

Publication Search User Guide and FAQ

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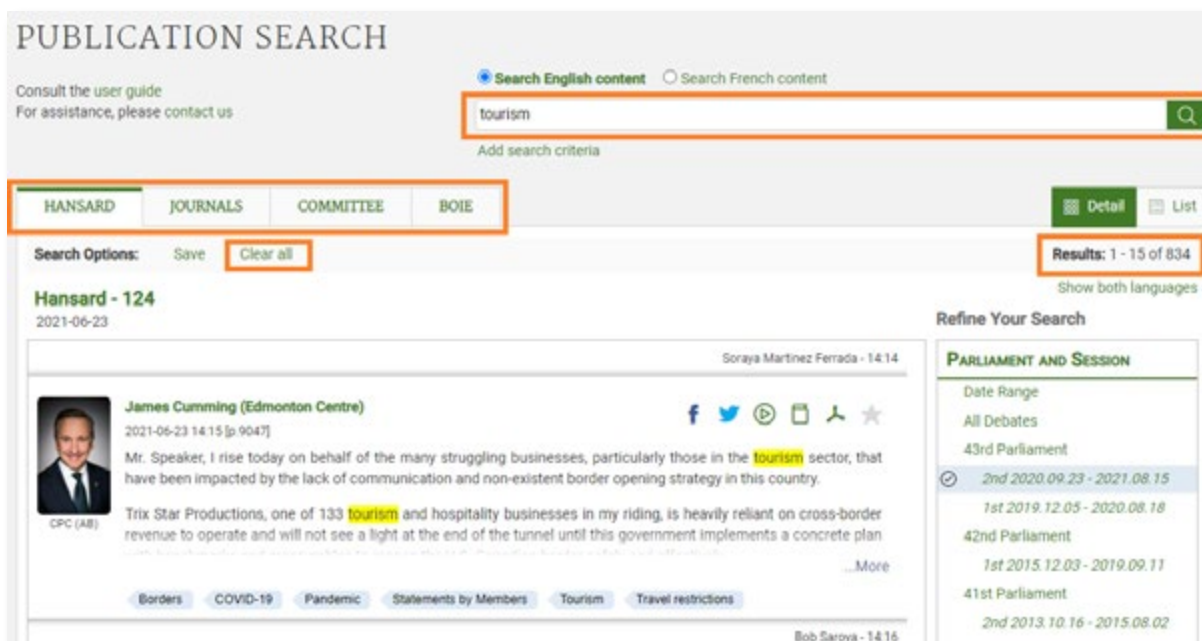
This guide offers a detailed description of how to search Hansard (Debates of the House), Journals, Committee Evidence, and Board of Internal Economy (BOIE) transcripts. See the [Publication Search Quick Start Guide](#) for a short introduction to basic searching.

Search

Select publication to search

Search one publication at a time by selecting its tab: Hansard, Journals, Committee, or BOIE.

Enter keywords in the search box. Switching between tabs will automatically transfer the search words and applied filters from one publication to another.



Use Clear All to reset the search settings before a new search.

Search and display content in both official languages

To search the content of the Publications in either of the official languages, click **Search English content** or **Search French content** located above the search box.

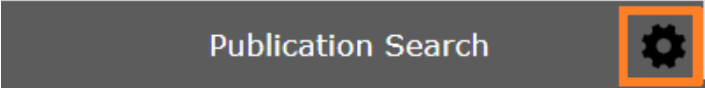
To display search results in both official languages, click **Show Both Languages** option located above the **Refine Your Search** filters. The results will appear in two side-by-side columns.

To switch the display language of the page, click **Français** located in the top right corner.

Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT

Use Boolean operators directly in the search box or use the drop-down **Add search criteria** option.

In mobile browsers, tap on the **Options icon** to access the option.



Three basic Boolean search operators: AND, OR, NOT (use uppercase letters for operators).

