

Private Members' Business

To be relevant, and I quote: "The information should be meaningful, complete and timely."

To be reliable: "The claims made should be consistent from one information source or another, and over time."

To be understandable: "Anyone who is not an expert should be able to comprehend the information."

Because MPs carry out their functions in different ways, accounting for one MP would reveal very different information than for another MP. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to meet the criteria which the Auditor General believes should be met.

Publishing our individual accounts would need to be qualified about how we do our business. Such publication could lead to misplaced, misleading comparisons between members of Parliament. I do not believe that it would be right to value the most highly that member who

spent the least amount of money and perhaps gave the most amount of heart to his job.

I believe that contrary to the intent of this bill, the effect could perversely be to impede democracy. For that reason I will not support the bill.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There being no further members rising for debate, the time provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired.

Pursuant to Standing Order 96(1), the order is dropped from the Order Paper.

Shall I call it four o'clock?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being four o'clock p.m., this House stands adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 3.50 p.m.