

## TALQ RESPONDS TO DRAFT PART VII REGULATIONS UNDER THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT

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**Montréal, December 10, 2025** — Today marks an important milestone in modernizing how federal institutions support the development and vitality of official-language minority communities across Canada: the tabling in Parliament of the draft regulations for Part VII of the Official Languages Act. This exercise has been years in the making, and TALQ has followed it closely; guided by a unanimous 2024 AGM motion directing the organization to play a leading role in the parliamentary process for the promulgation of these regulations.

The proposed regulations introduce clearer expectations for federal institutions, including the integration of positive measures throughout program and policy development, structured assessments of impacts on minority communities, and stronger accountability mechanisms. “These regulations finally give teeth to Part VII, moving it from soft expectations to binding requirements,” said Eva Ludvig, President of TALQ. “But obligations must be applied rigorously—Part VII responsibilities do not disappear at the negotiating table.”

A central feature of the draft regulations is the requirement for formal analyses of how federal initiatives advance or risk undermining the vitality of minority communities, including in key sectors such as education, health, justice, employment, immigration, and culture. These assessments must reflect the lived realities of communities across regions. “Consultation cannot be symbolic—it must shape decisions,” Ludvig added, emphasizing the importance of transparency and documentation in the new consultation framework.

The regulations also set clear expectations for federal–provincial agreements, including informing provinces of federal obligations, proposing language clauses, integrating analytical findings into negotiations, and publishing official-languages provisions online. For English-speaking Quebecers—whose access to federal investments is often mediated through provincial agreements—these measures are especially significant. “Our goal is simple: a framework that turns Part VII obligations into measurable improvements in programs, services, and community vitality,” said Sylvia Martin-Laforge, Director General of TALQ.

As the recognized voice for English-speaking Quebecers at the federal level, TALQ will review the draft regulations in detail and participate actively in the upcoming parliamentary process to help ensure that the final regulations are robust, workable, and responsive to the realities of Quebec’s diverse English-speaking communities.

TALQ ([www.talq.ca](http://www.talq.ca)) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together English-language community organizations and individuals across Quebec. Its mission is to identify, explore, and address strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of English-speaking Quebec and to encourage dialogue and collaboration.

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