# Bloc Quebecois Platform Summary

## Quebecois Nation

**Promise 1**: Engage in a permanent campaign to make Quebec an independent state. This will allow:

* Coherent government programs to help Quebecois families, regions, and workers;
* The future of the French language;
* A common culture that respects diversity and equality between men and women.

**Promise 2**: Repeal the Clarity Act.

**Promise 3**: Act as a hub for various groups pursuing the common goal of an independent Quebec.

**Promise 4**: Pursue a campaign “ouverts sur notre monde” to reinforce ties to immigrant Quecos communities.

**Promise 5**: Use Ottawa’s diplomatic resources to make Quebec’s independence project known on the world stage.

## Provincial Transfers

**Promise 6**: Reinstate fiscal equilibrium between the provinces by reversing the changes made to the Health Transfer tying it to economic growth back to a minimum increase of 6% each year.

**Promise 7**: Obtain the right to opt out with full compensation of federal programs that encroach on Quebec’s jurisdiction.

**Promise 8**: Treat Hydro-Quebec revenue in the same way as Hydro One revenue.

* This differential treatment currently costs Quebec $330 million in funding.

## Culture

**Promise 9**: Increase Telefilm Canada’s budget.

**Promise 10**: Increase Canada Council for the Arts’ budget to $300 million including funds earmarked for international promotion.

**Promise 11**: In collaboration with the cultural community, review copyright regulations for music online to ensure fair compensation for artists.

**Promise 12**: Promote the creation of online audio/visual content through a streaming service license.

**Promise 13**: Pursue a budget of $200 million for Radio-Canada and ensure that its independence is respected.

**Promise 14**: Exempt books from the GST.

## Citizenship

**Promise 15**: Propose a bill subjecting all federally regulated workplaces to Bill 101.

**Promise 16**: Oppose any policy that allows public services to be offered or received with one’s face covered, including casting a ballot and participating in a citizenship ceremony.

**Promise 17**: Propose a law that gives the government of Quebec a veto over deporting any refugee living in Quebec.

## Social Services

**Promise 18**: Lobby to make child benefits non-taxable.

**Promise 19**: Seek $190 million in compensation from the federal government for Quebec’s childcare system.

**Promise 20**: Study and modify how brand name drug prices are set towards reducing the cost.

## Public Services

**Promise 21**: Oppose any anti-union legislation.

**Promise 22**: Reverse recent government actions that have had negative consequences for gender equity, including:

* Funding cuts to women’s groups;
* Declining salary equity;
* Challenges to the right to an abortion.

**Promise 23**: Propose pay equity legislation for all federally regulated workplaces.

**Promise 24**: Work with parties to maintain tax credits for FTQ and CSN pension funds.

**Promise 25**: Put a moratorium on the building of communal mailboxes to replace door to door postal service in order to re-study the proposal.

**Promise 26**: Oppose a toll system on the Champlain Bridge and demand Ottawa pay its share.

## Economy

**Promise 27**: Create an investment fund for key innovation sectors including: multimedia, video games, green technology, advanced transport, new materials, aerospace, pharmaceuticals.

**Promise 28**: Administer federal taxes through Revenue Quebec in order to seek efficiencies.

**Promise 29**: Significantly reform employment insurance to make it autonomous, cover 60% of salary, be accessible as of 360 hours of work.

**Promise 30**: Oppose any weakening of supply management.

**Promise 31**: Provide $300 million in compensation to the dairy industry as a result of CETA.

**Promise 32**: Ensure that capital gains tax exemptions do not hinder agricultural business under family management.

**Promise 33**: Support clean energy development in Quebec.

**Promise 34**: Oppose a national securities commission.

**Promise 35**: Undertake an investigation of Canada`s financial agreements with tax havens as well as the Canada Revenue Agency`s ability to investigate tax evasion, and legislative loopholes that allow large corporations to avoid paying their fair share of taxation.

## Security

**Promise 36**: Increase fees for corporations transporting dangerous goods by rail to increase resources for rail inspection.

**Promise 37:** Provide the required data from the defunct long gun registry for Quebec to establish its own registry.

**Promise 38**: Create a special committee made up of representatives from the different provinces to study the impact of marijuana legalization and regulation.

**Promise 39**: Repeal Bill C-51.

**Promise 40**: Appoint members of Security Intelligence Review Committee through an all-party committee.

## Research and Education

**Promise 41**: Increase funding to post-secondary education.

**Promise 42**: Restore the long-form census.

**Promise 43:** Assign a fair amount of federal research activity to Quebec.

**Promise 44**: Lobby government to restore university research funding to rates prior to 2007 cuts as well as more effective funding criteria than top-down federal assessments administered by Quebecois funding agencies.

## Natural Resources

**Promise 45**: Provide comparable funding to assist the Quebec forestry industry to combat its budworm problem to what was provided to British Columbia under similar circumstances.

**Promise 46**: Create a “Wood Charter” that makes the use of wood in new buildings benefiting from federal funds obligatory. This Charter would also involve the research and review of Canada’s Building Code.

**Promise 47**: Develop a $100 million fund to support Quays along the St-Lawrence.

## Environment

**Promise 48**: Provide Quebec to have a veto over any oil transportation either by pipeline or rail over its territory.

**Promise 49**: Undertake a comprehensive study of government services to identify opportunity to transition towards a green economy.

**Promise 50**: End subsidies to fossil fuels.

**Promise 51**: Create a research and innovation fund for green technology.

**Promise 52**: Block the Energy East pipeline.

**Promise 53**: Develop a climate change strategy that keep rising temperatures within 2 degrees and includes a carbon market.

**Promise 54**: Re-establish funding for climate change research, prioritising the research of the Saint-Lawrence and the Maurice-Lamontagne Institute.

**Promise 55**: Propose legislation to protect the freedom of expression for government funded science.

**Promise 56**: Propose legislation obliging car companies to sell a minimum number of zero emission cars proportionate to the total number of carbon emitting cars.

**Promise 57**: Propose rebate for electric car purchase.

**Promise 58**: Establish a $10 billion a year infrastructure fund for electrified public transportation transferred to be administered by the Quebec government.

**Promise 59**: Increase taxes for the banking and oil sectors.

## International

**Promise 60**: Allow Quebec to represent itself internationally in all matters falling within its jurisdiction.

**Promise 61**: Require Canada to seek Quebec`s consent before it takes a position at UNESCO.

**Promise 62**: Offer support for CETA or TPP only on the condition that compensation is provided to the supply management dairy and egg industry.

**Promise 63**: Only allow foreign military intervention through multilateral agencies sanctioned by the UN.

**Promise 64**: Progressive increase in foreign aid.

**Promise 65**: transfer jurisdiction over sexual assault cases from military to civil courts.

## Indigenous Relations

**Promise 66**: Work towards administrative autonomy in the areas of education, justice, and culture, for indigenous communities under the framework of “Paix des braves”.

**Promise 67**: Recognize that a cultural genocide was committed against Indigenous peoples.

**Promise 68**: Sign the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**Promise 69**: Invest in education for indigenous peoples towards raising quality of life.

**Promise 70**: Call for an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

## Canadian Francophonie

**Promise 71**: Defend the rights of Francophonie outside of Quebec and ensure they have access to equal services.