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Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees



It is my pleasure to present the 2010-2011 Annual Report of the Senate Committees Directorate, describing the activities and expenditures of the directorate and the many committees to which it provides administrative, procedural and other support.

The 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament began on March 3, 2010 with the Speech from the Throne in the Senate Chamber. The next day, the Selection Committee reported its recommendations for committee membership, and committee organization meetings were held shortly thereafter.

Committees soon became active and activity levels remained high until dissolution which ended the session on March 26, 2011. The hours in committee and the number of witnesses who appeared to present their views were significantly higher than the 5-year average.

Committees also found new ways to reach out to Canadians. The Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources became the first Canadian parliamentary committee to use Twitter to engage with Canadians about the country's energy future. The Committee on Aboriginal Peoples sought to reach out to citizens by placing a banner advertisement – the space at the top of a webpage – on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network. The banner redirected online users to the 'enhanced news release' on the committee website and increased the odds that the report would be shared by users who could forward links via social media tools.

The Committees Directorate is proud to provide professional, non-partisan support to Senate committees to help them attain their objectives. We greatly appreciate the feedback we receive from committee chairs and deputy chairs which helps us to assess and improve our services. In addition, the directorate is pleased with the very positive feedback it receives through surveys given to witnesses following their appearance. The responses indicate a very high level of satisfaction, with 99% of witnesses rating the overall services of the Committees Directorate as 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale. These numbers, combined with responses indicating that 98% of witnesses considered their appearance to be useful, demonstrate that the directorate is providing high-quality support to a process that Canadians value.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Lank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Heather Lank
Principal Clerk

Mission Statement

The Senate of Canada, as part of the Parliament of Canada, is an integral part of the federal legislative process. As a legislature, the Senate has established a number of select committees to deal with the examination of bills, estimates and special studies on various subjects. The Committees Directorate serves those committees in the areas of administration, parliamentary procedure and information relating to committee tasks and objectives. In the fulfillment of its mission, the Senate Committees Directorate has the responsibility to:

- provide superior service to all Senators serving on committees;
- perform duties in a courteous, professional and impartial manner;
- respect the principle of confidentiality working with Senators and in supporting committees;
- promote the public image of the Senate in particular and Parliament in general;
- observe the Rules, regulations and policies of the Senate;
- develop human resources; and
- encourage innovation to improve the operations of the directorate.

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Part I – General Information

Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Operating Expenditures

During fiscal year 2010-2011, the directorate provided support to 20 standing, special, and joint committees (and 1 subcommittee).*

Committees Directorate	
(32 person years 2010-2011)	
Operating Expenditures	
Directorate:	\$2,204,141
Committees:	\$687,050
Witnesses:	\$302,448
Other:	\$197,025

Committee Activities

Committees account for much of the activity of the Senate. On average, over 50 bills are examined and 50 special studies are undertaken each year. Each committee is unique in subject matter and purpose. Some committees rarely examine legislation, while others focus almost entirely on bills. There are currently nineteen standing committees of the Senate. The size of committees, their general areas of study and the number of members required for quorum are set under Rule 86(1) of the *Rules of the Senate*.

* All data contained in this report was extracted from the *Journals of the Senate*, the Proceedings of Senate Committees and the records of the Senate Finance Directorate.

Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal years since 2006-2007.

Activity Indicators	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07	5-year average
Meetings	591	514	361	444	541	490.2
Reports	125	131	117	151	154	135.6
Hours in Committee	1060.2	867.1	643.2	775.3	1033.8	875.9
Witnesses	1,887	1,424	1,112	1,381	1,627	1,486.2
Bills	58	51	43	66	40	51.6
Fact-Finding Hours	275.8	439.6	160.9	283.4	371.9	306.3
Pre-Studies/ Subject-matter	1	3	1	3	1	1.8
Special Studies Undertaken	54	63	61	64	58	60
Trips	18	20	14	15	26	18.6

The following table illustrates the various orders of reference received by Senate committees in the fiscal year 2010-2011.

Orders of Reference	No. of Meetings	% of Total Meetings	No. of Hours	% of Total Hours
Bills and Subject-Matter of Bills	142	24.0	274.6	25.9
Special Studies	387	65.5	715.8	67.5
Permanent (Conflict, Internal, Library, Rules, Selection, Scrutiny)	62	10.5	69.8	6.6
Total	591	100	1060.2	100

Legislation

The following table compares the number of bills referred to Senate committees since 2006-2007.

Years	Bills	Total No. of Meetings	Total No. of Hours	Total No. of Witnesses
2010-11	58	140	271.5	689
2009-10	51	86	165.1	398
2008-09	43	85	159.0	338
2007-08	66	121	203.2	429
2006-07	40	100	216.8	427
Five-Year Average	51.6	106.4	203.1	456.2

Special Studies

The following table compares the number of special studies undertaken by Senate committees since 2006-2007.

Years	Special Studies	Total No. of Meetings	Total No. of Hours	Total No. of Witnesses	Hours of Fact-Finding Missions
2010-11	54	387	715.8	1,136	275.8
2009-10	63	362	622.4	984	439.6
2008-09	61	228	429.4	670	160.9
2007-08	64	271	509.3	911	283.1
2006-07	58	359	694.4	1,186	371.9
Five-Year Average	60.0	321.4	594.3	977.4	306.3

Consulting Canadians and Others

Every year, a number of trips are undertaken to gather testimony at the local and regional levels. Committees hold formal public hearings in locations throughout Canada, and undertake more informal "fact-finding" trips both within Canada and abroad. Committee travel provides senators with the opportunity to better familiarize themselves with the issues they are studying and to obtain evidence and information that cannot be obtained in Ottawa.

When committees travel outside Canada to inquire into matters, the meetings are called fact-finding missions, which means they are not considered official proceedings and no transcripts are published. The information gathered, however, is still valid to the committee's inquiry and can be used in a report of the committee.

