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

Part 1
ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

- The Member for Vanier-Les Rivières on the following subject: *The 45th anniversary of Adaptavie.*
- The Member for Chomedey on the following subject: *Underline the 60th anniversary of Ville de Laval.*
- The Member for Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata on the following subject: *Mr. Gaston Pelletier.*
- The Member for Rosemont on the following subject: *Tribute to the caregivers at Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont.*
- The Member for Beauce-Sud on the following subject: *The 50th anniversary of Conseil économique de Beauce.*
- The Member for Robert-Baldwin on the following subject: *Underline the 85th anniversary of women's right to vote in Québec.*
- The Member for Saint-François on the following subject: *Sweets made by the Lionceaux de Compton for foreign workers.*
- The Member for Matane-Matapédia on the following subject: *Underline the 30-year career of Mr. Michel Germain, sports commentator for the Rimouski Océanic.*
- The Member for Bellechasse on the following subject: *Anniversary celebrations for Cercles de fermières de Bellechasse.*
- The Member for Prévost on the following subject: *Alary dairy farm.*
- The Member for Chapleau on the following subject: *The 50th anniversary of École Polyvalente Le Carrefour.*
- The Member for Borduas on the following subject: *The 40th anniversary of Intégration compétences.*

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ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DEFERRED DIVISIONS

Motion moved by the Official Opposition House Leader under Standing Orders 324 to 327:

THAT the National Assembly declare that the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec and some of its former and current executives violated the rights and privileges of the Assembly and its Members by intentionally submitting erroneous information to the members of the Committee on Public Administration within the framework of follow-ups on the CASA/SAAQclic project.

Motion moved by the Minister for the Economy for the passage of Bill 85, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden.

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Part 2
ORDERS OF THE DAY

BUSINESS HAVING PRECEDENCE

- (1) Pursuant to Standing Orders 275 and 276, continuation of the debate on the motion by the Minister of Finance, –That this Assembly approve the budgetary policy of the Government,

And on the motions stating a grievance moved by:

The Member for Marguerite-Bourgeoys:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government, guilty of repeated budget deficits, for its lack of vision, rigour, and control in the management of public finances.

The Member for Verdun:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for refusing to include in its budget new measures to access additional revenues from the wealthiest members of our society and thus lessen the impacts of CAQ austerity on the Québec population.

The Member for Jean-Talon:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the Government for its 2025–2026 budget, which provides for a historical deficit of \$13.6 billion due to a lack of vision and poor management of public finances.

The Leader of the Official Opposition:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for tabling a 2025–2026 budget that sets a record deficit and for its inability to provide Quebecers the services they are entitled to.

The Member for Laurier-Dorion:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government and the Minister Responsible for Housing for their lack of political will in addressing the housing crisis and for the lack of new investments for the construction of social housing and effective measures to control the spiralling inflation and speculation in the housing sector in its 2025–2026 budget.

The Member for Chomedey:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its lack of planning and vision for Québec’s tourism industry.

The Member for Taschereau:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for its unfair budget, which abolishes the fiscal shield supporting 140,000 disadvantaged people.

The Member for La Pinière:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its tabling of the 2025–2026 budget, which does not meet the urgent and increasing needs of seniors with regard to in-home support.

The Member for Jean-Lesage:

THAT the National Assembly censure the Coalition avenir Québec government and the Minister of Education for its 2025–2026 budget, which does not meet the huge challenges in the education system that are undermining student success, such as the labour shortage, the dilapidated schools and the three-tiered system causing school segregation.

The Member for Bourassa-Sauvé:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for tabling a 2025–2026 budget that does not meet the needs of the education network.

The Member for Maurice-Richard:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government and the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy for its budget, which does not include measures to nationalize wind farms or significant investments in the ecological transition, and which deprives Québec of strategic levers and vital State revenues in a context where major investments in clean and public energy are both an ecological necessity and a major economic opportunity for Québec.

The Member for D’Arcy-McGee:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for tabling a 2025–2026 budget that does not guarantee the resources and means necessary to meet users’ needs or maintain social services for the population in a sustainable manner.

The Leader of the Second Opposition Group:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for not addressing, in its budget, the actual complaints of workers, the ones who are the real creators of wealth.

The Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government and the Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks for its budget, which sends the wrong signal about the urgent need to take action on climate change, while Québec is still far from achieving its decarbonization goals.

The Member for Mille-Îles:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its inability to address the housing crisis by neglecting both to support residential construction and to adopt measures to facilitate access to property.

The Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for giving up on the educational success of Indigenous students and for ignoring the Auditor General of Québec’s alarming findings on the educational success of Indigenous students.

The Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for slashing public security budgets while Québec is experiencing a significant increase in violence and disasters.