Operator	Example	Results
AND	dogs AND cats	Text contains both dogs and cats
[space]	dogs cats	Text contains both dogs and cats
OR	dogs OR cats	Text contains dogs or cats
NOT	dogs NOT cats	Text contains dogs but not cats
exact phrase	"Air Canada"	Text contains exact phrase "Air Canada" Will not find "Air pollution in Canada"

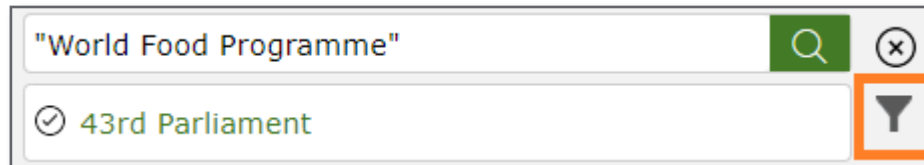
Filters

Refine search results using filters on the right of the screen. Filter options vary depending on the publication being searched.

The number appearing beside each filter term indicates the number of items tagged with the term for that specific search.

Multiple filters can be applied at the same time on any search.

In mobile browsers, tap on the **Filter icon** to access filters.

A search bar interface. The top part contains the search text '"World Food Programme"' in a light blue box, with a magnifying glass icon to its right and a close (X) icon to the right of the magnifying glass. Below this is a filter bar with a green checkmark icon and the text '43rd Parliament' in green. To the right of the filter bar is a funnel icon, which is highlighted with an orange border.

Filter: Parliament and Session

Limit search results to time periods: specific dates, Parliaments, or sessions of Parliament. Search publications dating back to 17 September 2001 (37th Parliament, 1st session, sitting No. 79). Subject indexing, which is displayed as Discussed Topic, is only available from the 39th Parliament, 1st Session in Hansard and Committee evidence; the 40th Parliament, 2nd Session in Journals and 19 October 2017 in BOIE. [See FAQ to learn about earlier publications.](#)

Filter: Order of Business

Limit search results in Hansard and Journals publications to those presented during a specific segment of the fixed parliamentary agenda. For example, clicking on **Oral Question Period** will return results recorded only during this segment of the agenda.

Filter: Discussed Topic

Limit search results to a precise, focused subject. Even when this filter is not selected, all words entered in the search box activate both a full-text search and a search of the **Discussed Topics**. For example, a search for **reindeer** in the search box will yield results with **Caribou**, which is the **Discussed Topic** that has been assigned from a controlled hierarchical vocabulary. A search on a **Discussed Topic** will return results for that term, as well as results tagged with more specific terms that fall below it in the hierarchy. For example, searching for the broad **Discussed Topic** **Cervidae** will display items tagged with the more specific term **Caribou**.

Discussed Topics are assigned to individual paragraphs within an item. When using this filter, the results will show the chosen **Discussed Topic** highlighted in orange at the bottom of the item. Click on one of these **Discussed Topics** to see only those results with that assigned term.

A screenshot of a parliamentary record page. On the left is a profile picture of Hon. Chrystia Freeland (University-Rosedale) and her name. The main text area contains a speech transcript starting with 'Madam Chair, as the member knows, this is the largest and most complex repatriation effort that Canada has undertaken in recent history...' and mentions '144 flights' and '72 countries'. Below the transcript are several tags: 'Canadians in foreign countries', 'Consideration in a Committee of the Whole', 'COVID-19', and 'Health emergencies'. The 'Health emergencies' tag is highlighted in orange. On the right side of the page is a sidebar with two sections: 'ORDER OF BUSINESS' and 'DISCUSSED TOPIC'. The 'DISCUSSED TOPIC' section is expanded, showing a list of topics with counts: 'Health emergencies' (8), 'COVID-19' (8), 'Canadians in foreign countries' (3), and 'India' (3). The 'Health emergencies' item is selected and highlighted with a blue background.

To see all **Discussed Topics**, use the **More** option in the **Discussed Topic** filter on the right of the screen.