Aboriginal Peoples (study on matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada – education)

Public hearings:

- o Edmonton, Alberta (October 7, 2010)

Fact-finding missions:

- o Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Lloydminster and Edmonton, Alberta (October 4-8, 2010)
- o Sydney, Nova Scotia and Fredericton, New Brunswick (November 30-December 2, 2010)

Agriculture and Forestry (study on the current state and future of Canada's forest sector)

Fact-finding missions:

- o Vancouver, Williams Lake, Penticton and Kelowna, British Columbia (September 8-10, 2010)
- o Timmins, Ontario (September 15, 2010)
- o Chibougamau, Quebec (September 16, 2010)
- o Thurso and Lachute, Quebec (December 6, 2010)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (study on emerging issues related to its mandate)

Public hearings:

- o Montreal, Quebec (February 8, 2011)
- o Halifax, Nova Scotia, Saint John, New Brunswick, Charlottetown, P.E.I. and St. John's, Newfoundland (February 28-March 3, 2011)

Fact-finding missions:

- o Chalk River and Darlington, Ontario (November 18, 2010)
- o Darlington, Ontario (November 25-26, 2010)
- o Montréal (Québec) (7 février 2011)

Fisheries and Oceans (study on issues relating to the federal government's current and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans – lighthouses)

Fact-finding missions:

- o Sydney, Louisbourg and Halifax, Nova Scotia (May 31-June 3, 2010)
- o Gander, Twillingate, Avalon Peninsula and St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (November 1-5, 2010)
- o Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Prince Rupert and Vancouver, British Columbia (November 16-20, 2010)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade (study on the rise of China, India and Russia in the global economy and the implications for Canadian policy)

Fact-finding mission:

- o Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai, India (September 5-10, 2010)

National Security and Defence (study on Canada's national security policy)

Fact-finding missions:

- o Edmonton, Alberta (December 5-8, 2010)
- o Washington, D.C. (February 17-18, 2011)

Official Languages (study on the Official Languages Act – English-speaking communities in Quebec)

Public hearings:

- o Quebec, Sherbrooke and Montreal, Quebec (September 13-17, 2010)

Fact-finding missions:

- o Quebec, Sherbrooke and Montreal, Quebec (September 13-17, 2010)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology (study on Canada's pandemic preparedness)

Fact-finding mission:

- o Ottawa, Ontario (November 4, 2010)

Transport and Communications (study on emerging issues related to the Canadian airline industry)

Fact-finding mission:

- Ottawa, Ontario (February 1, 2011)

Parliamentary Internet

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the Parliamentary Internet site (www.parl.gc.ca) to ensure that it provides useful information and is user-friendly. We value the relevance of this medium to enhance the visibility of Senate committees.

All committee reports, press releases, and appropriate directorate documents are converted into HTML and/or PDF format and posted on the Internet. Information on the Internet about Senate committees, including the date, time and place of meetings, expected witnesses, radio frequencies and whether the meeting will be webcast and/or video-recorded for broadcasting on CPAC are updated on a regular basis. Key directorate documents such as the *Annual Report*, *Fundamentals of Senate Committees* and *Guide to Participating in a Senate Committee Study* are also available online.

Contributions to Public Policy Development: Special Study Reports

The following list highlights the major 2010-2011 reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Aboriginal Peoples

- *First Nations Elections: The Choice is Inherently Theirs* (May 2010)
- *The Journey Ahead: Report on progress since the Government of Canada's apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools* (December 2010)

Antiterrorism (special)

- *Security, Freedom and the Complex Terrorist Threat: Positive Steps Ahead* (March 2011)

Banking, Trade and Commerce

- *Canadians Saving for their Future: A Secure Retirement* (June 2010 - interim report)
- *Canadians Saving for their Future: A Secure Retirement* (October 2010 - final report)
- *Ten-Year Statutory Review of the Business Development Bank of Canada* (December 2010)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

- *Globe 2010 Conference: Beyond the Science* (May 2010)
- *Attention Canada! Preparing for our Energy Future* (June 2010)
- *Facts Do Not Justify Banning Canada's Current Offshore Drilling Operations: A Senate Review In the Wake of BP's Deepwater Horizon Incident* (August 2010)

Fisheries and Oceans

- *Controlling Canada's Arctic Waters: Role of the Canadian Coast Guard* (April 2010)
- *The Management of Fisheries and Oceans in Canada's Western Arctic* (May 2010)
- *Seeing the Light: Report on Staffed Lighthouses in Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia* (December 2010)
- *Report on the Implementation of the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act* (March 2011)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade

- *A Workplan for Canada in the New Global Economy* (October 2010)
- *Seizing Opportunities for Canadians: India's Growth and Canada's Future Prosperity* (December 2010)

Human Rights

- *Reflecting the Changing Face of Canada: Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service* (June 2010)
- *Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: Charting a New Course* (June 2010)
- *Women, Peace and Security: Canada Moves Forward to Increase Women's Engagement* (November 2010)
- *Training in Afghanistan: Include Women* (December 2010)

National Finance

- *The Costs and Benefits of Canada's One-Cent Coin to Canadian Tax Payers and the Overall Economy* (December 2010)

National Security and Defence

- *Where we go from here: Canada's Mission in Afghanistan* (June 2010)
- *Sovereignty & Security In Canada's Arctic* (March 2011)

Official Languages

- *Implementation of Part VII of the Official Languages Act: We can still do better* (June 2010)
- *The Vitality of Quebec's English-Speaking Communities: From Myth to Reality* (March 2011)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology

- *Canada's Response to the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic* (December 2010)

Transport and Communications

- *Plan for a Digital Canada.ca* (June 2010)

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

First Nations Elections: The Choice is Inherently Theirs

(Third Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on May 12, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40- 217S)

The committee's May 2010 report entitled *First Nations Elections: The Choice is Inherently Theirs* examines issues relating to band council elections held pursuant to *Indian Act* provisions and regulations. The report suggests that the existing two-year term of office imposed on First Nations by the *Indian Act* is too short to provide political and economic stability, often creating deep divisions in communities. The report further notes that *Indian Act* election systems are often fraught with administrative difficulties and inconsistencies, resulting in frequent appeals.

The committee's report recommends that immediate steps be taken to create a First Nations Electoral and Appeals Commission to strengthen the electoral capacity for First Nations, as well as to provide for an efficient appeals process and to help develop effective and transparent practices. The report also calls for a firm commitment by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to assist First Nations who currently hold elections under the *Indian Act* to revert to community-based elections, a mechanism already in place. The report outlines the need for clear targets and timelines for the reversion to community-codes. It also recommends that funding be made available to those First Nations under the customary method of leadership selection to permit them to update their codes to be consistent with Canadian law and effective governance practices.

The Journey Ahead: Report on progress since the Government of Canada's apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools

(Seventh Report (final) tabled in the Senate on December 14, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40- 862S)

On June 11, 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper delivered in Parliament a Statement of Apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools. *The Journey Ahead: Report on progress since the Government of Canada's apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools*, issued by the committee in December 2010, surveys the perspectives of the national Aboriginal organizations and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in respect of progress made on the path of reconciliation since the apology. The committee's report takes note of several observations made by witnesses in the context of the study, and contemplates revisiting this subject as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission continues to work toward reconciliation and the resolution of the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

Special Committee on Anti-terrorism

Security, Freedom and the Complex Terrorist Threat: Positive Steps Ahead

(Third Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on March 23, 2011;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-962S)

In May 2010, the Special Senate Committee on Anti-terrorism began a special study on the changing threat environment in Canada. Its March 2011 interim report entitled *Security, Freedom and the Complex Terrorist Threat: Positive Steps Ahead* deals with the changing threat environment, the challenges associated with terrorist investigations and prosecutions and parliamentary oversight of national security. Two major concerns were highlighted in this report: the longstanding absence in Canada of appropriate

and in-depth national security parliamentary oversight and the lack of a strong research basis specific to the transition from radicalization into violence.

