

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; numerical entries may be found at the end of the index. A typical entry may consist of a main bold heading followed by one or more sub-headings, for example:

Women

Wife battering, homes/shelters, 100
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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:

Housing *see* Women—Wife battering

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

Family allowances *see* Women—Wife battering, Information

The most common abbreviations found in the Index are:

1r, 2r, 3r, = first, second, third reading Amdt. = Amendment Com. = Committee
g.r. = government response M. = Motion qu. = Question on the *Order Paper*
r.o. = Return ordered R.A. = Royal Assent S.O. = Standing Order S.O.
21 = Statement under Standing Order 21

Political affiliations: L = Liberal PC = Progressive Conservative NDP = New
Democratic Party Ind = Independent Ind-L = Independent Liberal

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