The Member for Mont-Royal–Outremont:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its improvisation and its 2025–2026 budget which, as a result of its cuts, weakens higher education and causes our CEGEPs and universities to lose ground.

The Member for Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for its lack of an action plan in its budget to adequately respond to all the recommendations of the Laurent report and ensure the well-being of Québec children, in particular those under the State’s guardianship.

The Member for Saint-Jérôme:

THAT the National Assembly censure the Government for not conducting the rigorous examination of budgetary expenditures it had promised.

The Member for Pontiac:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its budget, which further weakens an already fragile network through a reform introducing an additional structure, the addition of public servants, and the reduction of direct services for the population.

The Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its lack of vision and investments in the fight against poverty and social inequalities.

The Member for Rosemont:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for choosing to subject the health and social services network to chronic underfunding for the coming years.

The Member for Robert-Baldwin:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its inaction with regard to the construction of shelters for women who are victims of domestic violence despite the critical situation experienced by these women.

The Member for Sherbrooke:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for not making the investments required to implement the urgent shift toward home care and support services, as recommended by the Health and Welfare Commissioner, to adequately respond to the colossal issues stemming from the aging of Québec's population.

The Member for Acadie:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for reducing funding for the "International Affairs" program of the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie and the scope of actions for Québec's market diversification.

The Member for Nelligan:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for the tabling of its 2025–2026 budget, which places public transportation at the bottom rank of its priorities.

URGENT DEBATES

DEBATES ON REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

OTHER BUSINESS

I. Government Bills

Passage in Principle

- (2) Bill 92
An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector
Introduced by the Minister of Finance on **8 April 2025**
- (3) Bill 94
An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Education on **20 March 2025**
- (4) Bill 95
An Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders
Introduced by the Minister of Families on **27 March 2025**
- (5) Bill 98
An Act to amend the Election Act mainly to preserve the integrity of the electoral process
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions on **3 April 2025**

Committee Stage

- (6) 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

- (7) 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
Report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment (consultations) tabled on 4 February 2025
Passed in principle on **11 February 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment
- (8) 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
Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 30 January 2025
Passed in principle on **4 February 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Public Finance
- (9) Bill 83
An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network
Introduced by the Minister of Health on 3 December 2024
Report from the Committee on Health and Social Services (consultations) tabled on 12 February 2025
Passed in principle on **18 February 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services
- (10) Bill 84
An Act respecting national integration
Introduced by the Minister of the French Language on 30 January 2025
Report from the Committee on Citizen Relations (consultations) tabled on 19 March 2025
Passed in principle on **19 March 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations

(11) Bill 89

An Act to give greater consideration to the needs of the population in the event of a strike or a lock-out

Introduced by the Minister of Labour on 20 February 2025

Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 25 March 2025

Passed in principle on **3 April 2025**, and

Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

Report Stage

Passage

(12) Bill 91

Act establishing the Unified Family Tribunal within the Court of Québec

Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 25 February 2025

Passed in principle on 19 March 2025, and

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 27 March 2025

Report from the Committee on Institutions adopted on **8 April 2025**

(13) Bill 85

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

Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 13 February 2025

Passed in principle on 18 February 2025

Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy adopted on 3 April 2025

Division deferred on **8 April 2025**

II. Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

(14) 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**

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

- (23) 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**
- (24) 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**
- (25) 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**
- (26) Bill 393
An Act to combat food waste
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **6 April 2023**
- (27) 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**
- (28) 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**
- (29) 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**

- (30) 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**
- (31) 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**
- (32) 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**
- (33) 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**
- (34) 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**
- (35) Bill 492
An Act to combat waste
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **18 April 2023**
- (36) 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**
- (37) 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**

- (38) 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**
- (39) 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**
- (40) Bill 499
An Act to establish a new electoral system
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **5 October 2023**
- (41) 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**
- (42) 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**
- (43) 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**
- (44) 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**
- (45) 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**

- (46) 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**
- (47) 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**
- (48) 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**
- (49) 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**
- (50) Bill 695
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **14 March 2024**
- (51) Bill 697
An Act to combat waste
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **23 April 2024**
- (52) 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**
- (53) 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**

- (54) 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**
- (55) Bill 792
An Act to enhance the presence of the flag of Québec
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **30 May 2024**
- (56) 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**
- (57) 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**
- (58) 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**
- (59) 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**
- (60) Bill 893
An Act respecting maintaining seniors’ autonomy
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **3 December 2024**
- (61) 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**

