



QUESTION Question Period

Exploring practical ideas for improving Question Period and the work of Parliamentary Committees

September 16th, 2010, 8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Government Conference Centre

Draft Agenda

The Public Policy Forum, in partnership with the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, is hosting a conference in September of this year to discuss ways of improving the tenor and tone of debate in Canada's Parliament. Many politicians, pundits, public servants and members of the public have come to lament the somewhat dysfunctional nature of debate in Parliament, with critical commentary especially directed to the committee system and question period. This conference will explore these two issues through panel discussion; as well as include a luncheon conversation featuring Ed Broadbent on making Parliament – especially minority parliament – more functional and hence more meaningful and relevant for Canadians.

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| 8:15 – 8:45 | Arrival and networking (refreshments will be available) |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | Opening remarks

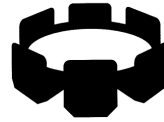
Léo Duguay, President of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians
David Mitchell, President and CEO of Public Policy Forum |
| 9:00 – 10:30 | Panel: Questioning Question Period

Michael Chong, M.P.
Anne McLellan
Jay Hill, M.P. |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Break |

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10:45 – 12:15

Panel: Improving the Work of Committees

John Godfrey
C.E.S Franks, Professor Emeritus, Queen's University
Monte Solberg
Francine Lalonde, M.P.

12:15 – 12:20

Brief Break

12:20 – 2:00

Luncheon

Ed Broadbent
Observations on making Parliament more functional and relevant
Remarks 1:00 – 1:30
Discussion 1:30 – 2:00

2:00

Concluding Remarks and Adjourn

TBD