Discussed Topic	
COVID-19	34
Epidemics	19
Public health	19
Canadians in foreign countries	11
Air transportation	9
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To search available **Discussed Topics** in the pop-up window, enter words in the **Discussed Topic** filter box. Alternatively, use the drop-down menu in the upper right corner to search **Discussed Topics** according to groupings: **All Discussed Topics**, **Analytical Subject**, **Person**, **Document**, **Organization**. Once the search is complete, use the arrows to sort alphabetically or by number of results.

Discussed Topic	
Filter : world	All Discussed Topics
Discussed Topic ^	Results v
Analytical Subject	
Second World War	23
First World War	5
World Milk Day	4
World Teachers' Day	3
World AIDS Day	2
World Blood Donor Day	2

Filter: Procedural Term

This filter refines search results based on parliamentary rules and procedures used in the House, committees and BOIE. For example, searching for **Federal Elections** and filtering by the procedural term **Opposition Motions** will display all instances of the opposition motion debate concerning federal elections.

Filter: Person Speaking

Search by a person's name, province, or territory they represent, Caucus, or Participation type (committees only).

Results

Understanding search results

The number of search results is displayed in the top right corner. This represents the number of items that match the search query. The results can be further refined using the filters at any time.

The left screenshot shows the 'PUBLICATION SEARCH' interface. The search box contains 'World Food Programme'. The results are displayed in the 'COMMITTEE' tab. The search options are 'Save' and 'Clear all'. The results are listed under 'Committee Evidence - SDIR-2' with a date range of '2020-03-12'. The results include a profile of Marwan Tabbara (Kitchener South-Hespeler) and a list of results. The right screenshot shows the same search results but with a different date range filter applied, showing results from '1st 2019-12-05 - 2020-08-18'.

An exact search (using quotation marks) is highlighted in yellow within the resulting items. Results include plural and singular forms and different verb tenses of the search terms entered, but these variations will not be highlighted in the text. Only searched terms within quotation marks are highlighted.

Typing in the search box will trigger an autocomplete suggestion from the list of **Discussed Topics** and **Procedural Terms**. Choosing to run the search with these suggested terms will return items containing the term as well as items containing all the individual words composing the term.

The screenshot shows the 'PUBLICATION SEARCH' interface. The search box contains 'worl'. The results are displayed in the 'COMMITTEE' tab. The search options are 'Search English content' and 'Search French content'. The results are listed under 'Committee Evidence - SDIR-2' with a date range of '2020-03-12'. The results include a profile of Marwan Tabbara (Kitchener South-Hespeler) and a list of results. The dropdown list of suggestions includes 'World Trade Organization', 'World Food Programme', 'World Health Organization', 'World heritage', 'World Trade Organization (WTO) Agriculture Negotiations', and 'World Accountancy Week'.

