

The FIQ reacts to the minister's accusations

"Yesterday, true to his art of talking rubbish, the minister of health really outdid himself. Running short on arguments to justify his refusal to offer better front-line care through the efforts of nurses and specialty nurse practitioners (SNP), Mr. Barrette resorted instead to smear tactics and low blows," stated FIQ Vice-President Line Larocque in response to the minister of health's remarks about the FIQ and the SABSA Clinic.

On April 13, 2016, Minister Barrette accused the Federation of wanting to create a "parallel nursing network" and to "weaken the health network" through its "union maneuvers". The minister leveled these accusations in order to explain his refusal to finance the Quebec SABSA Clinic, therefore also refusing that healthcare professionals play a bigger role in front-line caregiving.

"The minister of health refuses to acknowledge that the proposals we brought forward are more efficient, less expensive and more accessible for patients. He does not accept them because there is no place for them in his medically centred vision of front-line care," added Ms. Larocque.

Everyone for home care!

On April 13, 2016, the FIQ held a press conference with the FADOQ Network, the *Conseil de protection des maladies*, the *Regroupement des aidants naturels du Québec* and



Mr. Jean-Pierre Ménard. Together, they demonstrated the impact of the shortcomings of access to home care on the elderly by illustrating the typical profile of a person whose condition requires care.

These organizations are advocating for the implementation of public policy that would maintain quality home care through sufficient and recurring funding as well as guarantee a better structure of care and services that would ensure an adequate quality of life for the most vulnerable people of our society.

2016 Census

The next Census of Canada will be done in May 2016 and the FIQ commends the reinstatement of the mandatory long-form census. In 2011, the FIQ had denounced the Harper government's decision to cancel the mandatory long-form census and replace it with a shorter, optional form.

The 2016 census will provide the government with all the information they need to draw a more detailed portrait of the socioeconomic situation of the Canadian people and to properly evaluate the impact of social policies. In early May, census kits will be sent to every household in Canada. The form can be filled out online or in paper.

For more information regarding the 2016 census, visit the following website: www.recensement.gc.ca.

Take part in the activities of May 1!

Take part in the activities surrounding International Workers' Day on May 1. A walk is planned in Montreal and other activities will also take place in various regions of Quebec.



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