

## Pre-budgetary consultations

The SISP presents six recommendations and nine proposals to improve support for the economy, preserve public services and reinforce social equity

On Sunday, December 13, on the eve of their meeting with the Minister of Finance, Raymond Bachand, the representatives of the Secrétariat intersyndical des services publics (SISP) met in the presence of the media to present their proposals and recommendations within the context of the pre-budgetary consultations with a view to the tabling of the next budget.



For the SISP's officers, including the President of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, "if the aftershocks of the recession aren't as strong in Quebec, this is precisely because public services generally are more highly developed than in the neighbouring jurisdictions. Investing in public services instead of cutting budgets is still the best way to ensure the continuation of Quebec's social and economic development."

It is possible to consult the complete document presented by the SISP entitled: *Orientations budgétaires du Québec pour 2010-2011* on the FIQ website at the following address:

< <http://www.sisp.qc.net/sites/1677/documents/SISPOrientationsbudget2010-11.pdf> >

## The FIQ publicly objects to a PPP project in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu

On December 7, the FIQ organized a press briefing in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu to object to a project for production of a CHSLD in public-private partnership (PPP) mode in the region. Speaking in turn for this media intervention were the President of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, the President of the *Syndicat des professionnelles de la santé Haut-Richelieu – Rouville* (FIQ), Sylvie Jovin, the MNA for Mercier (Québec Solidaire), Amir Khadir, and the MNA for

Saint-Jean (Parti Québécois), Dave Turcotte.

In its fight against the CHSLD PPP project, the FIQ particularly benefited from the support of the *Alliance du personnel professionnel et technique de la santé et des services sociaux* (APTS). For more details on this issue, see the press release on the FIQ website by clicking on the following link (in French):

< [http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/salle-de-presse/\[...\]](http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/salle-de-presse/[...]) >



## Happy holidays!

The Executive Committee and employees of the FIQ wish you a merry Christmas and a year full of happiness in 2010.

Take advantage of the holidays to rest, but also to celebrate with the people you love.

May you have a joyful, sweet and serene New Year and accomplish the projects dearest to you!

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!



## Postcard campaign

A postcard campaign is currently under way in every region of Québec. The aim is to mark the sad anniversary of the special law imposing conditions of employment, adopted on December 15, 2006, and to insist that the government consider the Common Front's justified and legitimate demands, while reminding it that real negotiations are required this time.

Thus, from December 7 to 17, Common Front activities are being organized in every region of Quebec to deposit postcards at the MNAs' offices.

In Montreal, the regional activity to deposit the postcards was held in front of Jean Charest's office on Tuesday, December 15 from noon to 1 p.m.



## FIQ Express takes a holiday break

The next edition of *FIQ Express* will appear on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at noon.