Interacting with Search Results

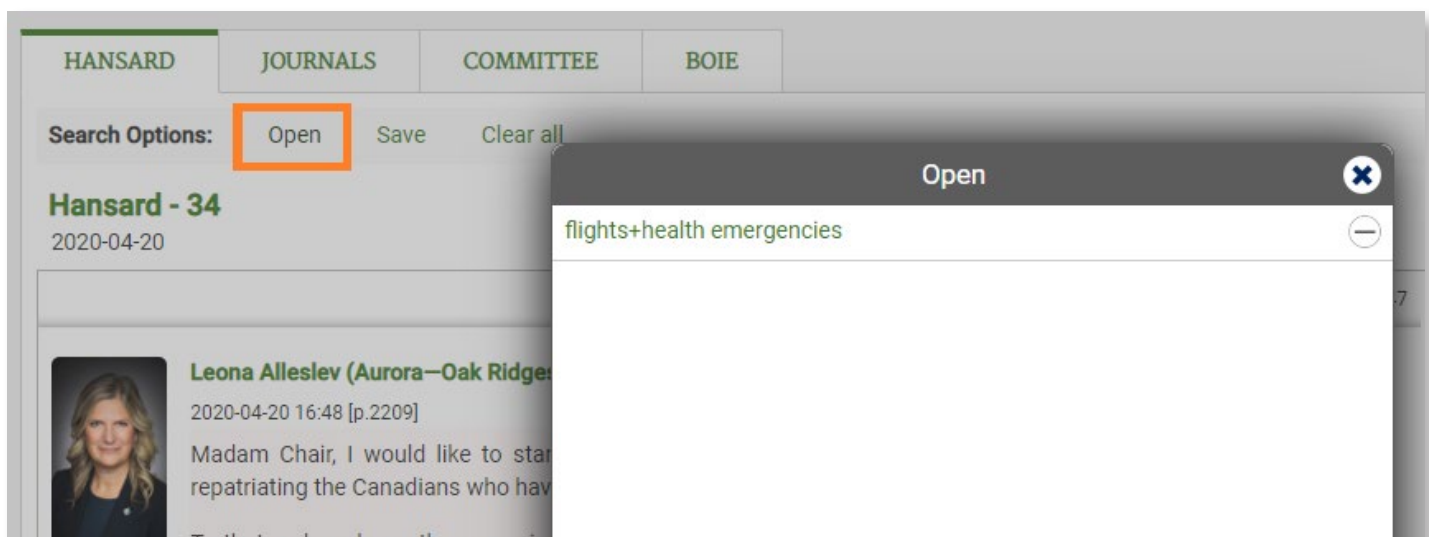
Share, view, or favourite an item by choosing from the icons.



Saving/retrieving/rerunning searches

Search Options are located directly under the Publications tabs. Once a search is tailored, including Publication, Date range, and other Filters, click **Save** and give the search a descriptive name. The website uses cookies to store saved searches on the computer, depending on browser configuration.

To retrieve stored searches, click/tap **Open** in **Search Options** to activate a dialogue box and select from the list of saved searches.



To delete saved searches, click/tap **Open** in **Search Options** and click/tap on the **minus** icon to the right of the search.

Sharing search results

To share search results, run a search (or open a saved search), copy the URL and send it by email or message.

Favourites Tab

Create a list of Favourites by clicking on the star icon. A new tab with a blue star will appear. This list contains all selected items.

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Clear all favouritesResults: 2Show both languages

Hansard - 34

2020-04-20

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau - 16:47



CPC (ON)

Leona Alleslev (Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill)


2020-04-20 16:48 [p.2209]

Madam Chair, I would like to start by thanking the Minister of Foreign Affairs for all the work he has done in repatriating the Canadians who have been stranded abroad as a result of this crisis.

To that end, we know there are significant challenges in India with bringing people back. Violence is increasing and people are finding themselves in really dire situations, not only in the major cities but in the countryside as well. It has been a challenging situation to get those people back. I am wondering if the members opposite could provide some insight on what

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Lib. (ON)

Hon. Chrystia Freeland (University—Rosedale)

2020-04-20 16:48 [p.2209]

Madam Chair, as the member knows, this is the largest and most complex repatriation effort that Canada has undertaken in recent history. To date, working with all members of the House, because all of us have constituents who have been touched by this, we have facilitated the repatriation of over 19,000 Canadians, on 144 flights, from 72 countries. We continue to work with our international partners to get as many Canadians home as we can.

I want to emphasize one thing to all those Canadians who are able to come home, which is that everyone is subject to a

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Leona Alleslev - 16:49

The selected items can come from any or all of the four publications. This list is dynamic, and it is possible to add results from different searches. Click/tap on the **Favourites** tab to see the full list of selected items.

