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BACKGROUND

Subsection 39 (1) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* leaves open the possible interpretation that the extra-constituency allocation could be used to fund additional trips to the Capital region, beyond the standard allocation. The provision of a definite number of trips to the capital region when the House is not in session supports the contention that other funding sources, such as the extra-constituency allowance, were not generally intended to be used for this purpose. Subsection 39(1) and paragraph 30(d), (e), (f) and (g) of the *Members' Resources and Allowances Rules* need to be read together for proper interpretation.

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Pursuant to subparagraph 20(6)(b)(i), the Commission directs that subsection 39(1) of the *Members' Resources and Allowance Rules* does not permit travel from a constituency outside of the capital region to the capital region, except for the purpose of attendance at a conference or training course, as described in subsection 30(e) of the Rules.

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