

OFFICE OF THE SENATE ETHICS OFFICER

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Ottawa, June 10, 2010 – Senate Ethics Officer Jean T. Fournier today released his fifth annual report. The report was tabled in the Senate and covers the period from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

“Last year, said Mr. Fournier, my Office provided senators with over 200 opinions and advice on matters of varying complexity. The numbers confirm that senators are asking before acting or deciding. As the old saying goes: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”.

The annual report reviews the main activities of the Office over the past year, which include providing advice to individual senators concerning their obligations under the Code, assisting them in remaining in compliance with the confidential and public disclosure requirements of the Code, conducting inquiries as may be necessary, and maintaining a Public Registry containing information that is required to be publicly disclosed.

The Senate Ethics Officer is an independent Officer of the Senate. His mandate is to administer, interpret and apply the *Conflict of Interest Code for Senators*.

For more information about the Office and the annual report, please visit the Senate Ethics Office website: www.parl.gc.ca/seo-cse

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