The committee pointed out that Canada lags significantly behind its allies on the issue of parliamentary oversight of national security activities. Thus, the committee recommended that, consistent with practices in the United Kingdom, Australia, France, the Netherlands and the United States, the federal government should constitute, through legislation, a committee composed of members from both Chambers of Parliament, to execute parliamentary oversight of national security. The committee should report to the Prime Minister, who would make that report public within 60 days of receipt.

The committee also pointed out the importance of understanding how radicalization of extremists leads to violence. Thus, the committee recommended that, given the lack of a strong research basis specific to the transition from radicalization into violence in Canada, the federal government provide support, including financial support, to conduct such research, in order to better understand and prevent violent extremism.

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

Canadians Saving for their Future: A Secure Retirement

(Third Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 10, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-389S)

Canadians Saving for their Future: A Secure Retirement

(Fourth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on October 19, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-756S)

In 2010, in response to a request by the Minister of Finance, the committee studied retirement saving in Canada, with a particular focus on registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) and Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA). While the June 2010 interim report summarized the testimony received by the committee, the October 2010 final report repeated the summary of testimony and recommended a number of ways in which tax-assisted saving, including for retirement, might be increased in Canada. In addition to suggesting changes to RRSPs, TFSA and registered retirement income funds, the committee recommended the creation of a retirement savings mechanism that would involve auto-enrolment with the opportunity to opt out, the ability to make contributions with unused TFSA and RRSP contribution room, and a variety of funds with different investment objectives, fees and investment instruments. Lastly, the committee recommended that the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada have an oversight and public education role with regard to real or perceived conflicts of interest by financial managers and investment industry fees.

Ten-Year Statutory Review of the Business Development Bank of Canada

(Seventh Report (final) tabled in the Senate on December 15, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-867S)

In the fall of 2010, the committee conducted a ten-year legislative review of the *Business Development Bank of Canada Act*. The committee commented favourably on the Business Development Bank of Canada's work during the recent global financial and economic crisis as well as its efforts in providing financing to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). In its report, the committee affirmed that the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) should continue to provide assistance and financial services to SMEs in a manner that complements the services available from Canada's financial institutions. As well, the committee supported the BDC's request to expand its range of financial and non-financial tools, including the ability to grant loans to Canadian SMEs investing abroad, and made recommendations to modernize the BDC's governance structure.

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

Globe 2010 Conference: Beyond the Science

(Fourth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on May 27, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-238S)

Nine members of the committee attended the Globe 2010 conference in Vancouver, March 24-26, 2010. GLOBE is a biennial international conference and trade fair on the business of the environment. Over 10,000 participants representing corporate executives, government decision makers and leaders of the environmental industry from over 80 countries converged at GLOBE 2010. The report summarized what the delegation heard at GLOBE 2010.

Attention Canada! Preparing for our Energy Future

(Seventh Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 29, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-470S)

On June 4th, 2009, the committee undertook a comprehensive study to examine and report on the current and future state of Canada's energy system. The call to participate in a national energy dialogue came in the committee's interim report entitled *Attention Canada! Preparing for our Energy Future*. The report represented the culmination of nearly nine months of study and research including testimony from Canada's leading energy thinkers, research institutions and other stakeholders. The committee's message was clear: there is urgent need for a national discussion on energy. Canada requires a comprehensive Canadian Sustainable Energy Strategy now. The report recognized:

- the importance of addressing climate change through carbon pricing and the need to improve the sustainable supply of existing and emerging sources of energy;
- the importance of improving the ways we use and conserve energy as a means to address our energy and environmental challenges while also improving economic productivity;
- the important economic relationship between Canada and the United States and the need to harmonize where practical our energy policy objectives for the benefit of both countries;
- Canada's electricity system, including the potential for further provincial electricity market integration;
- items related to energy security, particularly with regard to maintaining and expanding Canada's energy export markets;
- the need to innovate and develop technologies that are in line with Canada's competitive advantage as a key issue in meeting Canada's economic, energy and environmental objectives.
- issues such as balancing the need for building new energy infrastructure while also addressing the environmental impact it may have on nearby communities; and
- the need to implement effective and smarter regulatory frameworks.

The report was a preliminary outline of the key issues to be considered in developing a Canadian sustainable energy policy framework for the future.

Facts Do Not Justify Banning Canada's Current Offshore Drilling Operations: A Senate Review In the Wake of BP's Deepwater Horizon Incident

(Eighth Report (interim) deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on August 18, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-665S)

As a consequence of concerns expressed by Canadians following the disastrous BP incident in the spring of 2010 which spewed millions of barrels of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, the committee conducted six weeks of hearings to determine the actual status of Canada's offshore drilling operations. The goal was to establish whether there is an imminent risk to Canada's environment from subsea oil and gas exploration activities off Canada's three coasts (Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic). This special study included a review of Canada's federal and provincial regulatory regimes governing Canada's offshore oil and gas

exploration and development industry. In keeping with its commitment to establish a framework for a more efficient energy system for future generations, the committee made six recommendations in its report to stimulate discussion in order to find the best path forward to a secure, competitive and sustainable energy future. These recommendations included:

- exploring in greater detail the structure and role of the offshore petroleum boards to determine whether there may be in fact a material conflict between regulatory roles;
- greater collaboration between all those responsible for responding to an oil spill in developing, preparing and practicing in advance of an event;
- that all offshore operators be required to organize Tier Three spill response tabletop drills at regular intervals; and
- a comprehensive review of the issue of liability, including whether the thresholds should be adjusted to reflect current economic realities.

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

Controlling Canada's Arctic Waters: Role of the Canadian Coast Guard

(Second Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on April 15, 2010;

Sessional Paper No. 3/40-146S)

The committee republished the report entitled *Controlling Canadian Arctic Waters: Role of the Canadian Coast Guard* in April 2010 in order to request a response from the Government on its recommendations.

The Management of Fisheries and Oceans in Canada's Western Arctic

(Fourth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on May 26, 2010;

Sessional Paper No. 3/40-236S)

The vast area under consideration in this report on fisheries includes the northwestern part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Central and Arctic Region – the largest of the Department's six administrative regions, covering almost two thirds of Canada. The committee referred to information collected in public hearings and fact-finding missions in the previous session. The report made fourteen recommendations on the commercial char fishery, the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, the Great Slave Lake commercial fishery, the research initiatives conducted by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in the region, the monitoring in the Mackenzie Valley watershed, development in marine areas, and, Canada-US bilateral issues. The report called on the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for enhanced stewardship in the management of fisheries and emerging development opportunities in this region.

