

Media Advisory

Board of Internal Economy Bureau de régie interne

Board of Internal Economy Disclosure:

Posting of the *Members' Expenditures Report* for the Second Quarter of 2014-2015

Ottawa – December 12, 2014 – The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Speaker of the House of Commons and Chair of the Board of Internal Economy, confirmed today that the *Members' Expenditures Report* for the second quarter of 2014-2015, which outlines Members' expenditures processed between April 1, 2014 and September 30, 2014, is now available to the public on the Parliament of Canada Web site.

This report can be viewed by Member, by group of Members or for all Members. In addition to the online version, the report is also available in PDF and XML formats.

The *Members' Expenditures Report* for the second quarter of 2014-2015 reflects the decisions announced by the Board, first in October 2013 and then in May 2014, on measures to improve the reporting of Members' expenditures. It also expands on what was previously reported in the *Members' Expenditures Report* for the first quarter of 2014-2015. This report provides further enhancements in the reporting of travel and hospitality expenses, intended to ensure closer alignment with the Government of Canada's proactive disclosure of ministerial expenses. It includes the *Detailed Travel Points Report*, which for the first time contains all trips, as well as the *Detailed Hospitality Expenditures Report* (also for the first time).

For more information on the enhancements to the *Members' Expenditures Report* for 2014-2015, please refer to the backgrounder.

Facts about the Board of Internal Economy

- The Board of Internal Economy is the governing body of the House of Commons.
- It is created by the *Parliament of Canada Act* and has equal representation from the governing party and the officially recognized parties (i.e. those holding at least 12 seats in the House), apart from the Speaker.
- It is chaired by the Speaker of the House.
- The Board is responsible for establishing by-laws, <u>policies and guidelines</u> 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 *Parliament of Canada Act*.
- The Board is committed to public disclosure and posts the minutes of its meetings on <u>parl.gc.ca</u>, along with other key documents.

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