

User Guide

Exploring and discovering the information contained in *Hansard* and *Committee Evidence*

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User Guide

Exploring and discovering the information contained in *Hansard* and *Committee Evidence*

Introduction

The new features available with the online versions of the *Hansard* and *Committee Evidence* allow users to explore, discover and access information from a publication.

For example:

The Table of Contents is in a new spot, so you can access it more easily and at any time.

You can easily and quickly find anything said by a certain Member or anything that has been said about a particular topic.

You can subscribe to two different RSS feeds: Subscribe to a specific **Member's** Activity Feed to receive the content of his/her latest interventions in the *Hansard* and committees, or subscribe to the RSS feed for a **topic** you are interested in and receive the latest interventions of all those (Members, Committees Members and Witnesses) who discussed the topic in the House or committees.

Links to Facebook, Twitter and other social networking sites allow you to share points of interest.

Each intervention provides links to the Member's profile, their votes, the audio and/or video and lists the topics discussed during the intervention.

There is also a link that allows users to access an XML version of an intervention or the publication which can be re-used and re-purposed on other Web sites or in other capacities.

Overview of Options

1) The **Publication Explorer** offers three modes for exploring the publication.

The modes available in the Hansard are:

- Table of Contents
- Members
- Discussed Topics

The modes available in committees are:

- Committee Members
- Witnesses
- Discussed Topics

The **Publication Explorer** is always available, no matter which part of the publication is in use. It can be collapsed or expanded by clicking on the tab.

2) The **Filter by...** option allows you to search for information in the mode chosen.

3) The **Back to top** icon takes you back to the beginning of the publication.

The screenshot displays the Hansard interface for the session of May 6, 2013. The main content area shows the title "PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS" and a sub-section "An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (prize fights)". A sidebar on the right, titled "Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)", contains a "Publication Explorer" section with a dropdown menu for "Explore By:" (set to "Table of Contents") and a "Filter by Order:" button. Below the main content, there are two expandable text boxes. The first contains a motion by Mr. Massimo Pacetti, and the second contains a question from The Acting Speaker (Mr. Bruce Stanton) and a response from some hon. members. Blue arrows from the text above point to the "Table of Contents" dropdown, the "Filter by Order:" button, and the "Back to top" icon (a hand cursor) located near the top of the second expandable box.

- 4) **Social Networking:** Links to Facebook, Twitter and others allow you to share the publication with your social network via your profile.
- 5) **XML:** Click on the XML icon to get the XML version of the intervention which can be re-used and re-purposed on other Web sites or in other capacities.

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Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)

Explore By: Discussed Topics

Discussed Topics

Filter by Topic

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- 6) **Bill Cards:** Get information about a bill mentioned in the text by clicking on the link. You will find information about the bill's sponsor and the last stage completed. The links to votes and bill take you to Parliament of Canada's LEGISinfo website, which provides votes results and additional information about the bill.

The House resumed from May 3 consideration of the motion that [Bill C-60, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 21, 2013 and other measures](#), be read the second time and referred to a committee, and of the amendment.

C-60 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET TABLED IN PARLIAMENT ON MARCH 21, 2013 AND OTHER MEASURES

Short Title
Economic Action Plan 2013 Act, No. 1

Sponsor
Jim Flaherty

Last Stage Completed
Royal Assent (2013-06-26)

Progress:

Recorded Votes on this Bill
 View this Bill on LEGISinfo

- 7) **Intervention Cards:** By clicking on an intervention link, you will have access to the following information and options:
- Information about the Member:** This section includes the Member's name, caucus, constituency and province or territory. To get more information about the Member, click on "MP Profile" and "MP Votes". (Note: this information is not available in a witness intervention card.)
 - Video/Audio:** By clicking on this link, you will be directed to the specific time at which the intervention took place. The video player features standard online video controls, choice of audio streams (Floor language, English or French) and closed captioning (where applicable).
 - RSS Feed:** Click on this link to subscribe to a specific Member's RSS feed and receive the Member's latest interventions in the House or committees. (Note: this option is not available in a witness intervention card.)
 - Social Networking:** Links to Facebook and Twitter allow you to share the intervention with your social network via your profile.
 - XML:** Click on the XML icon to get the XML version of the intervention which can be re-used and re-purposed on other Web sites or in other capacities.
 - Discussed Topics:** This section lists the topics discussed during the Member's intervention. (Note: the names of organizations, documents and the topics regarding the House procedure are not available.)

