Quebec wants 40-hour week for childcare workers

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The Legault government wants childcare workers to work more.

In the midst of negotiations to renew collective agreements, Treasury Board President Sonia LeBel opened up on Wednesday about her demands: 40-hour weeks, rather than the current 32 to 35 hours.

The President of the Treasury Board was responding to a Canadian study that gives Quebec's early childhood education system a less favourable image than that of other provinces.

In this comparative report on early childhood education in the provinces and territories, Quebec is no longer the model to follow, but rather Prince Edward Island, which now pays its educators the best.

Waiting list

Even though the number of childcare places in Quebec has fallen recently, Roy said on Wednesday that the government would meet its 2021 target of creating 37,000 new subsidised places by March 2025.

The Parti Québécois (PQ) was concerned about the data in the Ministry of the Family's scorecard at the end of August. It showed that there were 304,084 places in all types of childcare services, both subsidised and non-subsidised, down from 304,359 in May.

The biggest reduction was in subsidised home childcare (853 places), which could not be offset by the 286 new places created in childcare centres and the 281 new places created in subsidised daycare centres.

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