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Board of Internal Economy Approves Strategic and Operating Review Proposals for the House of Commons (SOR)

OTTAWA (March 28, 2012) – On March 12, 2012, the Board of Internal Economy approved a savings and reduction strategy that will see spending for the House of Commons decrease by \$30.3 million, or 6.9% of the overall budget. These reductions will be phased in gradually and fully implemented by 2014–2015.

Overview of reductions

Reductions are divided as follows:

- Members and House Officers – a reduction of \$13.5 million;
- Committees, Parliamentary Associations and Parliamentary Exchanges – a reduction of \$3.8 million;
- House Administration – a reduction of \$13 million.

Savings for the House Administration will be achieved primarily through budget reductions, operational efficiencies, service delivery transformation, attrition, retirements and the elimination of vacant positions.

As the governing body of the House of Commons, the Board of Internal Economy makes decisions and provides direction on financial and administrative policies of the House. While the House of Commons is independent from the federal government regime, the Board of Internal Economy requested that the House undertake its own review of operations in order to identify possible efficiencies.

The Board of Internal Economy has always placed a high priority on rigorous rules and transparency with regard to financial oversight at the House of Commons.

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