The **Open/Collapse** tab above the intervention also allows you to access the information or close it.

[Collapse] Share XML Twitter Facebook

Mr. Dave Van Kesteren (Chatham-Kent—Essex, CPC):

 Caucus: Conservative
 Constituency: Chatham-Kent—Essex
 Province/Territory: Ontario

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Discussed Topics:

[Ambassador Bridge](#) [Borders](#) [Canada's Economic Action Plan](#)
[Canada-United States relations](#) [Income tax](#) [Investment](#) [Ports and harbours](#)

Using the Table of Contents to Explore (Hansard only)

If necessary, *click* on the drop-down arrow and *choose* **Table of Contents**.

Click on the Order of Business you want to search, then *choose* the Subject of Business and the Member's intervention.

This screenshot shows the 'Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)' interface. The 'Explore By:' dropdown is set to 'Table of Contents'. Below it, the 'Table of Contents' section is visible, with a search filter 'Filter by Order of Business'. A list of categories is shown, including 'Private Members' Business', 'Government Orders', 'Statements By Members', 'Oral Questions', 'Routine Proceedings', 'Government Orders', and 'Adjournment Proceedings'. A mouse cursor is hovering over 'Oral Questions', which has a tooltip that also says 'Oral Questions'.

This screenshot shows the 'Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)' interface. The 'Explore By:' dropdown is set to 'Table of Contents'. Below it, the 'Oral Questions' section is visible, with a search filter 'Filter by Subject of Business'. A list of subjects is shown, including 'Government Expenditures', 'Labour', 'Taxation', 'Government Taxation Issues', 'Government Advertising', 'Search and Rescue', 'Freedom of the Press', and 'Privacy'. A mouse cursor is hovering over 'Taxation', which has a tooltip that says 'Taxation'.

This screenshot shows the profile of Hon. Ralph Goodale (Wascana, Lib.). It includes a photo, a 'Share' button with social media icons, and a list of links: 'MP Profile', 'MP Votes', 'View this Video', and 'Subscribe to this MP's Activity Feed'. Below the profile, there is a section for 'Discussed Topics' with tags for 'Middle class' and 'Tax policy'. The main text of the intervention reads: 'Mr. Speaker, the Canadian economy has doubled in size over the past 30 years but median household income has grown only by 13%. Middle-class Canada is falling behind and Conservatives are making it harder by imposing more and more middle-class taxes, small business taxes, payroll taxes, new tariff taxes on everything from cancer wigs to the kitchen sink. We cannot blame the Chinese. They do not impose these taxes and they do not pay them. This is a made-in-Canada Conservative attack on the middle class and all those trying to get there. Why?' A blue arrow points from the 'Oral Questions' category in the previous screenshot to this profile.

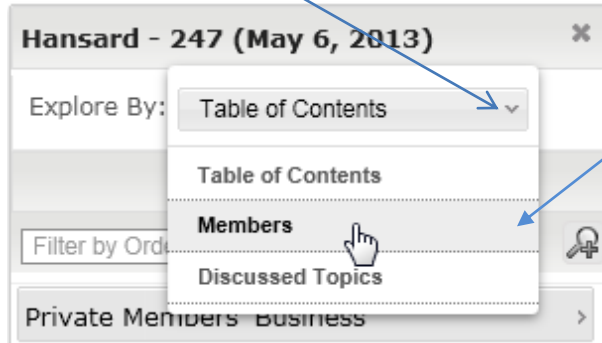
This screenshot shows the 'Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)' interface. The 'Explore By:' dropdown is set to 'Table of Contents'. Below it, the 'Oral Questions' section is visible, with a search filter 'Filter by Name'. A list of members is shown, including 'Hon. Ralph Goodale (Wascana, Lib.)', 'Hon. Jason Kenney (Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, CPC)', 'Mr. Marc Gameau (Westmount—Ville-Marie, Lib.)', and 'Hon. Jason Kenney (Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, CPC)'. A blue arrow points from the 'Taxation' subject in the previous screenshot to this list.