Seeing the Light: Report on Staffed Lighthouses in Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia

(Sixth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on December 20, 2010;

Sessional Paper No. 3/40-455S)

In this first report on Canada's lighthouses, the committee focused its attention on the five following issues: 1) the role of Canadian lighthouses in the provision of safe and efficient marine transportation; 2) the Canadian Coast Guard's most recent plan to automate Canada's remaining staffed light stations in British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador; 3) the current role of Canada's lightkeepers, including the duties they have taken on, both formally or informally, in addition to their regular function; 4) the impact of electronic aids to navigation on the role of lightkeepers, including those persons stationed at fully automated sites; and, 5) the level of service and reliability of automated aids to navigation, compared with traditional aids to navigation (e.g., staffed lightstations). After meeting with hundreds of individuals on this matter, in public hearings in Ottawa and in fact-finding meetings in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia, the committee concluded that staffed lightstations and

lightkeepers play a key role in public safety, and that any cost savings realized from destaffing lighthouses would come at a very high price – that is the risk of loss of life. For this reason, the committee could not support the Coast Guard's 2009 destaffing plan. In its report, the committee made five recommendations and called on the Coast Guard to view each lightstation as unique and to evaluate the needs of each site individually, on a station-by-station basis.

Report on the Implementation of the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act

(Seventh Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on March 24, 2011;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-968S)

In this second report on Canada's lighthouses, the committee focused its attention on the preservation of heritage lighthouses under the *Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act* (HLPAct), which came into force at the end of May 2010, and the role of lighthouses in tourism, other economic activities, and community life in general. In its consultations, the committee heard many public expressions of interest and support regarding the preservation of lighthouses. It also heard concerns regarding the implementation of the Act. The committee made ten recommendations in this report calling for the preservation and proper maintenance of lighthouses, for a funding strategy that would assist local groups and communities in their preservation efforts and for supplementary measures that could assist in the implementation of the HLPAct.

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

A Workplan for Canada in the New Global Economy

(Seventh Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 28, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-469S)

This report was tabled in June 2010. After nearly three years, 90 witnesses, 45 hearings, and two fact-finding missions, the committee concluded in this report that the emergence of China, India and Russia holds significant domestic, bilateral, and global implications for Canada and for its future commercial prosperity. As a result, for the sake of Canadian companies specifically and Canadians more generally, the committee recommended that the Government of Canada formulate a set of policies that would better mitigate the associated challenges and realise potential benefits in order to enhance Canada's commercial relations with these three economies.

Seizing Opportunities for Canadians: India's Growth and Canada's Future Prosperity

(Eighth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on December 14, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-864S)

The committee began its study on the rise of China, India and Russia in the new global economy and the implications for Canadian policy in November 2007. In concluding its study, it believed that any effort to deepen Canadian commercial engagement with China, India and Russia will benefit from focus, persistence and consistency on the part of the Government of Canada. In other words, this goal can be achieved notwithstanding the relative size of the Canadian economy if the government's resources are applied strategically.

They also concluded that China, India and Russia need to be treated individually. Each is experiencing the transformation towards higher levels of economic growth from different starting points and in different ways. It follows that their opportunities, challenges and risks will reflect the specific circumstances of each, and policies crafted in response will need to do the same. For Canada's future prosperity and the realisation of mutual advantages, the Government of Canada should strengthen its bilateral trade and investment relations with China, India and Russia and formulate policies that better mitigate the associated challenges and realise potential mutual benefits of these emerging economies. The report also noted that there are many strategic reasons for Canada to focus on India and offered several recommendations in this respect.

Standing Committee on Human Rights

Reflecting the Changing Face of Canada: Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service

(Second Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 15, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-405S)

On June 15, 2010, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights tabled its report, *Reflecting the Changing Face of Canada: Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service*. Since 2004, the committee had been tracking the progress made by the federal government in implementing the *Employment Equity Act* and achieving representation rates for certain groups within the federal public service that are equivalent to their availability in the Canadian workforce. The four groups designated by the Act are women, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and visible minorities.

The committee concluded that while the federal public service appeared to be meeting the Act's objectives for women, Aboriginal peoples and persons with disabilities, it is not doing so for visible minorities. It therefore recommended that the Government focus on concrete initiatives in order to achieve its employment equity goals with respect to this group. These would include implementing an appropriate communication strategy, developing means to seek accountability from managers in enforcing *Employment Equity Act* standards, assembling better data and making it publicly available, and undertaking further study of certain factors affecting the low representation rates for members of visible minority groups.

Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: Charting a New Course

(Fourth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 22, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-464S)

On June 22, 2010, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights tabled its fourth report in relation to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) entitled *Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: Charting a New Course*. The report marked the conclusion of a long term study by the committee of the development of the Council since its inception in 2006, which had produced three previous reports. The report also examined Canada's first review of its human rights record under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism before the Council.

The committee recommended that the Government of Canada develop new strategies for stronger human rights promotion at the UNHRC and to enhance Canada's leadership role in international human rights. In keeping with its previous reports, the committee also recommended that a new policy framework be developed for the signature, ratification and implementation of human rights treaties that would, among other things, include enhancing the role of Parliament in the process. Finally, having found that the procedures undertaken in preparation for Canada's first UPR lacked clarity and transparency, the committee recommended that the Government prepare and publicly announce a plan for the next UPR that would establish broad and meaningful engagement with relevant stakeholders, parliamentarians and the Canadian public.

Women, Peace and Security: Canada Moves Forward to Increase Women's Engagement

(Fifth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on November 18, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-821S)

From September 2009 to April 2010, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights conducted a study of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, which was adopted unanimously by the Council in October 2000. The committee focused its study on the implementation of the resolution by the UN and, in particular, in Canada. A report was tabled by the committee in the Senate November 18, 2010.

The report focused on two main areas: the role of women in situations of conflict and as agents of conflict resolution and peacebuilding; and sexual violence against women and girls during war. It contained 26 recommendations, including the need for clear indicators and timelines for the government's national action plan on the UNSC resolution, support for women to be involved in peace processes, inclusion of women in Canadian peace missions, gender sensitive training for Canadians involved in international peace and security sector missions, and targeted international development support.

Training in Afghanistan: Include Women

(Seventh Report (final) tabled in the Senate on December 15, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-868S)

During the fall of 2010, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights studied the situation of women in Afghanistan. As a follow up to its November 2010 report, *Women, Peace and Security: Canada Moves Forward to Increase Women's Engagement*, the committee sought to identify key areas where Canada could make a meaningful difference and work to implement United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. The committee tabled a report of its findings and recommendations on December 15, 2010.