- (62) Bill 895
An Act to establish a common school network to guarantee equal opportunities
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **20 February 2025**
- (63) Bill 896
An Act to indemnify local municipalities when land intended for building or enlarging schools is transferred
Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **13 February 2025**
- (64) Bill 897
An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to provide for the mandatory issue of notices of payment to owners of registered road vehicles and to holders of certain licences
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **19 March 2025**
- (65) Bill 898
An Act to reinforce the regulation of rent increases for a lease of a dwelling
Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **3 April 2025**
- (66) Bill 899
An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to require the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec to enter into agreements with government departments or bodies for the application of certain Acts
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **3 April 2025**

Committee Stage

- (67) 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

- (68) 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
- (69) 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
- (70) Bill 214
An Act respecting Ville de Rouyn-Noranda
Introduced by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue on
1 April 2025, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain
- (71) Bill 215
An Act respecting Municipalité de Saint-Sylvère
Introduced by the Member for Nicolet-Bécancour on **1 April 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain
- (72) Bill 216
An Act respecting Ville de Longueuil
Introduced by the Member for Laporte on **1 April 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

Passage in Principle

Passage

IV. Government Motions

- (73) 8 April 2025
Motion by the Minister Responsible for the Canadian Relations:

THAT the National Assembly note that the power to appoint judges of the superior courts of the federated States is incumbent on the Governor General under section 96 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*;

THAT the Assembly note that the exercise of such power is circumscribed, as concerns Québec, by the condition that judges be selected from the members of the Barreau du Québec under section 98 of the same Act;

THAT the Assembly note that the purpose of section 98 of the *Constitution Act, 1867* is to ensure that the judges of the superior courts in Québec are versed in the law that is in force there;

THAT the Assembly emphasize that Québec is the only State with a civil law tradition within the federation;

THAT the Assembly consider it advisable to protect and promote that tradition by further defining the conditions of appointment provided for in section 98;

THAT the Assembly underscore that such an amendment may be made by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada where so authorized by resolutions of the National Assembly, the Senate and House of Commons in accordance with section 43 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

THAT the Assembly specify that such amendment in no way constitutes recognition by the National Assembly of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, which was adopted without its consent;

THAT the National Assembly authorize the amendment of the Constitution of Canada by proclamation issued by the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada, in accordance with the following:

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA
CONSTITUTION ACT, 1867

1. The Constitution Act, 1867 is amended by replacing section 98 by the following section:

“**98Q.1.** The Judges of the Superior Courts of Quebec shall be selected from the members of the Barreau du Québec recommended by the Government of Quebec.”

NAME

2. Name of this amendment: “Constitution Amendment, (year of proclamation) (Quebec)”.

V. Estimates of Expenditure

- (74) Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2026 tabled by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 25 March 2025 and referred for consideration to the standing committees on **26 March 2025**.

VI. Statutory Debates

BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION

- (75) 8 April 2025
Motion by the Member for Jeanne-Mance–Viger:

THAT the National Assembly note that, as of the last report on 30 November 2024, more than a third of the projects covered by the *Act respecting the acceleration of certain infrastructure projects* are yet to be carried out, despite the exceptional powers contained in the Act;

THAT it acknowledge the cancellation, postponement and suspension of many infrastructure projects following the publication of the 2025–2035 Québec Infrastructure Plan;

THAT, lastly, the National Assembly note that including a project in the Québec Infrastructure Plan no longer constitutes a reasonable guarantee that the project will be carried out.

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

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

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.

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

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 201**, An Act respecting Municipalité de Morin-Heights (Order of reference given on 20 April 2023).
- **Bill 214**, An Act respecting Ville de Rouyn-Noranda (Order of reference given on 1 April 2025).
- **Bill 215**, An Act respecting Municipalité de Saint-Sylvère (Order of reference given on 1 April 2025).
- **Bill 216**, An Act respecting Ville de Longueuil (Order of reference given on 1 April 2025).

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

Orders of reference

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 94**, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 3 April 2025).

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 89**, An Act to give greater consideration to the needs of the population in the event of a strike or a lock-out (Order of reference given on 3 April 2025).

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 82**, An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions (Order of reference given on 4 February 2025).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

- Continuation of the debate on the budget speech.

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

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

COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 84**, An Act respecting national integration (Order of reference given on 19 March 2025).

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 83**, An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network (Order of reference given on 18 February 2025).
- **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

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 81**, An Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment (Order of reference given on 11 February 2025).

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE IMPACTS OF SCREENS AND SOCIAL MEDIA ON YOUNG
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- 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*

(247) Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) – **20 February 2025**
To the Minister of Health

On 10 May 2023, during the presentation of the third plan to make up for delayed surgeries, we learned that more than \$400 million will be allocated to the implementation of various measures meant to catch up on the backlog of surgeries. This sum comes from the work of the IPAM in collaboration with the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux and the FMSQ. The amounts are the result of the 2019 agreement made between the Québec government and the FMSQ and come from savings made within the budgetary envelope allocated to the FMSQ.