Using the Lists of Interventions to Explore

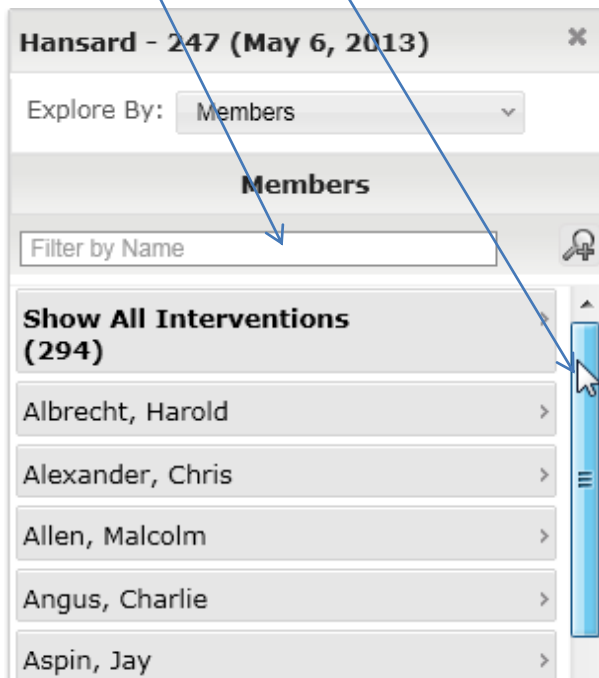
For *Committee Evidence*, click on the drop-down arrow and choose **Committee Members** or **Witnesses**.



For the *Hansard*, click on the drop-down arrow and choose **Members**.



Use the filter or the scroll bar to find the name you are looking for.



Click on the name, then on **Show All Interventions**, then choose the intervention you wish to look at. Note that in the *Hansard*, you can see in which Order of Business the intervention was made.

The image shows a sequence of three screenshots from the Hansard website, illustrating the navigation process for finding a specific intervention by a member.

First Screenshot: Shows the "Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)" page. The "Explore By" dropdown is set to "Members". Under the "Members" section, a search box contains "Mu". Below the search box, a list of members is shown, with "Mulcair, Thomas" highlighted by a mouse cursor.

Second Screenshot: Shows the same page, but the search results are filtered to show only "Mulcair, Thomas". A "Filter by Topic" box is visible. The "Show All Interventions (6)" button is highlighted by a mouse cursor.

Third Screenshot: Shows the "Statements by Members" section for "Mulcair, Thomas". A list of interventions is displayed with their start times. The intervention at 14:18, titled "Oral Questions", is circled in red and highlighted by a mouse cursor. Below this, the text of the intervention is visible, starting with "Mr. Speaker, it is nice to quote the Auditor General, but it is even better to provide the entire quote. This is the bit that comes afterward that they keep leaving out: It's important for there to be...a way for people to understand how this money was spent and that summary reporting was not done. That is what the Auditor General said. The Treasury Board never provided the proper financial statements. It never submitted the documents to back what was spent. What happened to our \$3.1 billion?"

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Begin by *clicking* on the name you are looking for, then click one of the Discussed Topics and choose the intervention you wish to consult. Note that in the *Hansard*, you can see which Order of Business the intervention was part of.

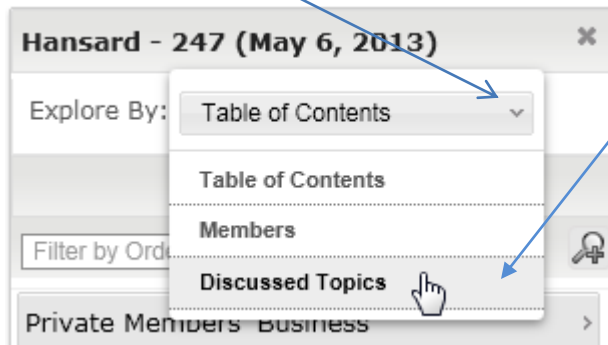
This screenshot shows the 'Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)' interface. The 'Explore By' dropdown is set to 'Members'. Under the 'Members' section, there is a search input field containing 'Mu'. Below the search field, a list of members is displayed, with 'Mulcair, Thomas' highlighted by a mouse cursor. Another entry 'Murray Mulcair, Thomas' is visible below it.

This screenshot shows the 'Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)' interface. The 'Explore By' dropdown is set to 'Members'. The breadcrumb trail shows 'Members' and 'Mulcair, Thomas'. Below this, there is a 'Filter by Topic' search field. A list of topics is shown with toggle switches: 'Government expenditures', 'Terrorism and terrorists', 'Auditor General of Canada', 'Public Safety and Anti-terrorism Initiative', and 'Collective bargaining'. The 'Collective bargaining' toggle is highlighted by a mouse cursor.

