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Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner
Commissariat aux conflits d'intérêts et à l'éthique

Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons

Information for Members' Offices

TOPICS COVERED

- What is a conflict of interest?
- What is a private interest?
- Gifts
- Sponsored travel
- Letters of support
- Reporting Requirements
- Transparency

AVOIDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST

“When performing parliamentary duties and functions, a Member shall not act in any way to further his or her private interests or those of a member of the Member’s family, or to improperly further another person’s or entity’s private interests.”

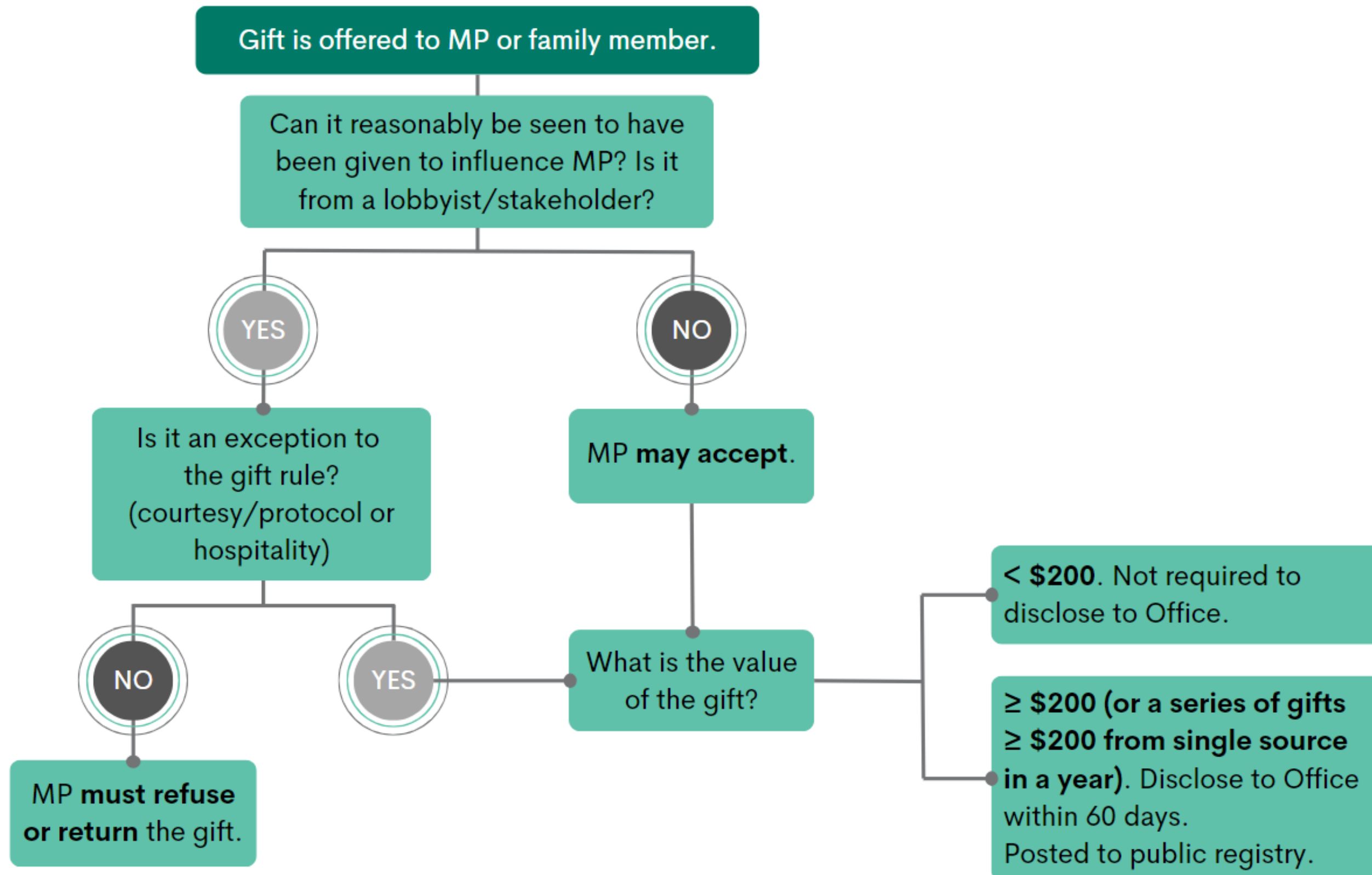
*(Conflict of Code for Members of the
House of Commons, section 8)*

WHAT IS A PRIVATE INTEREST?