In the announcement, the Minister stated that the measures were intended to close the gap and return to pre-pandemic levels, or approximately 2,500 people waiting for surgery for more than a year. An intermediate target was also set to reduce the list to 7,600 by 31 March 2024.

On 9 January 2025, a Radio-Canada article revealed that the funds announced in May 2023 had still not been spent, and that more than \$450 million was still available to bridge the backlog in surgeries. It was also mentioned that the fund created by the Government and the medical specialists could be used as early as January to gradually reopen several daytime operating rooms.

Even with the latest data on the MSSS's dashboard showing a decrease in the number of patients waiting for surgery, it is important to note that we are nowhere near the objective of 2,300 patients on the wait list by 31 March 2025.

What's most worrying is that, in all likelihood, it will be impossible to hit the target in these regions:

Region	Target 31 Dec. 2024	Results 11 Jan. 2025
Capitale-Nationale	83	569
Mauricie-et-du-Centre-du-Québec	36	287
Estrie	216	863
Montréal	676	2515
Outaouais	605	1273
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	0	240
Chaudière-Appalaches	20	254
Lanaudière	271	1122
Laurentides	175	646
Montréal	295	864

Given the data above, which show that the catch-up plan is missing its target in 10 regions of Québec, can the Minister tell us what measures he intends to take quickly to rectify the situation, and what his new targets will be?

(249) Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) – **25 February 2025**

To the Minister Responsible for Sports, Recreation and the Outdoors

On 25 November 2024, the Institut de la statistique du Québec announced the results of the 2022–2023 Québec Health Survey of High School Students, which polled 70,825 students in 483 schools.

Unfortunately, there is evidence of deteriorating health among high school students. Indeed, the percentage of students who consider themselves to be in excellent or very good health has decreased.

	2010–2011	2016–2017	2022–2023
Total	71%	72%	62%
Girls	67%	69%	54%
Boys	75%	76%	70%

Though the survey shows a decrease in cigarette smoking among high school teenagers, the rise in popularity of e-cigarettes, in particular among young girls, is disturbing.

	2016–2017	2022–2023
Total	11%	16%
Girls	8%	19%
Boys	13%	13%

Another worrying aspect of this survey is that nearly a quarter of students claim to have a sedentary lifestyle. Furthermore, a higher proportion of girls are inactive during their leisure time and travel.

	2016–2017	2022–2023
Total	20%	23%
Girls	22%	27%
Boys	19%	20%

The survey also confirms our finding that the pandemic has significantly altered the lifestyles of our teenagers, as nearly half of them (43%) reported a decrease in physical activity.

In light of the Québec Health Survey of High School Students, the purpose of which is to help those who work with youth, including school professionals and health and social service specialists, develop programs that meet young people’s specific needs and implement measures to support their progress while promoting their well-being, my question is the following: what concrete measures has the Minister taken since the disclosure of this information to foster the personal fulfilment of our youth?

(252) Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) – **26 February 2025**
To the Minister of Health

In a few years, the CHU de Québec services currently provided at Hôtel-Dieu de Québec will be transferred to the new hospital complex (NCH).

Since 2018, various committees have been established to decide on what to do with the vacant premises in the Hôtel-Dieu de Québec building, following the relocation of activities to the NCH. In 2018, one committee was created to conduct a preliminary study on the future use of the Hôtel-Dieu de Québec. In 2019, this committee carried out a project to repurpose the premises of the Hôtel-Dieu de Québec, to identify services that could be provided in the building.

In 2021, a third working group published ideas for potential new activities at Hôtel-Dieu de Québec. As a result, a proposal was submitted to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

It is extremely important for the local population to maintain local health services at this major establishment, and to ensure healthcare for the many people who visit Vieux-Québec and Parliament Hill every year. As such, the project to create ambulatory services, including medical and nursing services, psychosocial care services, a community dental clinic and a sexual health clinic met the needs and expectations of the local population.

Since 2021, the citizens involved in the project have not heard from the CIUSSS de la Capitale-Nationale or the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux about the matter. The CIUSSS informed us that, given the new deadlines for the NCH project, if the CIUSSS de la Capitale-Nationale were to continue its work to develop services that meet the needs of the local population, it should have its mandate renewed by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux and consult its partners to devise a common vision for a future project.

My question to the Minister is the following:

Can the Minister of Health reactivate the follow-up committee on the future of Hôtel-Dieu de Québec and confirm that he still intends to give the CIUSSS de la Capitale-Nationale the mandate to develop services that meet the needs of the local population in the Hôtel-Dieu de Québec building?

