed in principle on **28 January 2025**, and  
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

- (10) Bill 87  
An Act respecting mainly the development and enhancement of industrial land and the governance of the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour  
Introduced by the Minister for the Economy on 6 December 2024  
Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 29 January 2025  
Passed in principle on **30 January 2025**, and  
Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

*Report Stage*

*Passage*

## II. Private Members' Public Bills

*Passage in Principle*

- (11) 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**
- (12) 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**
- (13) 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**
- (14) 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**

- (15) 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**
- (16) 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**
- (17) 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**
- (18) 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**
- (19) Bill 199  
An Act to better protect consumers against abusive credit contracts  
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **23 February 2023**
- (20) 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**
- (21) 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**

- (22) 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**
- (23) Bill 393  
An Act to combat food waste  
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **6 April 2023**
- (24) 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**
- (25) 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**
- (26) 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**
- (27) 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**
- (28) 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**

- (29) 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**
- (30) 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**
- (31) 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**
- (32) Bill 492  
An Act to combat waste  
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **18 April 2023**
- (33) 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**
- (34) 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**
- (35) 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**
- (36) 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**

- (37) Bill 499  
An Act to establish a new electoral system  
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **5 October 2023**
- (38) 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**
- (39) 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**
- (40) 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**
- (41) 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**
- (42) 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**
- (43) 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**

- (44) 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**
- (45) 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**
- (46) 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**
- (47) Bill 695  
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act  
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **14 March 2024**
- (48) Bill 697  
An Act to combat waste  
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **23 April 2024**
- (49) 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**
- (50) 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**
- (51) 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**

- (52) Bill 792  
An Act to enhance the presence of the flag of Québec  
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **30 May 2024**
- (53) 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**
- (54) 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**
- (55) 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**
- (56) 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**
- (57) Bill 893  
An Act respecting maintaining seniors’ autonomy  
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **3 December 2024**
- (58) Bill 894  
An Act to extend health insurance plan and basic prescription drug insurance plan eligibility to all women or persons who are pregnant and living in Québec regardless of their migratory status  
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne on **4 December 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 213  
An Act respecting certain immovables situated in Municipalité de Dixville  
Introduced by the Member for Saint-François on **3 December 2024**, and  
Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

*Passage in Principle*

*Passage*

#### **IV. Government Motions**

**(63)** 28 January 2025

Motion moved by the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie

THAT, pursuant to section 22.3 of the *Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales*, the National Assembly approve the Decision No. 1/2024 of the Joint Committee on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications of 10 October 2024 setting out an agreement on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications for architects within the context of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union and its Member States.

In compliance with section 22.3 of the *Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales*, this motion cannot be debated before 7 February 2025.

#### **V. Estimates of Expenditure**

#### **VI. Statutory Debates**

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### **PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEES**

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#### **COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Inquiry arising from the motion moved by the Official Opposition House Leader and Member for Nelligan pursuant to Standing Orders 315 to 321 on the failure to table, within the prescribed time, the 2023 annual management report of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

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- 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.

#### **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 86**, An Act to ensure the long-term preservation and vitality of agricultural land (Order of reference given on 28 January 2025).

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **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 28 January 2025).
- **Bill 201**, An Act respecting Municipalité de Morin-Heights (Order of reference given on 20 April 2023).

## COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

## COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY

### Orders of reference

#### Special Consultations:

- **Bill 85**, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden (Order of reference given on 28 January 2025).

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#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 87**, An Act respecting mainly the development and enhancement of industrial land and the governance of the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour (Order of reference given on 30 January 2025).

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

## COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

### Orders of reference

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 203**, An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archbishopial corporation of Montreal (Order of reference given on 19 April 2023).

## COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### Orders of reference

#### Special Consultations:

- **Bill 83**, An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network (Order of reference given on 28 January 2025).

#### 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).
- **Bill 213**, An Act respecting certain immovables situated in Municipalité de Dixville (Order of reference given on 3 December 2024).

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#### Interpellation:

- By the Member for Pontiac to the Minister of Health on the following subject: *The deterioration and dehumanization of health care after seven years of a CAQ government* (notice given on 30 January 2025).

## COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### Orders of reference

#### Special Consultations:

- **Bill 81**, An Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment (Order of reference given on 28 January 2025).

**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*

(224) Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) – **4 February 2025**

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.

However, in his 29 November 2024 reply to my 24 October 2024 written question, the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks stated that his department was already reflecting on the matter and that a preliminary version of the regulation was being drafted.

He also indicated that upon completion of this work, the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs would collaborate with stakeholders concerned, in particular through targeted consultations.

My questions to the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks are the following:

1. Can the Minister provide us with a specific timeline for the ongoing work on the regulation of energy conversion criteria?
2. Can the Minister tell us when the targeted consultations will be held, and whether citizen groups with expertise in residual materials management, in particular the organizations operating in Limoilou, will be included in the consultations?

(225) Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) – **4 February 2025**

To the Minister of Health

The Taschereau riding is home to the Lotus Project, an association of four organizations and one family medicine group (FMG) that currently offers perinatal follow-up services to 400 vulnerable women and children. The project provides support to mothers, including teenagers, immigrants, Indigenous women, illiterate women, women involved in a judicial process, or victims of domestic violence, from pregnancy to the child's fifth birth. It provides access to health care and brings together various actors in the health and community networks to offer a continuum of local services.

The Lotus Project helps reduce accessibility thresholds for health and community services by simplifying access to medical resources, in particular through the strategic deployment of a Lotus nurse and the existence of a community space within the FMG. The project also includes a calendar of weekly activities designed to break isolation, develop a support network, provide breastfeeding advice and reduce health inequalities.