This screenshot shows the full intervention text for 'Collective bargaining' by 'Hon. Thomas Mulcair (Leader of the Opposition, NDP)'. The text is displayed in a large font, with a red circle highlighting the words 'Oral Questions' in the first line. The intervention text reads: 'Mr. Speaker, back in 2002, the Conservatives talked about the fact that a billion dollars missing by the Liberals was trying to be swept under the rug. The only change now is that the rug is blue. Now, another little surprise for everyone who likes freedom of the press, who likes the CBC, is to find out that there is now going to be somebody from the Conservatives sitting at the negotiating table. Our only question is this: Is the President of the Treasury Board now responsible for determining whether Peter Mansbridge is allowed to be paid more than Ezra Levant?'. The right sidebar shows the 'Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)' interface with the 'Explore By' dropdown set to 'Members' and the breadcrumb trail showing 'Members' and 'Mulcair, Thomas'. The 'Collective bargaining' topic is selected, and the 'Filter by Name' search field is empty. The list of interventions shows 'Mulcair, Thomas' at 14:21 and 'Mulcair, Thomas' at 14:22.

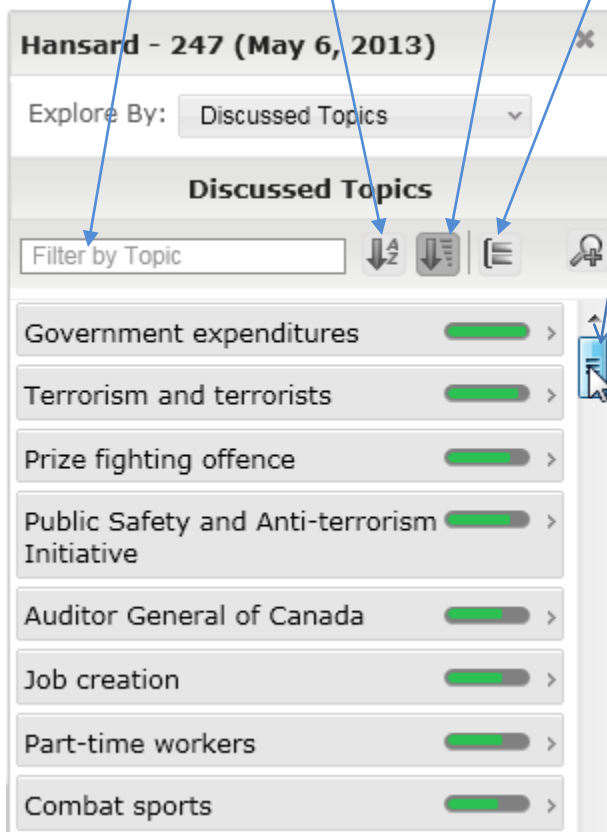
Using the Discussed Topics List to Explore

Click on the drop-down arrow and *choose Discussed Topics*.



By default, the list of topics is sorted by number of occurrences.

Use the filter, alphabetical order and/or the scroll bar to discover the discussed topics or to find the topic you are looking for. In the *Hansard*, regrouping the topics by Order of Business can also help you find a specific topic.



Begin by *clicking* on the topic that you are looking for and then on the intervention.

Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)

Explore By: Discussed Topics

Discussed Topics

Filter by Topic

- International development and aid
- International relations
- Inuit
- Investment
- Invoices
- Job creation
- Job protection**
- Journalist

Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)

Explore By: Discussed Topics

< Discussed Topics

Job protection


Filter by Name

Government Orders

Lamoureux, Kevin	13:50
Gourde, Jacques	16:16
Brown, Lois	16:17
Michaud, Éline	17:28

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Mr. Jacques Gourde:



Caucus: Conservative
 Constituency: Lotbinière—Chutes-de-la-Chaudière
 Province/Territory: Québec

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- MP Votes
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Discussed Topics:

Carbon credits Job protection

Mr. Speaker, I would remind my hon. colleague that Canada's energy sector is extremely important to our economy.

Government support for this sector helps ensure long-term prosperity and safeguards thousands of jobs for all Canadians. Without this support, if we were to follow my dear colleague's logic, Canada would have serious economic problems.

Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)

Explore By: Discussed Topics

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Job protection

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ALSO...

Continue to explore *by clicking* on a topic shown in the intervention card.