(256) Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) – **27 February 2025**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

With the closure of winter shelters at the end of March, hundreds of homeless people may not have a shelter solution, at a time when the weather conditions are not yet safe for living outdoors.

This situation increases pressure on public infrastructures, in particular the Société de transport de Montréal (STM) network, where many people seek shelter, which raises cohabitation and user safety issues.

Can the Minister specify what concrete measures will be implemented to ensure that these people are not without shelter in April?

Is the Government planning to allocate additional resources or to extend certain measures to support these vulnerable people?

How is the department working with the STM and other stakeholders to minimize the impact on public transit and ensure effective care for people experiencing homelessness during this critical period?

Lastly, does the Government plan to implement temporary housing solutions or adapt existing infrastructures in order to offer viable alternatives to homeless people?

(257) Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) – **18 March 2025**

To the Minister of Health

Since its official launch on 1 December 2024, Santé Québec has undertaken a series of streamlining efforts to eliminate a \$1.5 billion deficit in the health system. On 14 February, Radio-Canada revealed that 1,700 jobs had been cut in Québec's health network in just two months. These positions include orderlies, nursing assistants and nurses.

Many caregiver representatives have expressed their concern about the impact of these budget cuts on caregivers and have also pointed out that these cuts directly affect services to the population.

It is crucial to underscore that the Minister of Health has repeatedly stated that the budget cuts should have little or no impact on the population. Such a statement from the Minister must have been based on a thorough examination of the number of medical staff required to ensure the continuous operation of health services.

Can the Minister share with us the exact number of departures that have taken place across the network over the past six months, and their distribution by position, region and institution?

(258) Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) – **18 March 2025**
To the Minister of Health

On 23 February, Radio-Canada reported the alarming news that the Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital had temporarily closed many of its emergency room stretchers because of a labour shortage. According to the union, at least 30 of the 54 available stretchers were not accessible.

For many years, the Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital has been experiencing ongoing labour difficulties in the emergency room. These problems include a shortage of nurses and nursing staff, which has resulted in stretchers being closed and hospital units that are overwhelmed. These problems have a direct impact on the hospital's ability to meet patient needs, and temporary measures, such as the reorganization of teams, have been required to address the situation.

This ongoing issue is having a major impact on healthcare. Can the Minister share with us the plan that the HR team has developed and implemented over the past year to address this issue and prevent any service disruptions?

(259) Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) – **18 March 2025**
To the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests

Considering that the U.S. Department of Defense has invested nearly \$12 million in a graphite mine project in Québec, that U.S. technology industries are completely dependent on graphite imports and that the U.S. imports many strategic minerals from Canada, including nickel, niobium, uranium and 70% of its aluminum.

Can the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests specify the Government's position on securing and locally processing these resources, and the measures in place to protect Québec's autonomy against the increasing U.S. interest in these strategic minerals?

(260) Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) – **18 March 2025**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

As is the case elsewhere in Québec, the issue of homelessness in the city of Québec has intensified in the last few years due to complex social, economic and environmental factors. The epicentre of this humanitarian crisis in the city of Québec is in the Saint-Roch district, at the heart of the Taschereau riding.

Several factors contribute to homelessness in the city of Québec, including the shortage of affordable social housing, poverty, and mental health and addiction problems.

In collaboration with community organizations, Ville de Québec has implemented projects to improve the living conditions of homeless people. These projects include temporary housing programs and emergency services for persons living in precarious situations.

On the Québec government level, the Minister Responsible for Social Services has announced a number of new measures in recent years to tackle the rise of homelessness in the city of Québec.

My questions to the Minister are the following:

- 1) Can the Minister provide the list of the public announcements he has made on the issue of homelessness in the city of Québec since the beginning of 2024?
- 2) Can the Minister specify what each announcement represents in terms of new emergency beds for homeless people?

(261) Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) – **20 March 2025**

To the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy

On 15 January 2025, the Institut du Québec published a study on the consequences of the automation of artificial intelligence on Québec labour entitled “Répercussions de l’automatisation et de l’IA sur la main-d’œuvre au Québec : Quels sont les travailleurs et travailleuses les plus vulnérables?” The study highlighted that 810,000 jobs in Québec across 96 different professions, or 18% of the total workforce, are vulnerable to automation, which is the robotization or application of artificial intelligence (AI).

The study noted that manufacturing and public utility workers are most at risk (up to 59%), in particular professions such as administrative assistants, cashiers, and machine operators. Furthermore, youth aged 15 to 24 and people without a diploma were found to be the most vulnerable groups.

