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Statement

Improved Reporting of Members' Expenditures

Ottawa – October 23, 2013 – The Board of Internal Economy has decided to further improve the public reporting of Members' expenditures. In addition to the changes in the most recent *Members' Expenditures Report* posted on www.parl.gc.ca last month, the following improvements will take effect as of April 1, 2014.

Enhanced Disclosure

The enhanced disclosure format will:

- Present service contracts as a stand-alone category (currently Employees' salaries and Service contracts are presented as one line item);
- Present Members' accommodation expenses as a separate category from Members' per diem expenses (currently Members' accommodation expenses and their per diem expenses are presented as one line item); and
- Sub-divide the Hospitality category by Events, Gifts and Meetings (currently presented as one line item).

These improvements build on those made in the [Members' Expenditures Report for fiscal year 2012-2013](#), which displays each type of traveller's expenses on a separate line, discloses the number of regular, special and USA travel points, and presents secondary residence expenses separately from the Member's accommodation and per diem expenses.

Special Travel Point Disclosure

The details of the use of all special travel points will also be disclosed, including: the traveller, the destination, the dates of return and departure, a description of the purpose of travel and the total transportation cost.

Members are allocated a maximum of 25 special travel points, which may be used for travel within Canada, other than to/from a Member's constituency or for special trips to Washington, D.C. or New York City (maximum of 4 special points, of which 2 may be used for New York City).

Quarterly Reporting Starting April 1, 2014

Starting on April 1, 2014, Members' expenditures, including special travel point disclosure, will be reported quarterly. The first enhanced quarterly *Members' Expenditures Report* (April 1 to June 30, 2014) will be published by September 30, 2014. In order for the changes to take effect, changes to financial systems are required.

The new schedule for cumulative quarterly reporting will be as follows: Quarter 1 (April to June), by September 30; Quarter 1 and 2 (April to September), by December 31; Quarter 1, 2 and 3 (April to December), by March 31; and Quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4 (April to March), by June 30.

The Board of Internal Economy is the governing body of the House of Commons. The Board 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). It is chaired by the Speaker of the House. 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. This authority is given to the Board by the *Parliament of Canada Act*. The [minutes of Board meetings](#) are tabled in the House and posted on [parl.gc.ca](#).

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