The report recommended that Canada make the advancement of women's rights one of its top five priorities in Afghanistan. In addition, recommendations were made in five important sectors that were the focus of committee study: reconciliation, security, justice, education and development. Education and training are identified as crucial areas of focus at all levels for Afghan women and girls, for Afghan security and police forces and for Canadian forces on the ground in the country.

The committee also expressed serious concern about the risk to women's rights in future peace negotiations. It therefore encouraged the Canadian government to use all the tools and leverage at its disposal to preserve existing women's rights in Afghanistan, while also laying the groundwork for the sustainable enhancement and enforcement of these rights. In adopting this approach, the committee argued that Canada and NATO would solidify the chances of success for their objectives in that country, given that women's meaningful participation in society is an integral component of good governance and sustainable economic and social development.

Standing Committee on National Finance

***The Costs and Benefits of Canada's One-Cent Coin to
Canadian Tax Payers and the Overall Economy***

(Eighth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on December 14, 2010
Sessional Paper No. 3/40- 863)

In December 2010, after hearing from government officials, representatives from other countries that have dealt with similar issues, retailers, bankers, consumer groups, charitable institutions, collectors and independent economists, the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance tabled its final report, *The Costs and Benefits of Canada's One-Cent Coin to Canadian Taxpayers and the Overall Canadian Economy*.

In the report, the committee recognized that an appropriate and efficient currency system is essential to the smooth functioning of the marketplace. The report is opportune given that more than a century of inflation has both eroded the value and utility of Canada's one-cent coin and escalated the costs associated with its production and use. Furthermore, the advent and rapidly increasing prevalence of electronic payment methods in recent decades has further undermined the viability of the one-cent coin as currency.

The eight recommendations presented in the report flow from the committee's conclusion that removing the one-cent coin from circulation would reduce costs to taxpayers, increase the productivity of the retail

and service sectors of the Canadian economy, and streamline the vital operations of charitable organizations. The committee believes that the one-cent coin is simply defunct and its removal from circulation is long overdue. However, the committee is of the opinion that removing the one-cent coin from circulation should be done in a consultative and deliberate manner, with due regard for the interests of all stakeholders, including taxpayers, provincial and territorial governments, businesses, consumers, charities and collectors.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

Where we go from here: Canada's Mission in Afghanistan

(Fourth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 22, 2010
Sessional Paper No. 3/40- 463S)

Given the importance of Canada's contribution to NATO's mission and to Afghanistan's future, and in light of the sacrifices Canadians have made, the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence decided to study the role of the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.

Following a series of hearings, the committee then tabled a short interim report, looking first at why Canadian Forces are in Afghanistan, what they have been doing there, what they have achieved; and then at factors that will shape the mission into the future, and at whether the Canadian Forces should continue to play a role in Afghanistan beyond 2011.

Based upon the evidence and testimony it heard, the committee concluded that Canada's important and highly-valued contribution to the development of the leadership, training and mentoring of the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police must continue beyond 2011, and that Parliament should, at its earliest opportunity, give careful consideration to the question of the role of the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan after 2011.

Sovereignty & Security in Canada's Arctic

(Seventh Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on March 22, 2011
Sessional Paper No. 3/40- 957S)

Arctic nations are thinking about and preparing for the future. That preparation includes increasing their military presence and capabilities in their respective Arctic zones. In recognition of these efforts and within the context of its mandate to study the national security and defence policies of Canada, the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence chose to undertake an interim report about sovereignty and security in Canada's Arctic.

In this interim report, the committee examined the differences between the concepts of "sovereignty" and "security" and recommended the necessary steps that Canada should take to improve its presence in the Arctic.

While the committee made a series of recommendations as to how Canada's presence in the far North could be improved, this interim report was not intended to be an exhaustive in nature and the committee also listed a number of areas which it may choose to look into in the future.

Standing Committee on Official Languages

Implementation of Part VII of the Official Languages Act: We can still do better

(Third Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 17, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40- 451S)

In June 2010, the committee published a report on the implementation of Part VII of the *Official Languages Act*. The study had five objectives: (1) take stock of the progress made and new initiatives taken by federal institutions to support the development of official language minority communities and the promotion of linguistic duality; (2) assess how changes to Part VII of the Act have affected official language minority communities; (3) assess the effectiveness of coordination mechanisms established by the federal government to ensure implementation of Part VII; (4) identify best practices and areas in need of improvement; and (5) examine the federal government's process to define "positive measures" and determine official language minority communities' involvement in that process. The committee concluded that there is still work to be done to ensure the full implementation of Part VII of the Act, and it made 10 recommendations to promote a coherent and complete implementation of the *Official Languages Act*.

The Vitality of Quebec's English-Speaking Communities: From Myth to Reality

(Fourth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on March 9, 2011;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-942S)

In March 2011, the committee published a report on English-speaking minority communities. It was the first time in the history of the committee, and of any parliamentary committee on official languages, that an entire study has been devoted exclusively to the English-speaking minority. The committee set three objectives for the study: (1) provide an overview of the situation of English-speaking communities in Quebec by examining various aspects affecting their development (e.g., community development, education, youth, arts and culture, health); (2) define the issues specific to English-speaking communities in Quebec and identify corrective measures deemed necessary for their development; and (3) make recommendations to the federal government to support the development and enhance the vitality of English-speaking minority communities. Throughout its report, the committee aimed both to dispel certain widely held myths regarding Quebec's English-speaking population and to highlight its success stories. It made 16 recommendations to draw the federal government's attention and interest to the concerns of the English-speaking minority and to the measures to be taken. The committee reminded the federal government of its responsibility under the *Official Languages Act* to enhance the vitality and support the development of both official language communities in Canada.

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Canada's Response to the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic

(Fifteenth Report (final) deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on December 29, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/ 40-896)

In June 2010, the committee was asked by the Minister of Health to undertake a study into Canada's response to the recent H1N1 influenza pandemic. The committee heard testimony from numerous witnesses over the course of ten sessions and, in December 2010, tabled its final report entitled: *Canada's Response to the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic*. This report recognizes the good work done by all those involved from the federal/provincial/territorial governments, to healthcare professionals, to front line and first responders at the municipal and regional level. However, the report makes 18 recommendations for further improvement including; renewed funding for pandemic preparedness planning, improved testing of Canada's pandemic plan, improved communication between the federal and provincial/territorial governments to ensure harmonized messaging, the accelerated development and implementation of agreements between jurisdictions, improved surveillance and data collection, enhanced public awareness campaigns and, increased use of electronic resources and use of social media.