The study provides three potential solutions:

1. Accelerate investments in AI and digital technologies, automate certain tasks, and reallocate employees to higher-value functions;
2. Implement structured monitoring of technological developments and support programs in order to foresee sectoral repercussions and facilitate the adoption of technologies by employees; and
3. Reinforce workforce resilience by developing continuous, accessible training, by experimenting with innovative educational approaches, and by integrating the impact of new technologies in forecasts of labour needs.

What is the Government doing to implement these solutions?

(262) Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) – **20 March 2025**

To the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy

According to media reports, senior executives of Azure Power Global, of which the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (Caisse) became a majority shareholder in 2020, paid bribes to obtain contracts, which led to legal proceedings in the United States. The Caisse was alerted to several serious ethical breaches as early as 2022, but no concrete action was taken until 2023.

As of 31 December 2023, the Caisse had deployed \$9 billion since the opening of its New Dehli office in 2016.

What steps are being taken to ensure better monitoring of the managers of subsidiaries of the Caisse in India, and all over the world, to make sure this kind of situation doesn't happen again?

(263) Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) – **20 March 2025**

To the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy

In February 2025, the newspaper *Journal de Montréal* published a series of articles that underlined growing concern among industry experts: Québec, once a leader in AI, now appears to be slowing down when compared to increased international efforts, in particular in France and the United States, as well as with initiatives such as DeepSeek.

Since becoming a pioneer in AI in 2018, Québec has fallen behind for multiple reasons, including the lack of a specific legislative framework on AI, the lack of an independent regulatory body, and insufficient investments in AI training and skills development.

Although AI is a rapidly emerging sector, the training and skills development investments required to meet the needs of the labour market are deemed insufficient. In Québec, only 12% of businesses foresee integrating AI into the production of goods and the provision of services, while two out of three companies recognize that they must train their current employees in the use of AI.

Can the Minister tell us what the Québec government is doing to adapt the economy to the evolution of AI, in particular with the emergence of generative AI, and to encourage the adoption of AI by Québec companies?

(265) Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) – **25 March 2025**

To the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

On 11 April 2023, the Minister announced that a consultation tour would be held to determine and prioritize future actions with respect to the well-being of pets, in particular cats and dogs.

It has now been eighteen months since the end of the consultation tour in September 2023, but the Minister has yet to present a plan, despite my colleague the Member for Mont-Royal–Outremont's intervention with the Minister in September 2024.

Can the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food update us on this matter and tell us when we can expect an action plan to be tabled?

(266) Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) – **25 March 2025**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

According to a *La Presse* article published on 7 February 2025, the youth protection office branch in the Mauricie-Centre-du-Québec region, which is currently under trusteeship, has been strongly criticized for refusing to support a young teen victim of sexual assault, despite the perpetrator's conviction. This situation, which reflects a systemic problem, highlights a disturbing failure to protect the fundamental rights of child victims of sexual assault. Such negligence is unacceptable.

What measures does the Minister intend to implement to ensure that the rights of child victims of sexual assault are recognized and systematically protected by youth protection services? Is the Government ready to consider the implementation of a charter of children's rights to ensure better protection for vulnerable youth?

(267) Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) – **25 March 2025**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

In a 15 September 2023 announcement, the Minister underlined the importance of increased collaboration between the different stakeholders in the fight against homelessness. He said that the Québec government, the health and social services network, municipalities, and community organizations all have distinct and complementary responsibilities and means, and that each one has to do their part to improve the situation.

With this in mind, my questions to the Minister are the following:

1. Can the Minister specify each stakeholder's specific responsibilities and means in the fight against homelessness?
2. How does the Minister make sure that these responsibilities are properly coordinated to avoid overlap and optimize the available resources?
3. Has the Government implemented monitoring and assessment mechanisms to measure the efficiency of this collaboration, and if so, what are the main indicators?

(268) Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) – **25 March 2025**
To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

According to a *Le Devoir* article published on 18 February 2025, overdose prevention organizations have their backs against the wall. The Groupe de recherche et d'intervention psychosociale (GRIP)'s mobile service, which helps prevent overdoses at festivals, is currently at risk due to lack of funding, jeopardizing harm reduction in festive environments. Many other prevention organizations have denounced the Government's lack of support despite increasing overdoses. Without a rapid solution, these essential services may disappear and result in increased risk for festival-goers.

Why is funding for the GRIP's mobile service in jeopardy? Is the Government currently holding discussions with these organizations to find a rapid solution before the next festival season?

(269) Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) – **25 March 2025**
To the Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action

For some time now, the public and community sectors have been competing for essential resources, in particular personnel and premises, even though both sectors serve the same populations. Community organizations should instead have the resources they need to continue complementing the public sector, which would reduce the pressure on the latter.

Measure 2.2.1 of the 2022–2027 government action plan on community action provides for the development of a program to ensure support, access to premises and leasehold improvements for community organizations. However, to date no announcement on this measure has been made.

