



MEDIA ADVISORY

Open Meetings of the Board of Internal Economy

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The first open meeting of the Board of Internal Economy will be held on Thursday, October 19, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 237-C in Centre Block. Information about upcoming meetings, links to live audio or video broadcasts and meeting transcripts will be available on ourcommons.ca and on Twitter [@OurCommons](https://twitter.com/OurCommons).

On June 22, 2017, Bill C-44, the *Budget Implementation Act, 2017, No. 1*, received Royal Assent. Further to the coming into force of this legislation, Board of Internal Economy meetings are now open to the public, with certain exceptions.

Under the provisions of the Bill, meetings will be held in camera if the issues being discussed relate to security, employment, staff relations or tenders, if it is prescribed by a by-law, or if the members of the Board present at the meeting unanimously agree to go in camera.

About the Board of Internal Economy

- The Board of Internal Economy is the governing body of the House of Commons.
- The Board 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.
- The proceedings of the Board are now public by default, with certain exceptions provided for in the new legislation.
- The Board is responsible for establishing by-laws, policies and guidelines relating to expenditures and resources provided to Members in order to carry out their parliamentary functions.
- The Board delegates to the Clerk of the House and the House Administration the responsibility to implement its policies and the day-to-day management of House resources.

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