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As of September 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

Presented to the Board of Internal Economy

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Section 1 – Overview

The *Quarterly Financial Report* is presented to the Board of Internal Economy (Board) in support of the effective oversight of public funds. It compares the year-to-date financial information of the current fiscal year with that of the previous fiscal year.

This current report, covering the six-month period ended September 30, 2024, is prepared on an accrual basis and includes reasonable estimates.

Section 2 – Executive summary

The year-to-date net cost of operations totalled **\$370.6M**, up **\$29.2M (8.6%)** from the same period last year. This is primarily due to:

- higher salaries and benefits due to cost-of-living adjustments for Members, House Officers, and some House Administration employees, alongside additional staffing for Member support projects, parliamentary modernization, and security;
- increased advertising and printing costs due to higher demand;
- greater employer contributions to health and dental plans driven by a change in methodology, as well as higher salaries and contribution rate;
- increased revenue from earlier invoicing for services provided to federal departments; and
- reduced repairs and maintenance due to adjusted building modernization schedules.

The House's net approved budget for 2024-2025 is **\$665.1M**, up **\$48.2M (7.8%)** from 2023-2024.

The net approved budget includes:

- \$623.7M from the Main Estimates;
- \$41.4M from the Supplementary Estimates (B) for:
 - \$21.2M for the 2023-2024 operating budget carry-forward;
 - \$7.7M for security support for Members;
 - \$10.7M for economic increases for certain House Administration employees (a \$0.8M reduction from original submissions); and
 - \$1.8M for employee benefit plans.

As of September 30, 2024, the funding available in the corporate reserve, including the operating budget carry-forward, has been allocated for specific initiatives such as the transformation of parliamentary proceedings, the replacement of the Members' Financial Portal, and the implementation of initiatives that are part of the House's *Accessibility Plan 2023-2025*. A portion of the costs for the transformation of parliamentary proceedings will be absorbed by surpluses under the Members and House Officers program. The House Administration will continue to monitor the current environment, and when feasible, mitigate risks through strong financial planning and management practices that support strategic priorities and effective resource utilization.

The House is operating within its approved authorities and there are no other material items of concern to bring to the Board's attention.

Section 3 – Comparative financial information

Financial results of operations by program

The net cost of operations as of September 30, 2024 totals **\$370.6M** compared to **\$341.4M** in the same period last year, resulting in an overall increase of **\$29.2M** or **8.6%**. The following table shows a breakdown of net cost of operations by program as of September 30 of fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2023-2024.

Table 1. Year-over-year net cost of operations by program as of September 30

(in thousands of dollars)

Program	YTD September 30		\$ Variance	% Variance
	2024-2025 Actuals	2023-2024 Actuals		
Members and House Officers	165,964	155,139	10,824	7.0
Committees, Parliamentary Associations and Parliamentary Exchanges	2,613	3,957	(1,344)	(34.0)
Members and House Officers program	168,577	159,096	9,480	6.0
House Administration program	143,919	130,219	13,700	10.5
Total net operating expenses	312,496	289,315	23,181	8.0
Services received without charge ¹	58,078	52,063	6,015	11.6
Total net cost of operations	370,574	341,378	29,196	8.6

Note: Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.

¹For details on services received without charge, see Table 2.

Financial results of operations by expense and revenue category

The following table presents the net cost of operations by expense and revenue category as of September 30 of fiscal year 2024-2025.

Table 2. Year-over-year net cost of operations by expense and revenue category as of September 30

(in thousands of dollars)

Expense and revenue category	YTD September 30		\$ Variance	% Variance
	2024-2025 Actuals	2023-2024 Actuals		
Operating expenses				
Salaries and benefits	242,178	216,785	25,393	11.7
Transportation and telecommunications	22,600	22,686	(86)	(0.4)
Professional and special services	10,777	10,436	340	3.3
Rentals and licences	13,475	13,308	167	1.3
Computer and office equipment, furniture and fixtures	9,210	9,200	10	0.1
Utilities, materials and supplies	5,231	4,854	377	7.8
Advertising and printing services	5,977	5,262	715	13.6
Amortization of tangible capital assets	4,586	4,989	(402)	(8.1)
Repairs and maintenance	3,624	4,916	(1,292)	(26.3)
Transfer payments to international associations	573	543	30	5.6
Net loss (gain) on disposal of tangible capital assets	76	(99)	175	-
Other	250	395	(145)	(36.7)
Total operating expenses	318,557	293,275	25,282	8.6
Revenues				
Cost recoveries	(4,260)	(2,334)	(1,926)	82.5
Food Services sales	(1,686)	(1,504)	(182)	12.1
Other	(116)	(123)	6	(5.1)
Total revenues	(6,062)	(3,960)	(2,101)	53.1
Total net operating expenses	312,496	289,315	23,181	8.0
Other expenses: services received without charge				
Accommodations	39,300	38,738	562	1.4
Employer's contribution to health and dental insurance plans	18,703	13,227	5,476	41.4
Workers' compensation payments	75	99	(23)	(23.5)
Total other expenses	58,078	52,063	6,015	11.6
Total net cost of operations	370,574	341,378	29,196	8.6

Note: Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.