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Mr. Jacques Gourde:

Caucus: Conservative
Constituency: Lotbinière—Chutes-de-la-Chaudière
Province/Territory: Québec

- MP Profile
- Federal Political Experience
- MP Votes
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Discussed Topics:

[Carbon credits](#) [Job protection](#)

View other interventions tagged with Carbon credits

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the hon. colleague that Canada's energy sector is extremely important to our economy.

Government support for this sector helps ensure long-term prosperity and safeguards thousands of jobs for all Canadians. Without this support, if we were to follow my dear colleague's logic, Canada would have serious economic problems.

Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)

Explore By: Discussed Topics

Discussed Topics

Job protection

Filter by Name

Government Orders

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Then, *click* on another intervention where the subject has been discussed as well.

[Collapse] Share

Mr. Bruce Hyer (Thunder Bay—Superior North, Ind.):

Caucus: Independent
Constituency: Thunder Bay—Superior North
Province/Territory: Ontario

- MP Profile
- Federal Political Experience
- MP Votes
- View this Video
- Subscribe to this MP's Activity Feed

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Discussed Topics:

[Carbon credits](#)

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the hon. member why they are still, in the budget and for a long time, subsidizing oil companies to the tune of \$1.3 billion a year and increasing taxes on credit unions, as we have just heard?

The really big question is: when are they going to put a price on carbon, which is so clearly and desperately needed if we are to save the planet from the greed of oil companies and oil consumers?

Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)

Explore By: Discussed Topics

Discussed Topics

Carbon credits

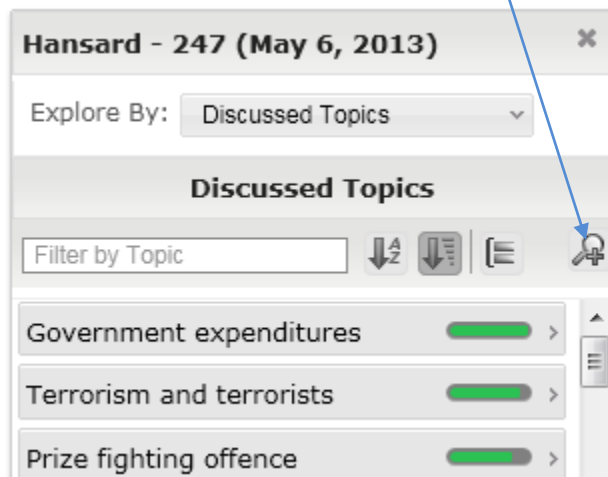
Filter by Name

Government Orders

Hyer, Bruce	16:16
Gourde, Jacques	16:16

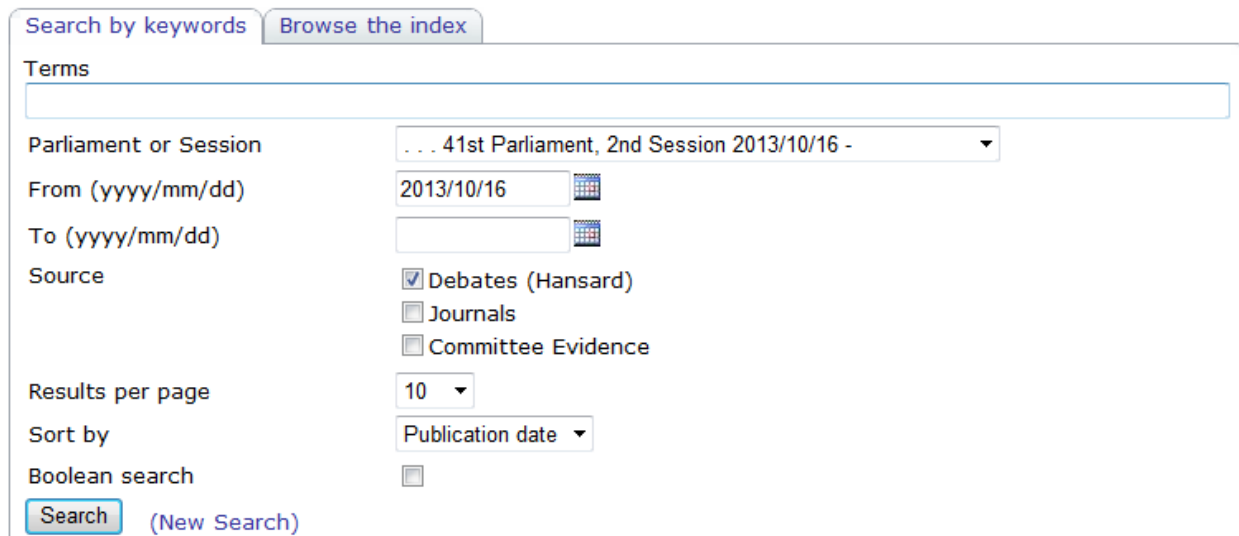
Accessing the Search Tool

The names of organizations, documents and the topics regarding the House procedure are not shown in the Discussed Topics List of the Explorer, nor in the Intervention Cards. To find information regarding these items or to extend your search about a topic beyond the Publication, *click* on the **Access Search Tool** icon.