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

Plan for a Digital Canada.ca

(Fourth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on June 16, 2010;
Sessional Paper No. 3/40-439S)

Canada's poor performance relative to other developed countries in wireless communication provided the impetus for the study. Prices were relatively high, penetration was relatively low and there were lags in Canadian access to some devices, such as the iPhone. After the committee began its study, the wireless sector in Canada became more competitive, and the members decided to broaden the study to examine Canada's overall digital society, rather than only one part of it.

The report, which was tabled in June 2010, contains 18 recommendations to help Canada develop an inclusive digital society that would allow all Canadians to access basic digital services (health, education or other online services, whether provided by the public sector or private sector). The report recommends that the government appoint a dedicated Minister for Digital Policy who would receive an annual report from each government department outlining: (a) its progress in making its programs more accessible and easier to use over the Internet; (b) its digital goals for the coming year; and (c) any special Information Technology needs or concerns. Other recommendations dealt with the efficient management of spectrum and with the continued promotion of competition in the wireless sector.

Throughout the report the recommended focus for government policy was on universal broadband access for Canadians, rather than on a high-speed target or cutting-edge technology that would be available only for some Canadians.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2010-2011

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

A. General Information

In the fiscal year 2010-2011, the committee received five orders of reference, three for special studies and two for legislation. The committee spent the majority of its time carrying out work on its global order of reference from the previous fiscal year, when it had received an order of reference to examine and report on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and on other matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.

Pursuant to this broad order of reference, the committee focused on a study of First Nations education reform. In 2010-2011, the committee held 20 meetings and heard 57 witnesses in the course of this study. While most witnesses were heard in Ottawa, several members of the committee travelled to Saskatchewan, Alberta, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia to gather evidence.

Also pursuant to the global order of reference, the committee tabled a report on the issue of elections held under the provisions of the *Indian Act*. In the previous fiscal year, the committee had held 17 meetings and heard 87 witnesses in the course of its study. These hearings culminated in the third report of the committee, tabled May 2010, and entitled *First Nations Elections: The Choice is Inherently Theirs*. On October 20, 2010, the Government Response to this report was referred to the committee, but was not studied prior to the end of the fiscal year.

The committee undertook an additional brief study after an order of reference was received on June 2, 2010, authorizing the committee to "examine the progress made on commitments endorsed by Parliamentarians of both Chambers since the Government's apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools." During the course of this study, five meetings were held and ten witnesses were heard. The study resulted in the seventh report of the committee entitled *The Journey Ahead: Report on progress since the Government of Canada's apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools*. It was tabled in the Senate on December 14, 2010.

On the legislative front, Bill C-24, An Act to amend the First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act, was reported without amendment on June 22, 2010, having been referred to the committee on June 17, 2010. On December 14, 2010, the committee received an order of reference to examine Bill S-11, An Act respecting the safety of drinking water on first nations lands. The committee held 9 meetings and heard from 47 witnesses, but the fiscal year ended prior to the bill being reported.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2010-04-22	-	Budget
Third	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2010-05-12	87	Interim report entitled: <i>First Nations Elections: The Choice is Inherently Theirs</i>
Fourth	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2010-06-17	-	Budget
Fifth	Bill C-24 (First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act)	2010-06-22	3	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2010-07-07	-	Budget
Seventh	Examine progress on commitments by Government since apology to students of Indian Residential Schools	2010-12-14	10	Final report entitled: <i>The Journey Ahead: Report on progress since the Government of Canada's apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	38	66.3	32.4	134	6
2009-10	46	81.2	2.2	161	8
2008-09	21	34.8	-	64	7
2007-08	15	21.0	19.8	43	5
2006-07	30	46.8	20.2	101	6

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D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$105,266
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$37,979</u>
TOTAL	\$143,245

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Gerry St. Germain, P.C. (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lillian Dyck (Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Brazeau, Campbell, *Cowan (or Tardif), Demers, Dyck, Hubley, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Patterson, Poirier, Raine, Stewart Olsen, Sibbeston and St. Germain, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Banks, Chaput, Cordy, Cowan, Dallaire, Eaton, Fairbairn, P.C., Greene, Kochhar, Lang, Marshall, Mockler, Moore, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Neufeld, Ogilvie, Patterson, Peterson, Pépin and Seidman

Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Tonina Simeone, Jodi Bruhn and Marion Ménard (Library of Parliament)
Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

A. General Information

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry continued its mandate to examine and report on the current state and future of the forestry sector in Canada. The committee had tabled an interim report in December 2009 entitled *The Canadian Forest Sector: Past, Present, Future*. The report had proposed several themes for the continuation of the study.

The committee explored the proposed themes more deeply during 2010 with hearings in Ottawa and by conducting three fact-finding missions in the fall of 2010: the first one in British Columbia with visits organized in Vancouver, Williams Lake and Penticton/Kelowna; the second one to Timmins, Ontario, and Chibougamau, Quebec; and the third mission in the National Capital region with visits in Thurso and Lachute. The committee was studying a draft final report when dissolution occurred.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Study on the forest sector	2010-05-06	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	37	62.8	57.0	89	1
2009-10	34	56.6	17.0	83	8
2008-09	19	28.1	-	38	5
2007-08	38	73.8	-	172	6
2006-07	59	109.3	18.4	213	8

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$63,731
Witness Expenses:	\$44,907
TOTAL	\$108,638

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E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Fernand Robichaud, P.C. (Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators *Cowan (or Tardif), Duffy, Eaton, Fairbairn, P.C. Finley, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Mahovlich, Mercer, Mockler, Ogilvie, Plett, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., and Segal

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Braley, Callbeck, Carignan, Chaput, Demers, Finley, Housakos, Hubley, Kochhar, MacDonald, Marshall, Martin, Meighen, Merchant, Nolin, Raine, Runciman, Wallace and Wallin

Committee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

David Suprenant, Mathieu Frigon, Aïcha Coulibaly and Karen Hébert (Library of Parliament)
Nicole Raymond and Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

A. General Information

During the period of 2010-2011, the committee considered five bills and completed three studies:

Bills:

- Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Electricity and Gas Inspection Act and the Weights and Measures Act
- Bill S-216, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act in order to protect beneficiaries of long term disability benefits plans.
- Bill S-206, An Act to establish gender parity on the board of directors of certain corporations, financial institutions and parent Crown corporations.
- Bill S-3, An Act to implement conventions and protocols concluded between Canada and Colombia, Greece and Turkey for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.
- Bill S-201, An Act to amend the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Act (credit and debit cards).

Studies:

- Study on the extent to which Canadians are saving in Tax-Free Savings Accounts and registered retirement savings plans.
- The 10-year statutory review of the Business Development Bank of Canada as required by the Business Development Bank of Canada Act.
- The Department of Industry User Fee Proposal for Services under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, pursuant to the User Fees Act, S.C. 2004, c. 6, sbs. 4(2).

