

Q1.

Federal contributions to post-secondary education have decreased over time, and we want to correct this situation. Given that education is a provincial jurisdiction, we advocate for an increase in unconditional block transfers to Quebec and the provinces.

Q2.

A few weeks ago, the Bloc Québécois had the opportunity to report to Quebecers on its mandate of less than two years. This report contained definite gains, in particular regarding financial support for research in forestry. Research and science are among the priorities of our party and will be of paramount importance, especially for the ecological transition. This is why we will continue to act accordingly, and we will support the transition to green energies by recommending massive investments in ecological innovation, technological changes, as well as research and development in all regions of Quebec. One of our recommendations therefore consists in redirecting Quebec's share of the funds invested in fossil fuel energies towards the province's clean energies and our research centres, while at the same time maintaining the funding needed for the transition away from fossil fuel energies in Western Canada. Accordingly, on September 4th, we announced that we had entered into a collaborative arrangement with Carboneutre Québec to run a "carbon neutral" election campaign (once again!). Thus, for each ton of greenhouse gas emitted for transportation, the Bloc Québécois will pay an amount of money to offset its GHG emissions, in particular through funding for university research.

Finally, concerning the aerospace industry, our platform also provides for sustained and predictable support for research and development, making it possible to design and build aircraft domestically.

Research is very important for us, and we will continue to encourage and promote it.

Q3.

As mentioned in Question 1, education falls under the jurisdiction of Quebec and the provinces, and we will continue to pressure the [federal] government to transfer Quebec's share of the funding to the province, with no conditions attached.

Q4.

The Bloc Québécois considers that the First Nations education system as a whole is under-funded. Youth represent the hope and the future of the First Nations. Leveraging education and school success as essential assets must be seen as an investment that will help to ensure the future. It is the view of the Bloc Québécois that the future will not be guaranteed through unproductive bickering, but rather through constructive partnership that takes into account the legitimate interests of all concerned. In order to foster school success and higher post-secondary graduation rates, we believe that additional upstream investments are necessary at the primary and secondary levels, which would pave the way for post-secondary education.

Q5.

Yes, collecting better data on workers across sectors will make it possible to put in place legislation and programs that can better meet the actual needs of academic staff. It is the responsibility of Quebec and the provinces to support the work carried out in post-secondary institutions.