

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. xxiii.

The Index provides general subject analysis as well as subject breakdown under the names of Members of Parliament indicating those matters discussed by them. In addition, under each bill there is a listing of all Members that took part in debate. The numbers immediately following the index entries refer to the appropriate pages in the Debates; oral questions are denoted by the abbreviation "o.q.". The Index also provides lists, eg. Bills; Divisions, recorded; Procedure; Speaker, rulings and statements; Supply motions, etc.

All subject entries in the index are arranged alphabetically; procedural entries pertaining to the passage of legislation are arranged chronologically; numerical entries may be found at the end of the index. A typical entry may consist of a main heading followed by one or more sub-headings, for example:

Women

Wife battering, housing, 100, 150
Information, family allowances, o.q., 200, 250

The Index is extensively cross-referenced. 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 g.r. = government response
M. = Motion o.q. = Oral Question qu. = Question on the *Order Paper*
R.A. = Royal Assent r.o. = Return ordered S.O. = Standing Order S.O.
21 = Statement under Standing Order 21

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

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