Concerning its general mandate on the present state of the domestic and international financial system, the committee did not report to the Senate.

The committee also received orders of reference to consider the following bills but was unable to begin its consideration due to the dissolution of the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament:

- Bill S-202, An Act to amend the Canadian Payments Act (debit card payment systems).
- Bill S-214, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and other Acts (unfunded pension plan liabilities).

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	S-3 (Tax Conventions Implementation Act, 2010)	2010-04-29	3	Bill reported without amendment
Third	Study on the extent to which Canadians are saving in TFSAs and RRSPs	2010-06-10	22	Interim report entitled: <i>Canadians Saving for their Future: A Secure Retirement</i>
Fourth	Study on the extent to which Canadians are saving in TFSAs and RRSPs	2010-10-19	22	Final report entitled: <i>Canadians Saving for their Future: A Secure Retirement</i>
Fifth	User Fee Proposal for Services under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act	2010-11-03	1	Review
Sixth	S-216 (Protection of Beneficiaries of Long Term Disability Benefits Plans Act)	2010-11-25	13	Recommendation Bill not to proceed
Seventh	The 10-year statutory review of the Business Development Bank of Canada	2010-12-15	19	Final report entitled: <i>Ten-Year Statutory Review of the Business Development Bank of Canada</i>
Eighth	Bill S-206 (Board of Directors Gender Parity Act)	2011-02-03	12	Recommendation Bill not to proceed
Ninth	Bill C-14 (Fairness at the pumps Act)	2011-02-17	8	Bill reported without amendment

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witness	No. of Reports
2010-11	40	67.8	-	112	8
2009-10	35	60.0	-	98	5
2008-09	22	43.0	-	98	2
2007-08	31	56.2	-	121	11
2006-07	36	70.6	25	153	14

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$5,800
Witnesses Expenses:	\$12,261
TOTAL	\$18,061

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael A. Meighen (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators *Cowan (or Tardif), Gerstein, Greene, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Kochhar, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Massicotte, Meighen, Moore, Oliver, Ringuette, Rivard and St. Germain, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Brown, Campbell, Cochrane, Dickson, Di Nino, Duffy, Eggleton, Frum, Housakos, Hubleby, Manning, Marshall, Merchant, Mockler, Nancy Ruth, Neufeld, Nolin, Ogilvie, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Poirier, Poy, Seidman, Smith (*Saurel*) and Tkachuk.

Committee Clerk:

Line Gravel

Analysts and Administrative Support:

John Bulmer and Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)
Louise Pronovost (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee of Conflict of Interest for Senators

A. **General Information**

The Committee on Conflict of Interest for Senators was created under the *Rules of the Senate* to be responsible for all matters relating to the *Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* adopted in 2005, and to exercise general direction over the Senate Ethics Officer. An amended *Code* was adopted by the Senate in May 2008. The committee's responsibilities are detailed in the Code.

The membership of the committee is determined by a process that differs from that of all other committees. In accordance with the provisions of the Code, two members are elected by secret ballot in the respective caucuses of the Government and Opposition parties. A fifth member is then chosen by these four members. The chair of the committee must be chosen by at least four members of the committee.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 ***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Rule 104	2010-12-08	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Pursuant to rule 86(1)(r)	2010-12-09	-	Budget

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	1	0.3	-	2
2009-10	6	7.4	1	2
2008-09	9	9.2	-	2
2007-08	7	7.4	-	2
2006-07	3	1.4	-	1

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D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry Stratton (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Liberal)

Members of the committee (agreed to by motion of the Senate):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Angus, Cordy, P.C., Joyal, P.C., and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Catherine Piccinin

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Michel Bédard and Élise Hurtubise-Loranger (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

A. General Information

The committee deals with matters relating to energy, the environment and natural resources generally, including: mining and natural resources, other than fisheries and forestry; pipelines, transmission lines and energy transportation; environmental affairs; and other energy-related matters.

On March 11, 2010, the Senate once again authorized the committee to examine and report on the current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy). The committee continued its study, consulting Canada's leading energy thinkers, research institutions, industries, energy groups, federal, provincial and territorial governments and other stakeholders. The committee released its interim report *Attention Canada! Preparing for our Energy Future* in June 2010.

As a consequence of concerns expressed by Canadians following the disastrous BP incident in the spring of 2010 which spewed millions of barrels of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, the committee conducted six weeks of hearings to determine the actual status of Canada's offshore drilling operations. The report, entitled *Facts Do Not Justify Banning Canada's Current Offshore Drilling Operations: A Senate Review In the Wake of BP's Deepwater Horizon Incident*, was tabled with the Clerk of the Senate in August 2010.

The committee embarked on the second phase of its energy sector study in September 2010, using its interim report as a starting point for discussion, and invited government authorities, experts and stakeholders in specific energy and related sectors to explore key energy themes with the goal of moving towards a broadly based sustainable energy strategy for Canada.

On October 26, 2010, to facilitate a conversation with Canadians about developing a Canadian clean energy strategy, the committee launched a website dedicated to its study: www.canadianenergyfuture.ca. In addition to the website, the committee became the first Canadian parliamentary committee to use the social media tool Twitter (@SCEENR_SAYS) as a method to better engage with Canadians about Canada's energy future. The feedback for both initiatives has been extremely positive.

On November 18, 2010, committee members and staff travelled to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL) Chalk River Laboratories, located along the bank of the Ottawa River, to see firsthand the exciting research being done at Chalk River, and to discuss and exchange ideas concerning the role nuclear energy could play in Canada's energy future.

On November 25-26, 2010, committee members and staff visited several Ontario nuclear facilities as part of the committee's ongoing study on Canada's energy future. Fact-finding activities took the delegation to Cameco (Port Hope, ON), Darlington Nuclear Generation Station (Clarington, ON), and Bruce Power Nuclear Station (Tiverton, ON).

The committee recognized that travelling to various regions of the country would provide senators, as part of their ongoing study examining the current and future state of Canada's energy systems, with first-hand perspectives on regional energy issues, complementing the knowledge gained during the Ottawa-based hearings. The committee conducted fact-finding activities and held public hearings in Montreal on February 7-8, 2011. From February 28 to March 3, 2011, the committee held public hearings in all the Atlantic Provinces. In addition to gaining a better understanding of regional issues, committee members heard from witnesses on a variety of topics, including:

- the links between energy and economic and regional development, including maintaining competitiveness, improving energy efficiency, resource development, value-added and job creation;
- sustainable development and the social license to build and operate energy projects; and
- areas of pan-Canadian collaboration on energy and collaborative approaches to intergovernmental engagement

The committee examined one order and one bill during the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

- Order Amending Schedule 2 to the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act*, together with the Report to Parliament entitled *Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site*, tabled in the Senate on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, pursuant to the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 18, sbs. 7(1). The committee considered the same and reported to the Senate on June 9, 2010 that it did not disapprove the Order.
- Bill S-210, An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act and the Auditor General Act (involvement of Parliament). The committee reported the bill to the Senate, without amendment on April 22, 2010.

