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Board of Internal Economy Disclosure: Posting of the *Members' Expenditures Report* for the Second Quarter of 2015-2016 and the *Public Registry of Designated Travellers* as at September 30, 2015

Ottawa – December 18, 2015 – The Honourable Geoff Regan, 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 2015-2016 and the [Public Registry of Designated Travellers](#) as at September 30, 2015 are now available to Canadians on the Parliament of Canada [website](#).

Members' Expenditures Report

The *Members' Expenditures Report* for the second quarter of 2015-2016 outlines Members' expenditures processed between April 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015, and includes the *Detailed Travel Points Report* and the *Detailed Hospitality Expenditures Report*.

The *Detailed Travel Points Report* provides additional information on Members' and authorized travellers' trips processed between April 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015 for which travel points were used.

The *Detailed Hospitality Expenditures Report* provides additional information on Members' hospitality expenditures processed between April 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015.

Public Registry of Designated Travellers

The *Public Registry of Designated Travellers* outlines Members' active designated travellers as at September 30, 2015.

Neither the expenses of, nor the designated travellers identified by, newly elected Members are reflected in the reports released today since they were elected outside the reporting period.

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Facts about Members' expenditure reporting at the House of Commons

- Members review and validate their portion of the *Members' Expenditures Report* in the Financial Portal prior to its publication.

- Members' expenditures must be incurred in the discharge of their parliamentary functions. These expenditures are approved by Members and their delegates in accordance with Board policy.
- Members' expenditures are submitted electronically via a system with built-in controls that are aligned with Board policy, after which they are subject to review by the House Administration. However, Members are ultimately responsible for ensuring that all approved expenses are incurred in the discharge of their parliamentary functions.
- Members' expenditures are subject to the *Members By-law* and the *Members' Allowances and Services Manual*. The *Members' Expenditures Report* presents expenditures by budget and expense category (eight main categories). Some categories (i.e. Travel, Printing and Offices) are subdivided to provide further information.
- The House Administration produces and publishes over 4,000 reports annually since three reports are produced every quarter for each Member: the *Members' Expenditures Report*, the *Detailed Travel Points Report* and the *Detailed Hospitality Expenditures Report*.

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 of 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 Board is committed to public disclosure and posts the minutes of its meetings on parl.gc.ca, along with other key documents.

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