A Member is not furthering private interests if the matter:

- is of general application;
- affects Member/other person as one of a broad class (e.g. part of a large group offered the same incentive);
- consists of being a party to legal action as MP;
- concerns remuneration/benefits of Member under Act of Parliament.

GIFTS



SCENARIO

A Member makes a presentation at a school in their riding. After the presentation, the principal offers them a framed drawing of Parliament made by grade 1 students. The frame has a value of \$200.

Should the Member keep the framed drawing?

- a. No. The framed drawing has a value of \$200 or more.
- b. No. A reasonable person would think that the drawing was offered to influence the MP in the exercise of their functions.
- c. Yes. No reasonable person would think that the drawing was offered to influence the MP in the exercise of their functions.



- d. Yes. The gift was received as a a normal expression of courtesy or protocol.
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SCENARIO

A Member receives 4 tickets to a hockey game from a local business. You know that this business has requested a letter of support from the MP related to a recent grant application.

Should the Member accept the tickets?

- ☒ a. No. A reasonable person would think that the tickets are offered to influence the MP
 - b. Yes. Gifts from constituents are acceptable.
 - c. Yes. The gift was received as a normal expression of courtesy or protocol.
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SPONSORED TRAVEL

- Sponsored travel is travel where costs exceed \$200 and not wholly paid from Consolidated Revenue Fund or the Member, their political party or parliamentary association recognized by the House.
- Must be declared within 60 days after end of the trip.
- List of sponsored travel published annually.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- Do not use Member's resources and title to further private interests.
- Write letters that are objective and factual.
- Conduct dealings through regular channels and according to normal procedure.
- Do not provide a blanket endorsement.
- Be particularly cautious dealing with administrative or quasi-judicial tribunals.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Members must report the following to the Office **within 60 days**:

- **Material changes**: Changes to the information Members initially provided to the Office.
- **Acceptable gifts**: Gifts valued at \$200 or more, or \$200 or more from the same source in a 12-month period.
- **Sponsored travel**: Trip worth more than \$200, not fully paid by the government, a political party, a recognized parliamentary, association or Members themselves.

TRANSPARENCY

- Public Registry
- Members' Compliance Status Report
- Investigation Reports



The screenshot shows the official website of the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner (OCIEC). The header features the Canadian coat of arms and the organization's name in both English and French. A navigation bar includes links for 'Français', 'OCIEC Home', and 'parl.gc.ca'. The main content area is titled 'Public Registry Home' and provides information about the public registry of publicly declarable information. It includes a sidebar with links to various registry results and a main text area explaining the purpose of the registry and providing a note about the language of declarations.

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Public Registry Home

All Results on the Public Registry

All Results Published under the Act

All Results Published under the Code

All Gifts (Act and Code)

Sponsored Travel (Code)

Public Registry Home

The Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner maintains a public registry of publicly declarable information under the [Conflict of Interest Act](#) and the [Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons](#).

The registry is a searchable database. Start your search by using the links on the left. To return to the Office website, you can click on the "home" button in the top menu at any time.

NOTE: Declarations submitted before April 25, 2015 are in the preferred language of the reporting public office holder or Member of the House of Commons.

INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

- Public registry
- Declaration Portal
- Forms related to the Code
 - Disclosure Statement
 - Notice of Material Change
 - Public Statement of Sponsored Travel
 - Public Statement of Gifts or Other Benefits
- Members' Compliance Status Report
- List of Sponsored Travel
- Examination and investigation reports
- Annual reports
- Compliance with the Code – Summary of your Obligations as a Member of the House of Commons

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