The year-over-year variances of **\$29.2M** are mainly due to the following items:

- **Salaries and benefits:** The increase is primarily due to cost-of-living adjustments and a higher number of employees for Members and House Officers, and statutory increases in Members' session allowance and additional salaries under the *Parliament of Canada Act*. For the House Administration, the rise is attributed to cost-of-living adjustments for employees, additional staffing for security and the transformation of parliamentary proceedings, and support for Member-focused projects.
- **Advertising and printing services:** The increase is mainly attributed to a higher utilization of advertising services by Members.
- **Repairs and maintenance:** The decrease is mainly due to adjusted building modernization schedules as part of the Long-Term Vision and Plan (LTVP).
- **Revenues:** The increase is primarily due to earlier invoicing of recoveries for services provided to federal government departments such as Public Services and Procurement Canada.
- **Services received without charge:** The increase in the employer's contribution to health and dental insurance plans is primarily driven by a change in methodology, as well as higher salaries and contribution rate.

Approved annual budget (authorities)

The House's 2024-2025 approved budget is **\$665.1M**, up **\$48.2M (7.8%)** from last year, primarily due to:

- \$25.8M for economic increases for House Administration employees;
- \$7.7M for enhanced security support for Members;
- \$5.6M for cost-of-living increases in Members' and House Officers' budgets, including allocations for travel and constituency office leases;
- \$3.6M for lifecycle maintenance of disaster recovery technologies and facilities; and
- \$1.8M for Members' session allowance and additional salaries.

For more details on the year-over-year changes by program and by initiative, see appendices A and B respectively.

Important events and current operating environment

Impacts on spending trends

Inflation: Although the adjusted consumer price index (CPI)¹ dropped from 2.8% in September 2023 to 1.6% in September 2024, the cost of living continues to be high due to ongoing price increases in goods and services. The House Administration does not factor in non-salary inflationary adjustments in the Main Estimates. The House Administration continues to monitor and assess these impacts and will seek additional funding if required.

¹ The adjusted consumer price index (CPI) excludes volatile components like fruits and vegetables, gasoline, mortgage interest rates, and tobacco products.

Business transformation initiatives

Accessibility: The House officially published its [Accessibility Plan 2023-2025](#) in December 2022. Prepared in accordance with the [Accessible Canada Act](#), this plan outlines the steps the House will take to identify, remove and prevent barriers that limit the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities. The House recognizes that every person has their own strengths and challenges, and it values this diversity.

This year will see the completion of most of the Accessibility Plan's initiatives, including the launch of mandatory training for managers, accessibility guidelines for procurement and improvements in digital accessibility and the built environment.

Enhancements to the security environment: Continued advancement on various initiatives regarding security enhancements for Members, which began in 2020-2021, will continue into 2024-2025 and beyond. Those initiatives are to provide a safe and secure environment to Members and their staff when they are in the parliamentary precinct, their residences and their constituencies.

Infrastructure investment: The investment needed to modernize and rehabilitate Centre Block (now known as the Parliament Building) through its LTVP continued this year. The objective is to provide parliamentarians with modernized accommodations to meet their needs in terms of technology, broadcasting and videoconferencing, physical security, cybersecurity, as well as accessibility and sustainability.

Section 4 – Appendices

Appendix A. Annual budget (authorities) by program

The table below reflects the Board-approved authorities in the amount of **\$665.1M** for 2024-2025.

(in thousands of dollars)

Program	2024-2025 Budget	2023-2024 Budget	\$ Variance	% Variance
Members and House Officers	375,976	360,228	15,748	4.4
Committees, Parliamentary Associations and Parliamentary Exchanges	10,047	9,280	767	8.3
Members and House Officers program	386,023	369,508	16,515	4.5
House Administration program	279,058	247,388	31,670	12.8
Authorities approved by the Board	665,081	616,896	48,185	7.8

Note: Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.

Appendix B. Year-over-year changes to approved annual budget (authorities) by initiative as of September 30

(in thousands of dollars)

Description	\$ Budget
2023-2024 Board-approved authorities (incl. Supplementary Estimates B 2023-2024)	616,896
Economic increases approved for certain House Administration employees	15,180
Cost-of-living increases for Members' and House Officers' budgets, including allocations for travel and constituency office leases	5,632
Lifecycling and maintenance of disaster recovery technologies and facility services	3,637
Members' session allowance and additional salaries	1,770
Conferences and assemblies (OSCE, APF, NATO) ¹	779
Members' pensions plans (MPRA and MPRCA accounts) ²	400
Accessibility Plan 2023-2025	(458)
Employee benefit plans (EBPs)	(380)
Supplementary Estimates 2024-2025 vs. 2023-2024 ³	21,626
Total approved budget	665,081

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¹ OSCE: Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, APF: Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie, NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization

² MPRA: Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances, MPRCA: Members of Parliament Retirement Compensation Arrangements

³ The amount includes economic increases of \$10.7M for House Administration employees, \$7.7M for the sustainment and enhancement of security support for Members, and \$1.8M for EBPs. The Supplementary Estimates for 2024-2025 of \$41.4M are included in the approved budget but have not yet received Royal Assent.