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Posting of expenditure reports for Members, Presiding Officers and House Officers

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The Honourable Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons, advised today that the *Summary of Expenditures* for Members, Presiding Officers and House Officers is now available to the public on ourcommons.ca.

The *Summary of Expenditures* for Members, Presiding Officers and House Officers was published for the second quarter of 2020–2021 in an updated format that is in compliance with the *Access to Information Act*.

The new publication includes three detailed reports:

- The *Detailed Travel Expenditures Report*, which includes travel expenditures charged to the Member's Office Budget (MOB);
- The *Detailed Hospitality Expenditures Report*; and
- The *Detailed Contract Expenditures Report*, which includes expenditures resulting from a purchase from any supplier made by a Member, a Presiding Officer, a House Officer or their employees using House funds. The value of the expense, the date of the invoice, the description of the contract and the supplier's name are disclosed for each contract.

Additional background on the updated report formats:

Expenditures summary

The *Members' Expenditures Report* (MER) and the *House Officers' Expenditure Report* has been replaced by a new quarterly *Summary of Expenditures*, which discloses the aggregate amounts for the following categories:

- o salaries;
- o travel;
- o hospitality; and
- o contracts.

Expenses for Members, Presiding Officers, and House Officers will now be disclosed for each individual quarter (instead of cumulatively) within 90 days of the quarter's end.

Travel

The *Detailed Travel Points Report* has been replaced by the *Detailed Travel Expenditures Report*, which discloses all travel expenses incurred by Members using House funds. This report includes:

- o the Member's name;
- o the names of the Member's eligible travellers (except for designated travellers and dependants);
- o the purpose of the travel;
- o the date of the travel;
- o the departure and destination for each travel; and
- o a breakdown of costs for transportation, accommodations, meals and incidentals.

The *Detailed Travel Expenditures Report* includes travel expenses charged to the MOB, which were previously disclosed in aggregate in the MER. Presiding Officers' and House Officers' travel expenses will continue to be disclosed in detail in the *Detailed Travel Expenditures Report*.

Hospitality

Hospitality expenses incurred by Members using House funds are disclosed in the *Detailed Hospitality Expenditures Report*. This report includes:

- o the Member's name;
- o the purpose of the hospitality activity;
- o the date of the hospitality activity;
- o the location where the activity took place;
- o the name of the supplier;
- o the number of persons who attended; and
- o the total cost.

Presiding Officers' and House Officers' hospitality expenditures will continue to be disclosed in detail in the *Detailed Hospitality Expenditures Report*.

Contracts

Any expenses resulting from contracts using House funds will be disclosed in the new *Detailed Contract Expenditures Report*. This does not include employee salaries or any expenses already disclosed in other reports (e.g. the cost of a trip disclosed in the travel report, or the cost of hosting a constituency event disclosed in the hospitality report). This is a departure from the previous summary reports, which previously disclosed expenditures by type, in aggregate.

This report discloses the following details regarding contracts entered into by Members and paid for using House funds:

- o the Member's name;
- o the description of the contract;
- o the supplier's name;
- o the contract invoice date; and
- o the total cost of the invoice.

All questions related to specific expenditures should be directed to that individual Member or House Officer.

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