Can the Minister update us on the progress of this plan?

(270) Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) – **25 March 2025**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action

Since the beginning of the trade war with the United States, many community sector stakeholders, including Renaissance Québec, the Chantier de l'économie sociale and La Cantine pour tous, have spoken publicly about the important role that the social economy can play in redefining the Québec economy. They have also promoted short loops and our local businesses as a solution to reduce our dependence on the United States.

Given that the 2020–2025 government action plan on the social economy expires this year and the Minister is working on the next plan, what measures is she considering to ensure that the social economy sector is a bigger part of the Québec economy and has a key role in reducing our dependence on foreign markets?

(271) Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) – **27 March 2025**

To the Minister Responsible for Social Services

We have obtained a copy of the letter (reference code: 24-MS-04518-001) that the Minister sent to Mr. François Gosselin, representative of the Québec group affiliated with the international movement of Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder (RADLD), in which the Minister mentioned the creation of a committee on developmental language disorder (DLD).

However, the response does not mention the committee's mandate, composition or time frame.

1. Can the Minister specify the committee's mandate, composition and objectives?
2. What is the expected time frame for creating the committee and starting its work?
3. Does the Minister intend to consult specialized organizations and affected families as part of this committee's work?

(272) Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) – **8 April 2025**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs

The Minister of Education recently decided to cease funding for access to school sports facilities by the population and municipalities, with retroactive effect to September 2024. This decision unilaterally terminates a 2018 agreement promoting the sharing of school and municipal facilities, which was beneficial for citizens, in particular in the regions, where equipment is less plentiful compared to the major centres.

This measure is contrary to the reciprocal agreement signed on 13 December 2023 in the National Assembly, which underlines the mutual sharing of school and municipal infrastructures as one of its main objectives.

Municipalities and citizens, in particular in the regions, are thus deprived of essential access to equipment that contributes to their quality of life and the vitality of communities. This decision affects not only their morale, but also their trust in our public institutions.

Can the Minister of Municipal Affairs tell us what actions she intends to take to ensure compliance with the reciprocal agreement and to support the municipalities affected by this decision?

(273) Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) – **8 April 2025**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs

The Québec government has undertaken the modernization of the regulatory framework for bodies of water, including flood zones, to ensure the population's safety, protect property, and preserve the environment.

Although this initiative introduces notable improvements, its normative nature appears to limit the integrated planning of built living environments and flood zones.

The INFO-Crue project, intended to map out the watercourses of 50 Québec watersheds, remains incomplete, which only fuels the uncertainty surrounding the precise establishment of flood zone boundaries.

The situation has created an atmosphere of uncertainty for the municipalities and citizens concerned and makes it more difficult to adequately plan out living environments. Furthermore, the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal expressed concerns with regard to the impact of the new regulatory framework, which would situate 15,508 additional buildings in flood zones, for a total property value of \$9.9 billion.

Can the Minister of Municipal Affairs clarify and indicate how her department intends to integrate coherent planning for built living environments and flood zones in the context of this regulatory modernization, in order to put an end to the current climate of uncertainty and to ensure the harmonious development of the affected communities?

(274) Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) – **8 April 2025**
To the Minister of Municipal Affairs

Ville de Sherbrooke recently introduced a two-year moratorium on real estate development in nearly a third of its urban perimeter. This measure aims to limit the discharge of wastewater into rivers and comply with legal obligations for water treatment, because of an overloaded municipal network and strong demographic growth.

The moratorium affects around 39 square kilometres of the urban perimeter, in particular the areas with overflow structures or pipes that have reached their maximum capacity. Although there are exceptions, notably for the addition of a single accessory dwelling or for buildings not connected to municipal wastewater infrastructures, this temporary pause on urban development is raising concerns, in particular in the midst of a housing shortage.

Can the Minister Responsible for Housing specify what measures her department plans to take with her colleague at Municipal Affairs to support Ville de Sherbrooke in modernizing its wastewater infrastructure and to mitigate the impacts of this moratorium on real estate development and housing availability?

(275) Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) – **8 April 2025**
To the Minister of Municipal Affairs

In 2024, housing became the main inflation factor in Québec, surpassing the food basket, with the cost of living rising by 2.3% over 12 months. This was the result of a significant increase in rents, which went up by 8.2% in 2024, due to demographic growth and high borrowing rates. In addition, the Tribunal administratif du logement has suggested a 5.9% increase in rents, a 30-year record in Québec.

The rising cost of housing is putting increased financial pressure on Québec households, particularly affecting those who are most vulnerable.

Can the Minister Responsible for Housing specify what measures are envisaged to mitigate the impact of the rising cost of housing on Québec households and ensure housing affordability in the province?

