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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Official Opening of the Newly Restored Wellington Building**

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The Honourable Geoff Regan, Speaker of the House of Commons, is pleased to announce the opening of the newly restored Wellington Building. The building will house the offices of 70 Members of Parliament, 10 committee rooms and a Library of Parliament branch in addition to services in support of today's parliamentary functions. The modernization of the buildings within the Parliamentary Precinct will ensure they continue to serve Canada's democratic tradition well into the 21st century.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) collaborated with the House of Commons Administration to ensure that the House of Commons' objectives, priorities and requirements were met throughout the planning and implementation of this project. PSPC was the custodian of the building and responsible for the delivery of the Wellington Building rehabilitation project.

Among the new additions are many green initiatives to decrease waste and costs, as well as to reduce the institution's ecological footprint. They include a glazed skylight that allows natural light to fill the resource library and a green wall of plants that absorbs carbon dioxide, dampens noise and cleans the air. Additionally, a green roof harvests rainwater to irrigate the plants and solar panels preheat hot water for the building.

Furthermore, the building is designed for parliamentary use in accordance with the Long Term Vision and Plan (LTVP). It provides a place for parliamentarians to carry out their work as Members and allows access for all Canadians by providing modern meeting places, committee rooms as well as information and technology tools that facilitate communication. All committee rooms and all offices will be operationally ready and occupied by the beginning of the new year.

#### **Quote**

*"The House of Commons Administration is fully committed to supporting Members and their staff during the transition to their new office space. Teams of dedicated employees within each service area are working diligently to ensure that Members have uninterrupted access to the services they need to fulfill their mandate to serve Canadians."*

– Hon. Geoff Regan

## **Quick Facts**

- The building was first occupied by the House of Commons in 1984.
- Renovations to the building located at 180 Wellington Street began in 2010 as part of the Long Term Vision and Plan(LTVP).
- The entire building structure and facades were upgraded to meet seismic requirements.
- The interior was redesigned with environmental technologies in mind, while preserving its heritage value.
- The historical character of the building essentially remains through the restoration of features such as the lobby mosaic created by muralist Barry Faulkner in 1927.

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