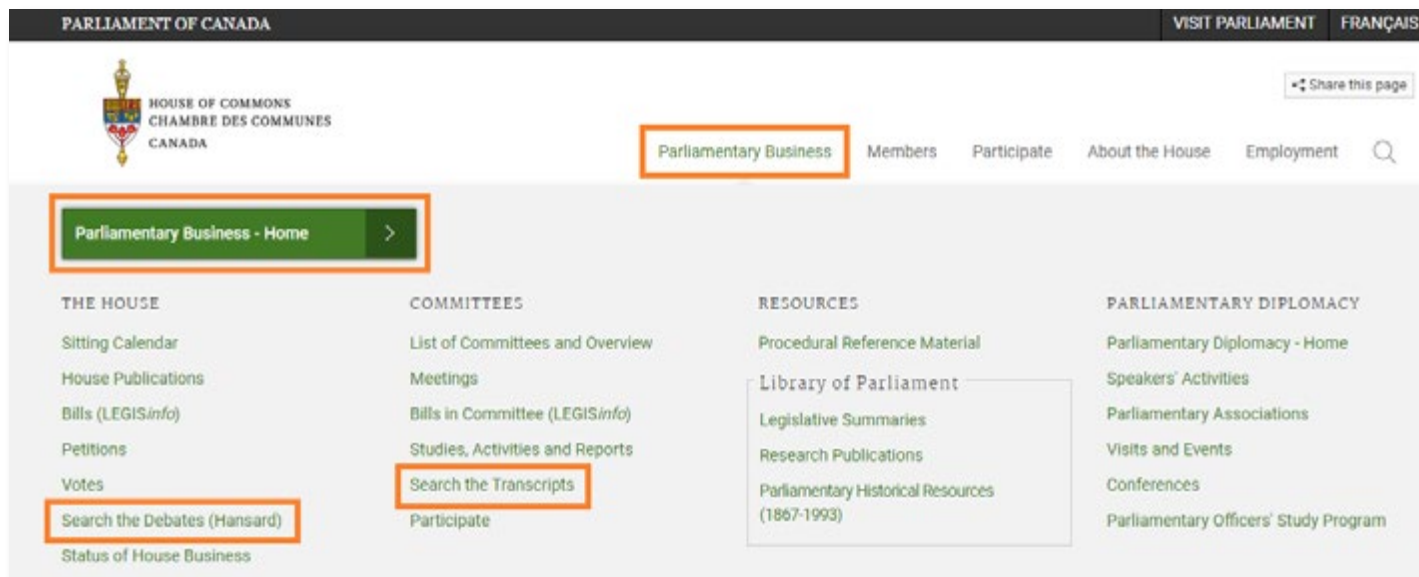
To remove **Favourites**, click/tap on the star beside the result to be removed, or erase all the **Favourites** at once by clicking/tapping **"Clear all favourites"**.

Publication Search uses cookies to store **Favourites** in the user's computer memory (depending on browser configuration). The user has access to the selected items any time they are using that computer. To share the list of **Favourites**, navigate to the **Favourites** tab, copy the URL and send it by email or message.

FAQ

How to find Publication Search on the House of Commons Website

Go to <http://www.ourcommons.ca>. Click on **Parliamentary Business**. Click on **Search the Debates** to view the Hansard, or **Search the Transcripts** to view Committees.



How do I search past sessions of Parliament?

2001 – present (37th Parliament – current session)

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1994 – 2000 (35th - 36th Parliament)

A separate Hansard index is available for each of the sessions of the 35th and 36th Parliaments. These indexes cannot be searched at the same time. Go to <http://www.ourcommons.ca> and Click on **Parliamentary Business**. Click on **House Publications**. Click on the **calendar**. Access each index by clicking on a date in the calendar. (Only dates with green dots in the calendar are indexed, as these are sitting days.) The publication will open for that date and the link to the index is in the top right corner.



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The **Debates** are the report—transcribed, edited, and corrected—of what is said in the House. The **Journals** are the official record of the decisions and other transactions of the House. The **Order Paper and Notice Paper** contains the listing of all items that may be brought forward on a particular sitting day, and notices for upcoming items.

For an advanced search, use [Publication Search tool](#).

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Dates with dots provide a link to available publications.

To access *Debates* and *Journals* from 1867 to 1993, please visit the [Canadian Parliamentary Historical Resources portal](#).

