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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010, 9:00 A.M.

ROOM 253-D, CENTRE BLOCK, PARLIAMENT HILL

The House of Commons Question Period ("Oral Questions") is the most high-profile aspect of Parliament, but may also be the most controversial and criticized. Many Canadians, including MPs themselves, express dissatisfaction with both the tone and the substance of Question Period, and call for its reform. But do we really understand Question Period? Can it be changed, and if so, in what ways? The Canadian Study of Parliament Group has invited the Hon. Michael Chong and other distinguished guests to discuss Question Period and its possible reform at an event on Tuesday, September 21 on Parliament Hill.

Mr. Chong will speak to his M-517 motion calling for changes to the Standing Orders and other conventions governing Question Period, and he will be joined by other members of the House to discuss these proposals. Later, a second panel will look more broadly at Question Period in perspective. What purposes does Question Period serve? Do we have unrealistic expectations for it? How does it work in other jurisdictions like Britain?

In addition to Mr. Chong, confirmed speakers include: Denise Savoie, MP, Glen Pearson, MP, the Honorable Sheila Copps and Professor C.E.S. Franks of Queen's University.

Since 1978 the Canadian Study of Parliament Group has worked in a non-partisan capacity to foster discussion and enhance knowledge of parliamentary government. This event will be another timely and important forum for the discussion of a critical aspect of our parliamentary system.

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Registration is transferable but not refundable / Cancellations must be made at least 48hrs prior to the event.

In order to ensure your participation, please send in your registration form BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 to the Canadian Study of Parliament Group, 131 Queen Street, 4th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6. You may also register by fax at 613.943.9949. Thank you.