(276) Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) – **8 April 2025**
To the Minister of Municipal Affairs

Despite the moratorium on evictions and the protection of seniors, lessees who have lived in their dwelling for 30 years are currently under threat of eviction. Notably, in Laval, an owner was authorized to demolish four buildings, which led to the eviction of approximately sixty households. This situation raises concerns with regard to the effectiveness of the measures implemented to protect vulnerable lessees, in particular seniors, against such evictions.

Can the Minister Responsible for Housing explain how such evictions are possible despite the moratorium currently in force, and can she tell us what actions her department is considering to reinforce the protection of seniors against such situations?

(277) Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) – **8 April 2025**
To the Premier

For many years now, the Carrefour jeunesse-emploi (CJE) de la Vallée de la Matapédia has been working hard for young adults aged 15 to 35 in the Matane-Matapédia riding. The CJE supports them daily and without exception in the areas of employability (resumes, interviews, training, integration, return to education, perseverance), professional development (guidance, self-improvement, socialization, entrepreneurship) and personal support (discrimination, isolation, poverty, mental and physical health).

The CJE de la Vallée de la Matapédia contacted me to share the constraints and issues they are experiencing with the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale's current measures. These constraints and limits are experienced by all 110 CJE's located across the vast territory of Québec, in each of the ridings represented by the elected officials of our Assembly. It is within their national network, the Réseau des carrefours jeunesse-emploi du Québec, that the CJE's discuss how to best defend the interests of young people, assert their rights, and promote optimal measures for their development.

All CJEs have noticed more stringent eligibility criteria for public employment services, which exclude many young people, a situation that is in complete contradiction with the objective of welcoming ALL youth without discrimination. This restrictive tightening of criteria, together with ever-increasing bureaucratic red tape (an excessive administrative encumbrance that takes up one third of the hours that should be allocated to direct services for young people) are compounded by a rising unemployment rate among youth, in a context where tariff threats are causing an economic slowdown.

Furthermore, dithering with the federal government has led to the lack of renewed funding for the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, which expires in a few days, and thus jeopardizes the implementation of projects, training and support measures.

CJEs were created under the leadership of Premier Parizeau who, like his predecessors of the 70s, was responsible for youth affairs. There is no need for us to convince the Premier about the necessity of supporting our CJEs, as he has already declared right here in our National Assembly that the role of CJEs must be extended, that they have an important role to play, and that they are a wonderful tool that has been underutilized for many years.

Given the current constraints, CJEs cannot fully deploy their services and must limit the support they provide, a situation that is not ideal for young people or for Québec. More specifically, I would ask the following question:

Can we reinforce the mandate given to the Ministers responsible for the programs related to CJEs to grant them the leeway necessary to ensure that their respective administrations take energetic steps to:

- Stop imposing discriminatory measures on access to programs, which exclude thousands of youth from the services provided by CJEs;
- Stabilize funding by putting an end to cuts to direct services provided to young people, for whom CJEs are often the one and only resort to explain their situation and break their isolation;
- Strengthen the youth action plan to be unveiled this spring by giving CJEs a greater role;
- Create a Groupe J (youth group) to the list of measures proposed by Emploi-Québec to provide services tailored to young people's specific needs?

(278) Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) – **9 April 2025**
To the Minister of Health

Since 23 May 2024, nirsevimab (Beyfortus™), a preventive agent that protects young babies and the most vulnerable children against complications from respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), has been on the list of medications for health and social services institutions and has been offered. It is therefore offered free of charge to infants under six months of age at the start of the RSV season, and to children under 19 months of age with health conditions that put them at greater risk of complications.

As part of the Québec government's 2025–2026 budget, tabled on 25 March, the RSV vaccine offer was extended to new age groups and new populations considered vulnerable. Unfortunately, the medication is still not offered to vulnerable children over 19 months of age.

Not only is nirsevimab proven to be effective in preventing RSV-related complications, but its low cost (around \$900 for one dose) is much less than the costs of emergency hospitalization for RSV complications, which can be as much as \$6,000 per day of hospitalization. Many clinicians share this concern and are also calling for a revision of the criteria in order to extend nirsevimab coverage to the most vulnerable children, which would reduce the costs associated with prolonged hospitalizations.

My questions to the Minister are the following:

- 1) Does the Minister of Health intend to expand access to nirsevimab to include disabled children with complex medical care after 19 months?
- 2) Is the lack of access to nirsevimab after 19 months related to Health Canada's authorization?
- 3) If nirsevimab cannot be delivered to children over 19 months of age, would it be possible to extend coverage of Synagis (palivizumab immunoprophylaxis), the preventive treatment previously recommended to prevent RSV-related complications?

Part 6
NOTICES

I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

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