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Public Sector Pay Equity Legislation: THE COALITION IS PLEASED

The New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity is pleased with the announcement made during the Speech from the Throne that pay equity legislation will be enacted for the public sector.

"It is a victory and wonderful news: the government recognizes that legislation is critical in achieving pay equity", says Huberte Gautreau, Chair of the Coalition.

Although pleased to see this progress, Huberte Gautreau reminds us that much remains to be done: "We must verify that this pay equity legislation meets its objectives and remember that private sector employees are often in greater need of proactive legislation."

The Coalition looks forward to being consulted as the government moves forward. "It will be a pleasure for the NB Coalition for Pay Equity to work closely with the minister responsible for Status of Women as she develops pay equity legislation", continues Mrs. Gautreau. "This act certainly must meet the needs of women and include all recommendations identified through relevant research."

As Chair of the Coalition, she urges the government to launch discussions on pay equity legislation for the private sector, noting that this was yet another campaign promise.

News of the legislation comes on the week of Pay Equity Day (November 29), held to stress the fact that New Brunswick women lose approximately one month's worth of income due to discrimination.

Pay equity means equal pay for work of equal value. Predominantly female jobs should receive the same pay as predominantly male jobs of same value, with the same employer. The New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity includes 68 organizational members and over 600 individual members.

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