

Parliamentary Committees

Committee on Culture and Education

General consultation

Bill 14, An Act to amend the Charter of the French language, the Charter of human rights and freedoms and other legislative provisions

The Committee on Culture and Education will be holding public hearings beginning March 12, 2013, as part of its general consultation on Bill 14, An Act to amend the Charter of the French language, the Charter of human rights and freedoms and other legislative provisions. This bill is available on the Committee's web page at www.assnat.qc.ca; it may also be obtained by contacting the committee clerk.

Individuals and organizations wishing to express their views on this subject must submit a brief to the Committees Secretariat no later than February 11, 2013. Briefs must be on letter-size paper and include a summary of their contents. They may be sent by email (Word or unlocked PDF) or regular mail, or hand delivered at the reception desk of the Committees Secretariat.

Individuals wishing to voice their views during public hearings without submitting a brief must file a request to that effect with the committee clerk no later than February 11, 2013. The request must include a short statement summarizing the nature of the presentation to be made.

On the basis of these briefs and requests, the Committee decides which individuals and organizations it will hear.

Unless the Committee decides otherwise, briefs will be made public and posted on the Committee's web page, along with any personal information they contain.

Deadlines for submitting briefs and requests are subject to change, as is the opening date for public hearings. If changes are made, the information will be made public via the National Assembly's website without further notice being published in the newspapers.

Another way to provide input is through the online consultation to be launched on February 12, 2013. A questionnaire will be put up on the Committee's web

page at www.assnat.qc.ca. All completed questionnaires will be sent to Committee members and to the Minister responsible for the Charter of the French language, Diane De Courcy, who will sit on the Committee during its work on Bill 14.

Briefs, requests, correspondence and inquiries should be addressed to Ms. Louise Cameron, Interim Clerk of the Committee on Culture and Education, Édifice Pamphile-Le May, 1035, rue des parlementaires, 3^e étage, Québec (Québec), G1A 1A3.

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