



GAÉTAN BARRETTE CAN'T TELL TIME!

Instead of joining forces with Quebec's family doctors to improve the healthcare system, Minister Barrette is fudging the figures on doctors' workloads to justify Bill 20.

HERE'S THE REAL STORY ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME FAMILY DOCTORS CLOCK AT WORK:

- Quebec's family doctors work, on average, between **45 and 50 hours a week, 45 weeks per year**—and that doesn't include on-call duties.¹
- Using the same methodology adopted by Gaétan Barrette when he was president of the Fédération des médecins spécialistes du Québec, the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) found that family doctors work on average **216 days per year**.²
- The RAMQ data also show that an average of 102 of those 216 days, or nearly half, **should count for more than a day's work** in view of the number of hours worked. Yet they are only counted as single days.²
- Family doctors also put in **a great many additional days and hours on tasks** that neither the RAMQ nor Minister Barrette take into account. And this is essential work, such as teaching, continuing education, analyzing lab tests, administrative tasks and so on.

Quebec's 8,800 general practitioners work in the public interest and care about the health of their fellow citizens. They are aware of the issues surrounding access to health care and are prepared to work together with the government to improve the situation.

BUT THE CONTEMPT DISPLAYED BY MINISTER BARRETTE WITH HIS PROPOSED BILL 20 IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.

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1. National Physician Survey, 2013 and 2014
2. RAMQ Data 2013-2014