35th Parliament, 2nd Session (February 27, 1996 - April 27, 1997)



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Here are direct links to the indexes for these two parliaments:

35th Parliament, 1st session : <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/35-1/house/hansard-index>

35th Parliament, 2nd session : <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/35-2/house/hansard-index>

36th Parliament, 1st session : <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/36-1/house/hansard-index>

36th Parliament, 2nd session : <https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/36-2/house/hansard-index>

1867 – 1993 (1st – 34th Parliament)

Search publications from the very first session of Parliament (1867) up to the 34th session (1993). Go to <http://www.ourcommons.ca>. Click on **Parliamentary Business**. Click on **Parliamentary Historical Resources (1867-1993)**.

Do I need to use exact spelling?

Publication Search automatically searches for plural and singular word forms, and different verb tenses. These variations of the exact term entered in the search box will be returned in the results, but not highlighted in yellow. Only the exact term searched within quotation marks is highlighted.

There is no autocorrect for spelling. A search in the text box is not case-sensitive, except for Boolean operators (**AND**, **OR**, **NOT**) which must be in upper-case letters.

Enter an acronym in the search box, and the results will include all items with that exact acronym in the text. Depending on the acronym, results will also include **Discussed Topic** tags for the full name represented by the acronym. For example, a search for **AECL** returns all items where this exact acronym appears in the item text, as well as items that have been assigned the **Discussed Topic** term Atomic Energy of Canada Limited

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AECL

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2019-03-20



Hon. Joyce Murray (Vancouver Quadra)
2019-03-21 3:19 [p.26275]
moved:
That Vote 1, in the amount of \$299,320,507, under Atomic Energy of Canada Limited — Payments to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited for operating and capital expenditures, in the Interim Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, be concurred in.


Atomic Energy of Canada Limited

Interim estimates 2019-2020

Interim supply

Motions

Hon. Mélanie Joly - 3:18



Elizabeth May (Saanich—Gulf Islands)
2019-03-21 3:26 [p.26276]
Mr. Speaker, it is the last thing anyone needs, but I meant to vote no, and I am afraid I voted yes. This is one motion I oppose. I do not want any more public money going to AECL while SNC-Lavalin manages it.

Corrections in a vote

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Interim supply

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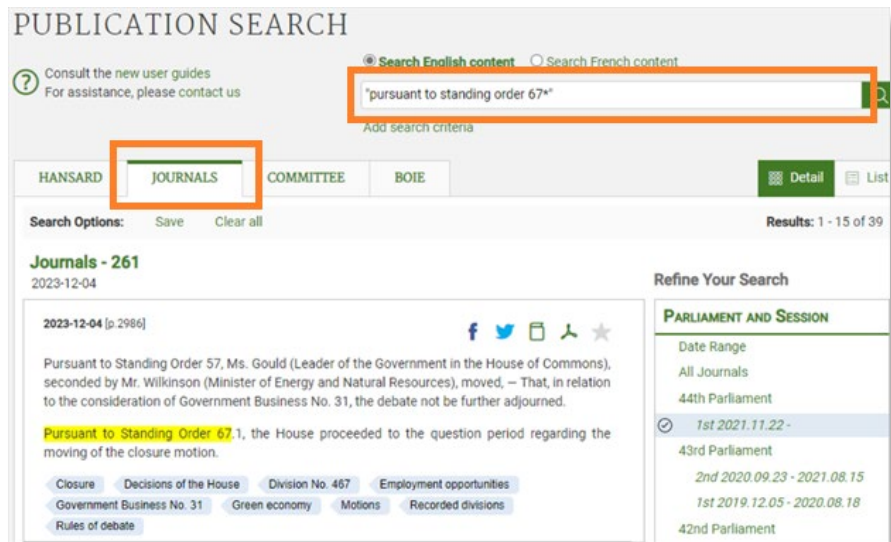
Points of order

Hon. Geoff Regan - 3:19

Why does my search sometimes not work with special characters?

Using characters such as periods, apostrophes or parentheses in the search box can produce unreliable results. To improve results, use quotation marks (") around terms that include special characters. For example, "St. John's" will return only results with this exact term.

