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## Preface

The *Guide to Procedures* is a concise yet comprehensive introduction to the procedures of the House of Representatives, intended for participants in and observers of proceedings in the Chamber of the House and the Main Committee.

*House of Representatives Practice* is the definitive text on the parliamentary law, procedures, and practice of the House of Representatives. The *Guide to Procedures* does not go into such detail, nor does it include as wide a range of subject matter. Thus, for example, topics such as parliamentary privilege and committees are covered here only in as much as they become involved in proceedings in the Chamber.

This fourth edition of the *Guide to Procedures* has been updated to incorporate the procedural changes introduced at the beginning of the 43rd Parliament following the 2010 general election, and refers to the standing orders as at 20 October 2010.



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