

## GUIDE TO THE USERS

The Index to the House of Commons Debates (Hansard) is a cross-referenced subject-based index. Each issue is recorded by date and range of pages; this list may be found under the heading "VOLUMES, DATES and PAGES" on p. xxxiii.

The Index provides general subject analysis as well as subject breakdown under the names of Members of Parliament indicating those matters discussed by them. The numbers immediately following the index entries refer to the appropriate pages in the Debates. The Index also provides lists of certain items, eg. Bills; Divisions; Procedure; Speaker, rulings and statements; Supply motions, etc.

All entries in the index are arranged alphabetically. A typical entry may consist of a main bold heading followed by one or more sub-headings, for example:

**Crown corporations**  
Control and accountability  
Auditor General role

The Index is extensively cross-referenced to account for varying points of view. Cross-references to a first sub-heading are denoted by a long dash "—"; for example:

**Helicopters** *see* Canadian Forces—Search and rescue

Cross references to a second sub-heading are denoted by a comma ","; for example:

**Family allowances** *see* Women—Wife battering, Information

### ABBREVIATIONS

The most common abbreviations found in the Index are as follows:

1r., 2r., 3r., = first, second, third reading    Amdt. = Amendment  
Com. = Committee    M. = Motion    qu. = Question on the *Order*  
*Paper*    r/o = Return ordered    Res. = Resolution    R.A. = Royal  
Assent    S.O. = Standing Order