To search for Standing Orders containing a period, for example S.O. 67.1, navigate to the Journals tab of the Publication Search. Using quotation marks, type in the standard phrase followed by the number and an asterisk: "Pursuant to Standing Order 67*".



How do I export search results?

Located at the bottom of the Publication Search page, there are options to save and export searches in different formats.



XML option will export search results in XML which can then be imported into a spreadsheet or database.

CSV option will export search results in plain text which can then be imported into a spreadsheet or database.

For more information see [Open Data - House of Commons of Canada \(ourcommons.ca\)](https://ourcommons.ca).

Where can I find copies of Sessional Papers?

A search may turn up references to House of Commons Sessional Papers. The Library of Parliament maintains a collection of these Sessional Papers; search the [Ex Libris LOP catalogue](#) and limit results to Sessional Papers. Contact the LOP directly to ask about access to the full documents: info@parl.gc.ca.

Can I search for languages other than English or French?

Search for items that were presented in a language other than English or French. Click on More within the Procedural Term Filter. In the Filter search box, type in **language** and then select **Language other than official language** from the Analytical Subjects list. The results are items presented in another language. At the bottom of each item, the named language will appear as a Discussed Topic tag. Click on this tag to retrieve all items tagged with that language. This search will include Indigenous languages. To search for items presented in Indigenous languages only, use the procedural term **Indigenous languages in proceedings**. It is important to note that only significant text is tagged with these procedural terms.

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2021-06-02

Hon. Anthony Rota - 14:05



Patricia Lattanzio (Saint-Léonard—Saint-Michel)

2021-06-02 14:07 [p. 7815]

Mr. Speaker, June has been officially recognized as Italian Heritage Month. As such, I would like to turn our attention toward the contributions made by Italian Canadians not only within their local communities, but across Canada.

Within just the last few generations, there have been many Italian Canadians who have worked tirelessly and have been successful in the fields of business, science, education, law and politics. Every day, because of their dedication

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Italian Heritage Month

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Jamie Schmale - 14:08

Churence Rogers - 14:14

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Jasraj Singh Halian - 14:02



Angelo Iacono (Alfred-Pellan)

2021-05-27 14:03 [p. 7492]

[Member spoke in Italian and provided the following translation:]

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Example 1. Find items presented by Candace Laing in the Agriculture and Agri-Food Committee during the 2nd session of the 43^d Parliament.

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Example 2. Find items about **cheese** discussed during **Oral Question Period** during the **2nd session of the 41st Parliament**.

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2019-06-19

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau - 14:53



Ruth Ellen Brosseau (Berthier—Maskinongé)

2019-06-19 14:54 [p.29390]

Mr. Speaker, the dairy and **cheese** industries are losing \$450 million a year. In 2014, my motion to compensate producers following the signing of the Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement was adopted unanimously by the House of Commons. Five years later nothing has been done. There is still no money in the budget for the compensation, and we are still waiting for measures and a program to support our farmers. Successive Conservative and Liberal governments have failed our Quebec farmers.

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Dairy farming

Dairy industry

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Right Hon. Justin Trudeau - 14:54

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2019-05-28

Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau - 14:45



Ruth Ellen Brosseau (Berthier—Maskinongé)

2019-05-28 14:46 [p.28145]

Mr. Speaker, Quebec's **cheese** market is slumping as European cheeses flood in. CETA is not benefiting major players, and it is certainly not benefiting small producers in Quebec.

Domaine féodal, a **cheese** factory in Berthierville, is not even operating at 50% of its capacity. Guy and Lise are doing everything they can to protect their company and employees in the wake of the trade deals signed by the Liberals.

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Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau (Compton—Stanstead)

2019-05-28 14:46 [p.28145]

Mr. Speaker, I want to reassure my colleague, as well as dairy processors. Again, we made a strong commitment to all supply-managed industries. We have created working groups, and we take these discussions very seriously. They will soon see how well we have listened.

Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement

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Jean Rioux - 14:47

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