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Board of Internal Economy Disclosure: Enhanced Reporting of Members' Travel and Hospitality Expenses

Ottawa – May 7, 2014 – The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Speaker of the House of Commons and Chair of the Board of Internal Economy, confirmed today that the Board has approved enhancements to the reporting of Members' travel and hospitality expenses. These enhancements will align the reporting of Members' travel and hospitality expenses more closely with the Government of Canada's proactive disclosure of ministerial travel and hospitality expenses.

These reporting enhancements are further to the <u>March 5, 2014 motion</u>, which was unanimously passed in the House of Commons. In addition, they build on the improvements that the Board announced on <u>October 23, 2013</u>.

For more information about the reporting of Members' travel and hospitality expenses and enhanced reporting for fiscal year 2014–2015, please consult the <u>backgrounder</u>.

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 <u>parl.gc.ca</u>, along with other key documents.

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