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BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
BUREAU DE RÉGIE INTERNE

Statement

Large-Volume Mailings

Ottawa – June 3, 2014 – The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Speaker of the House of Commons and Chair of the Board of Internal Economy has confirmed that further to its statement of [March 24, 2014](#), the Board has determined that certain mailings sent by New Democratic Party (NDP) Members were prepared by and for the benefit of the NDP as a political party and to advance electoral purposes, and are therefore in contravention of the [by-laws](#).

The Board has directed the House Administration to provide advice on appropriate remedies at its next meeting. Further to a previous request for proofs of mailings, the Board also asked that by June 13, 2014, the NDP provide all proofs of mailings related to this matter to the House Administration for analysis.

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](#). In keeping with the Board's commitment to public disclosure, the minutes of Board meetings are tabled in the House and posted on parl.gc.ca, along with other key documents.

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