



## STATEMENT

### **Review of use of House of Commons resources**

*Ottawa, Ontario – March 8, 2021*

The Honourable Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons and Chair of the Board of Internal Economy, confirms that the Board has reviewed the use of House of Commons resources by Ms. Yasmin Ratansi, Member of Parliament for Don Valley East. The review was undertaken after the Board received a complaint that Ms. Ratansi had inappropriately used her parliamentary resources by employing her sister as a constituency office assistant in breach of the [Members By-law](#).

Pursuant to the [Parliament of Canada Act](#), the Board has the exclusive authority to determine whether expenditures are proper and in accordance with the By-laws, policies and guidelines that it has established.

The Board's review was conducted during the in camera portion of its meetings of November 26, 2020, December 3, 2020, January 28, 2021 and February 25, 2021. As part of the review process, Ms. Ratansi was given opportunities to make written and oral representations to the Board before it made its determination.

At its meeting of February 25, 2021, the Board determined that Ms. Ratansi breached the *Members By-law* by employing her sister in her constituency office from January 23, 2017 to November 2, 2020. As a result, the Board has decided that Ms. Ratansi will be required to reimburse to the House of Commons the termination and severance pay amounts, totalling \$9,391.27, that were paid to her sister when her employment was terminated. The Board also noted Ms. Ratansi's lack of cooperation during its review of the matter.

No further comment will be provided on this matter.

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