

Media Advisory

Posting of the Members' Expenditures Report

Ottawa – September 30, 2013 – The <u>Members' Expenditures Report</u> for 2012–2013 is now available to the public on <u>parl.gc.ca</u>.

The Members' Expenditures Report provides detailed information on Members' budgets and how they are used, as well as an overview of resources that are provided to Members by the House. Every dollar that is spent within Members' budgets is reported on. The report can be viewed by Member, by group of Members or for all Members.

Further to the Board of Internal Economy's decision taken on November 21, 2011, the *Members' Expenditures Report* for 2012–2013 improves on past reports by displaying each type of traveller's expenses on a separate line, by disclosing the number of regular, special and USA points, and by presenting secondary residence expenses separately from the Member's accommodation and per diem expenses.

On September 16, 2013, in order to expedite the publishing of the *Members' Expenditures Report*, the Board approved that the report could be published without it being concurrently tabled in the House. In past years, the timing for the annual tabling and posting of the report has been aligned with the tabling of the *Public Accounts of Canada*, which typically occurs in the fall.

The Board of Internal Economy is the governing body of the House of Commons. The Board is created by the <u>Parliament of Canada Act</u> and has equal representation from the governing party and the officially recognized parties (i.e. those holding at least 12 seats in the House). It is chaired by the Speaker of the House. The Board is responsible for establishing <u>by-laws</u>, policies and guidelines relating to expenditures and resources provided to Members in order to carry out their parliamentary functions. This authority is given to the Board by the <u>Parliament of Canada Act</u>.

Consult the Members' Expenditures Report and learn more about the role of the Board on parl.gc.ca.

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Please note that questions related to a specific Member's expenditures should be directed to the individual Member.