Over the past few months, the trustees of the Lotus Project have made numerous enquiries to find out whether the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux funding for the project would be renewed for 2025–2026, but to no avail. The lack of a response has forced the Lotus Project to put an end to new pregnancy follow-ups and may even lead to the loss of the human resources committed to the project.

The suspension of funding would jeopardize the maintenance of quality follow-up services for pregnancies and children. Such services are essential for preventing health complications and ensuring the optimal development of children, especially in a context of hardship, where families require support tailored to their specific needs. The Lotus project needs a quick response from the department, for the well-being of mothers and their babies who, without the project, would be left without any follow-up.

Can the Minister of Health confirm that the Lotus Project will have its funding renewed for 2025–2026?

(226) Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) – **4 February 2025**

To the Minister of Health

Class 3 employees of the health network were to receive pay equity payments. Employees in other job classes have received these payments. For more than 80 days, nearly 30,000 employees have been waiting for pay equity payments. The CISSS and CIUSSS have mentioned that premiums will be paid in the spring of 2025.

My question is the following: when will Class 3 employees receive their pay equity payments?

(227) Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) – **4 February 2025**

To the Minister of Health

The professionals and technicians who work in difficult contexts or on unfavourable shifts, such as evening, night or weekend shifts, or who work in youth protection or with clients with severe behavioural disorders, and who are represented by the APTS, were to receive premiums negotiated over a year ago, the deadline for which was 5 October 2024. That is more than 65,000 workers who have yet to receive the amounts they are owed.

My question is the following: when will the premiums be paid to the professionals and technicians?

(228) Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) – **4 February 2025**

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

CERIEC applied for funding for its Lab systèmes alimentaires project, a joint initiative with La Transformerie. The purpose of the project is to reduce food waste, an objective that is in line with the Government's circular economy roadmap. The \$1.5 million funding was initially approved under the 2023 Plan for a Green Economy. Then, during 2024, work was carried out in cooperation with the Bureau de coordination du développement durable to ensure that funding would come from the Electrification and Climate Change Fund (FECC), and an agreement was drawn up. In the end, the funding was not confirmed either in the summer or in the fall. The FECC became insolvent last fall and finally closed in January 2025. The project was directed to a third envelope to receive funding, namely the Fund for the Protection of the Environment and the Waters in the Domain of the State.

My question is the following: Will the Lab systèmes alimentaires project receive the agreed funding of \$1.5 million before the end of the 2024–2025 fiscal year?

(229) Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) – **4 February 2025**

To the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy

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

The construction of the tramway represents a major investment in the Québec region which will create thousands of direct and indirect jobs. The project is expected to result in 19,000 new jobs (12,000 directly and 7,000 indirectly). These jobs, averaging an annual wage of \$61,200, would represent a total payroll of \$1.1 billion for the local economy. The construction of the tramway would also drive economic activity in various sectors, such as construction, engineering, manufacturing and services.

The tramway's inception would also promote real estate and commercial development along its route. A reliable and efficient public transit system will increase the attractiveness of land and buildings near stations, thus increasing property values and promoting private investments. Furthermore, the tramway will improve access to businesses and services for residents and visitors, which will contribute to the economic vitality of the neighbourhoods it spans.

The construction of the tramway will increase the attractiveness of the Québec region for young professionals. The existence of a modern and efficient public transit system is a major asset for attracting and retaining young talents who are looking for sustainable and effective mobility solutions. The tramway will improve travel between home and the workplace, and will help young professionals easily access employment centres, educational institutions and entertainment hubs.

The city of Québec tramway will rely on electric transport means, thus contributing to Québec's energy transition and the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions. The use of electricity as an energy source for the tramway will reduce dependence on fossil fuels and improve air quality in the area. The tramway will also provide an attractive alternative to the automobile, encouraging citizens to further use public transit and reduce their carbon footprint.

Less vehicles on the roads will lead to smoother traffic flow, allowing delivery trucks to move faster and more efficiently. This could mean lower transport costs for businesses and more reliable deliveries.

The construction of the city of Québec's tramway is therefore a strategic investment that will have major benefits for the economy, the environment and the quality of life of citizens. By promoting investments, real estate and commercial development, attracting young professionals and encouraging the use of electric transport means, the tramway will help make the region around the city of Québec a more prosperous, sustainable and attractive place.

Does the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy 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?

(230) Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) – **4 February 2025**

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

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

The tramway will provide government employees with a reliable, comfortable and efficient public transportation solution. With the average distance between stations being 690 metres, the tramway will be accessible to a large number of employees, who will be able to get to work without the hassle of driving. Furthermore, the tramway's exclusive track and priority at traffic lights will ensure fast and consistent travel times, freeing up valuable time for employees. With stations designed to provide shelter from bad weather, travel will be more pleasant in all seasons.

The construction of the tramway will have a positive effect on public finances by reducing the need for road infrastructure maintenance. The tramway will promote a shift from cars to public transit, thus reducing traffic flow and road wear. Fewer vehicles on the roads will help extend the lifespan of the road infrastructure, which will lead to substantial savings for the Government.

Furthermore, the tramway will boost the local and regional economy and create additional tax revenues. The tramway will generate thousands of jobs both during its construction phase and in the operation and maintenance of its network. These jobs, averaging an annual wage of \$61,200, will pump a considerable amount of money into the local economy. The tramway will also improve accessibility, thus promoting private investments and economic growth.

Does the Chair of the Conseil du trésor 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) 30 January 2025  
An Act to recognize ice hockey as the national sport of Québec and concerning national cultural references – *Minister of Culture and Communications*

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