For more information on the search tool, *click* on the **User Guide** link.

The search tool gives you two main options: **Search by keywords** or **Browse the index**. For more information about it, please consult the [User Guide](#).

A screenshot of a search tool interface. At the top, there are two tabs: "Search by keywords" (selected) and "Browse the index". Below the tabs is a large text input field labeled "Terms". Underneath the input field are several search filters: "Parliament or Session" with a dropdown menu showing "... 41st Parliament, 2nd Session 2013/10/16 -"; "From (yyyy/mm/dd)" with a date field set to "2013/10/16" and a calendar icon; "To (yyyy/mm/dd)" with an empty date field and a calendar icon; "Source" with three checkboxes: "Debates (Hansard)" (checked), "Journals", and "Committee Evidence"; "Results per page" with a dropdown menu set to "10"; "Sort by" with a dropdown menu set to "Publication date"; and "Boolean search" with an unchecked checkbox. At the bottom left, there is a "Search" button and a "(New Search)" link.

Accessing the Video/Audio

Click on the intervention link from which you wish to access the video/audio.

Click on the **View this Video** link.

The image shows two parts of a web interface. On the left is a profile for Mr. Massimo Pacetti, a Liberal MP from Saint-Léonard—Saint-Michel, Québec. The profile includes a photo, a list of links (MP Profile, Federal Political Experience, MP Votes, View this Video, and Subscribe to this MP's Activity Feed), and a section for 'Discussed Topics' with buttons for 'Combat sports', 'Mixed martial arts', and 'Prize fighting offence'. Below this is a snippet of text: 'moved that the bill be read the third time and passed.' On the right is a video player window titled 'ParlVU' showing a scene from a parliamentary session. The video has a 'Publication Explorer' sidebar on the left. The video content includes text overlays: 'THIRD READING / TROISIEME LECTURE', 'AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL CODE (PRIZE FIGHTS)', '§-209', and 'LOI MODIFIANT LE CODE CRIMINEL (COMBATS CONCERTÉS)'. The video player has standard controls like play/pause, volume, and a 'ParlVU' logo.

Click on the **Audio** icon. Then, choose the audio stream.

This image shows a close-up of the video player interface. A context menu is open over the video, listing three options: 'Floor Video' (500K video, 150K video, 32K audio), 'English Video' (500K video, 150K video, 32K audio), and 'French Video' (500K video, 3K video, 32K audio). A mouse cursor is hovering over the 'French Video' option. Below the menu is the video player's control bar, which includes a play/pause button, a volume icon, a closed captioning (CC) icon, and the ParlVU logo.

The video player features standard online video controls and closed captioning (where applicable).

Subscribing to an MP's Activity Feed

For *Committee Evidence*, click on the drop-down arrow of the Explorer and choose **Committee Members**.



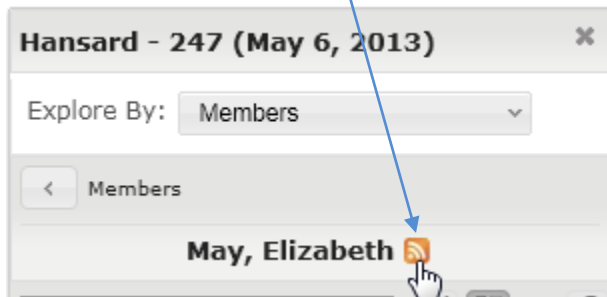
For the *Hansard*, click on the drop-down arrow of the Explorer and choose **Members**.



Use the filter or the scroll bar to find the MP's name you are looking for. Then, click on the MP's name.



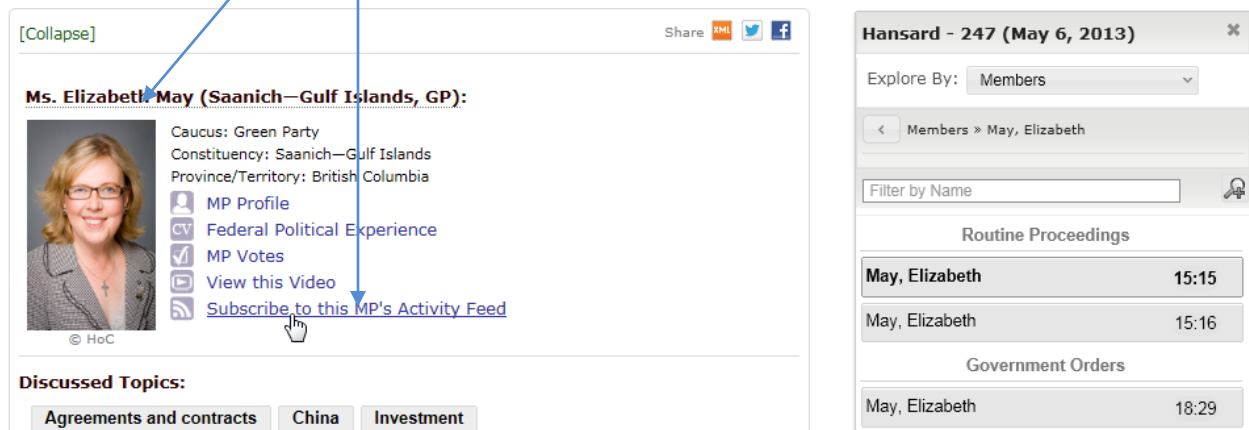
When the MP's name you are looking for is shown on top of the Explorer, *click* on the **Subscribe to this MP's Activity Feed** icon. Then, *follow* the instruction.



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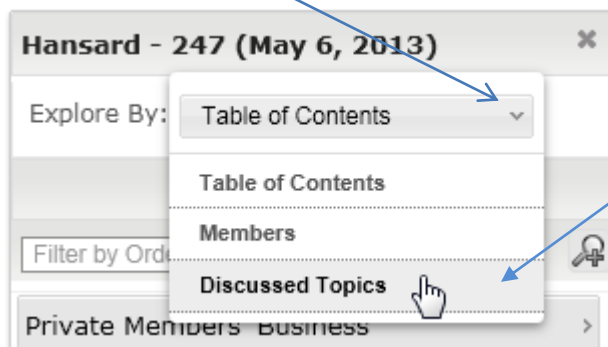
Click on one of the intervention links of the MP of your choice, in the text area.

Click on the **Subscribe to this MP's Activity Feed** link. Then, *follow* the instruction.



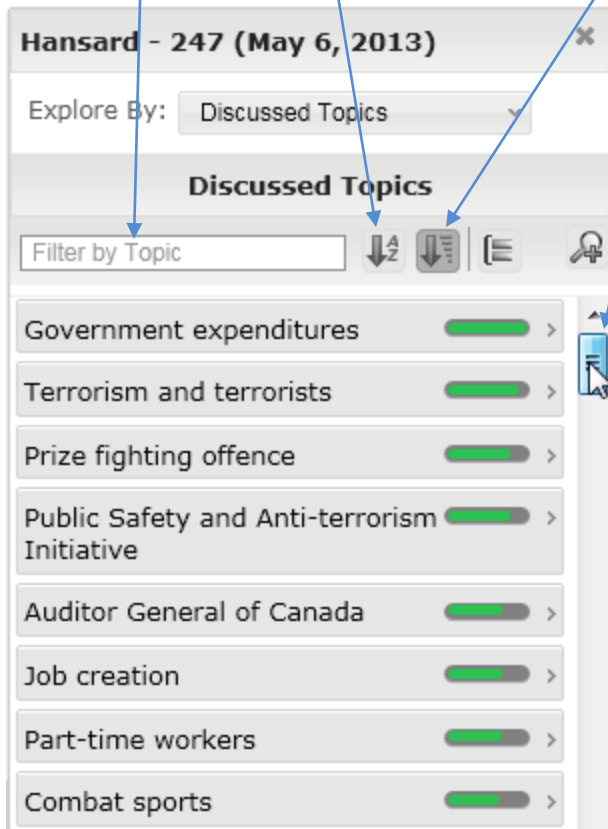
Subscribing to a Topic Activity Feed

Click on the drop-down arrow of the Explorer and *choose* **Discussed Topics**.

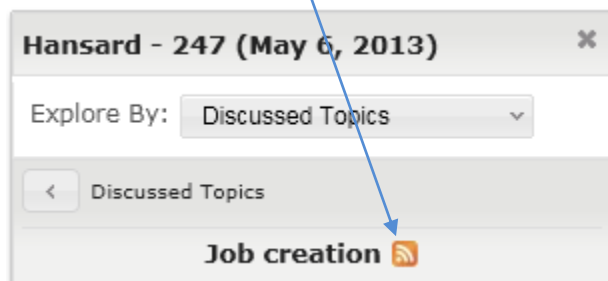


By default, the list of topics is sorted by number of occurrences.

Use the filter, alphabetical order and/or the scrollbar to find the topic you are looking for. Then, *click* on the topic.



When the topic you are looking for is shown on top of the Explorer, *click* on the **Subscribe to this Topic Activity Feed** icon. Then, *follow* the instruction.



-OR-

If the topic you are looking for is shown on an MP's intervention card, *click* on the topic.

When the topic you are looking for is shown on top of the Explorer, *click* on the **Subscribe to this Topic Activity Feed** icon. Then, *follow* the instruction.

The image shows two screenshots from the Parliament of Canada website. The left screenshot is an MP's intervention card for Ms. Joyce Murray (Vancouver Quadra, Lib.). It includes her photo, caucus information (Liberal), and a list of discussed topics: Dividends, Global warming, Government assistance, Income tax, Job creation, Small and medium enterprises, and Tax credits. A blue arrow points from the 'Job creation' button to the right screenshot. The right screenshot is a Hansard Explorer window for Hansard 247 (May 6, 2013). It shows a list of discussed topics, with 'Job creation' selected. Below the topics is a table of government orders with names and times.

Government Orders	
Murray, Joyce	12:16
Brown, Lois	12:27
Hughes, Carol	12:29
Murray, Joyce	12:31
Lizon, Wladyslaw	12:32
Aubin, Robert	13:06

Sharing a Publication on Facebook, Twitter or other

Click on the icon **Facebook**, **Twitter** or one of the other choices on top of the publication that you wish to share with your social network via your profile. Then, *follow* the instruction.

The image shows a screenshot of the Parliament of Canada website. The top navigation bar includes the Parliament of Canada logo, a search bar, and links for Site Map, A to Z Index, Contact Us, and Français. Below the navigation bar are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. A blue arrow points from these icons to the Hansard Explorer window on the right. The main content area shows the title '41st PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION' and 'EDITED HANSARD • NUMBER 247'. The Hansard Explorer window shows Hansard 247 (May 6, 2013) with a list of discussed topics and a filter by topic field.

Sharing an Intervention on Facebook or Twitter

Click on the link of the intervention that you wish to share with your social network via your profile.

Click on the icon **Facebook** or **Twitter** on top of the Intervention Card. Then, *follow* the instruction.

The image shows two screenshots from a parliamentary website. The left screenshot is an intervention card for Ms. Joyce Murray (Vancouver Quadra, Lib.). It includes her name, a photo, and various links like 'MP Profile', 'Federal Political Experience', and 'MP Votes'. Below the card, there are 'Discussed Topics' such as 'Dividends', 'Global warming', 'Government assistance', 'Income tax', 'Job creation', 'Small and medium enterprises', and 'Tax credits'. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'Job creation' topic. The right screenshot shows a 'Hansard - 247 (May 6, 2013)' document. It has a search bar and a list of 'Government Orders' with names and times: Murray, Joyce (12:16), Brown, Lois (12:27), Hughes, Carol (12:29), Murray, Joyce (12:31), Lizon, Wladyslaw (12:32), and Aubin, Robert (13:06).

For Assistance

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Appendix: Browsers and Mobile Devices Compatibility with the New Features

The new features available for the Hansard and Committee Evidence publications may be used on all modern browsers and mobile devices with large screens (i.e. Tablets).

The supported web browsers are: IE 8 to 11, Firefox, Chrome and Safari. Only few problems have been noticed with the video/audio feature when using the browser IE 11. However, these issues should be fixed very soon.

The following mobiles devices (with browsers) are supporting the new features except the video/audio: iPad, Android Tablets with Chrome, Android Tablets with default browser, Android with Firefox; Windows (surface) with IE and Playbook.

Note that the web browsers IE 7 and older versions and all mobiles phones are not supporting the new features.