Bill S-225, An Act respecting the reorganization and privatization of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, was referred to the committee by the Senate on March 8, 2011. The committee had not held any meetings on this bill by the time the 40th Parliament, 3rd session was dissolved on March 26, 2011.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Bill S-210 (The Federal Sustainable Development Act and the Auditor General Act)	2010-04-22	-	Bill reported without amendment
Fourth	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy)	2010-05-27	-	Interim report entitled: <i>Globe 2010 Conference: Beyond the Science</i>
Fifth	Order Amending Schedule 2 to the Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act	2010-06-09	-	Review
Sixth	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy)	2010-06-17	-	Budget
Seventh	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy)	2010-06-29	48	Interim report entitled: <i>Attention Canada! Preparing for our Energy Future</i>

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy)	2010-08-18	26	Interim report entitled: <i>Facts Do Not Justify Banning Canada's Current Offshore Drilling Operations: A Senate Review In the Wake of BP's Deepwater Horizon Incident</i>
Ninth	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy)	2010-10-21	-	Budget
Tenth	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy)	2010-10-21	-	Supplementary Budget
Eleventh	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy)	2010-12-02	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	49	114.1	28.4	159	9
2009-10	34	62.9	25.0	85	12
2008-09	22	44.6	36.0	71	10
2007-08	30	46.0	-	48	9
2006-07	33	53.6	12.0	76	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$113,987
Witness Expenses:	\$7,374
TOTAL	\$121,361

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator W. David Angus (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Grant Mitchell (Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Angus, Banks, Brown, *Cowan (or Tardif), Frum, Housakos, Lang, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), McCoy, Merchant, Mitchell, Neufeld, Peterson and Seidman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Campbell, Dickson, Eggleton, Fraser, Greene, Johnson, Martin, Moore, Nolin, Ogilvie, Patterson, Poulin, Raine, Rivard, Runciman, St. Germain, P.C., and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marc LeBlanc and Sam Banks (Library of Parliament)

Chelsea Saville (Administrative Assistant) (until July 2010)

Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2010)

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

A. **General Information**

At the beginning of this fiscal year, the committee continued to study Canada's Western Arctic with a focus on the role of the Canadian Coast Guard and the management of fisheries and oceans in this region. The committee had accomplished work in the previous session and republished a report in April 2010 and referred to information collected during the previous session to publish a second report on the subject in May of the same year.

In March 2010, at the request of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the committee agreed to study Canada's lighthouses and the services provided by lightkeepers. It also decided to broaden the scope of its study to include the implementation of the *Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act* (HLPAct), which was due to enter into force at the end of May 2010. The committee engaged lightkeepers and stakeholders, including the recreational boating community, commercial shippers and fishers (and their associations), business and community interests, and Canadian citizens at large by holding hearings in Ottawa and fact-finding missions in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia. The committee published two reports on the subject, one in December 2010 and the other in March 2011.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011** *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2010-04-15	55	Interim report entitled: <i>Controlling Canada's Arctic Waters: Role of the Canadian Coast Guard</i>
Third	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2010-05-06	-	Budget
Fourth	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2010-05-26	55	Interim report entitled: <i>The Management of Fisheries and Oceans in Canada's Western Arctic</i>
Fifth	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2010-11-21	-	Supplementary Budget

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2010-12-20	28	Interim report entitled: <i>Seeing the Light: Report on staffed lighthouses in Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia</i>
Seventh	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2011-03-24	46	Interim report entitled: <i>The Implementation of the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	20	30.3	46	74.5	6
2009-10	27	43.1	45.0	68	7
2008-09	18	34.4	18.2	51	3
2007-08	15	25.2	-	31	3
2006-07	20	37.2	10.2	57	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$114,454
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$14,516</u>
TOTAL	\$128,970

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bill Rompkey, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Cochrane, *Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Hubley, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), MacDonald, Manning, Patterson, Poirier, Poy, Raine, Rompkey, P.C., Nancy Ruth and Watt

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Andreychuk, Atallahjan, Downe, Johnson, Losier-Cool, Marshall, Martin, Meredith, Runciman and Stewart Olsen

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Claude Emery (Library of Parliament)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

A. General Information

According to the *Rules of the Senate*, the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs deals with matters relating to foreign relations generally, including: treaties and international agreements; external trade; foreign aid; defence and territorial and offshore matters.

China, India, Russia

On March 4, 2008, February 24, 2009 and again on March 16, 2010, the committee received a mandate to study the rise of China, India and Russia in the global economy and the implications for Canadian policy. The main objective of this study was to better understand the high levels of economic growth of these countries in order to formulate concrete recommendations on Canada's policy response. As part of this study, the committee travelled to India in September of 2010. During this fact-finding mission, members of the committee met with business leaders and government officials. The final report on this study was tabled in December 2010.

Brazil

In November 2010, the committee began a study on the political and economic developments in Brazil and the implications for Canadian policy and interests in the region, and other related matters.

In addition to these special studies, during this fiscal year the committee also dealt with Bill C-2, An Act to implement the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the Republic of Colombia, the Agreement on the Environment between Canada and the Republic of Colombia and the Agreement on Labour Cooperation between Canada and the Republic of Colombia. They also dealt with Bill C-61, An Act to provide for the taking of restrictive measures in respect of the property of officials and former officials of foreign states and of their family members.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Rule 104	2010-04-13	-	Expenses from previous session
Third	Foreign relations in general	2010-05-06	-	Budget
Fourth	Study on China, India and Russia	2010-05-06	-	Budget
Fifth	Study on China, India and Russia	2010-06-17	-	Budget
Sixth	Bill C-2 (Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act)	2010-06-17	9	Bill reported without amendment

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	Study on China, India and Russia	2010-06-28	21	Interim report entitled: <i>A Workplan for Canada in the New Global Economy</i>
Eighth	Study on China, India and Russia	2010-12-14	23	Final report entitled: <i>Seizing Opportunities for Canadians: India's Growth and Canada's Future Prosperity</i>
Ninth	Bill C-61 (Freezing Assets of Corrupt Regimes Act)	2011-03-21	5	Bill Reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	31	44.5	37.8	59	8
2009-10	30	33.8	84.0	62	7
2008-09	19	30.1	-	41	7
2007-08	26	35.3	-	66	10
2006-07	29	37.3	60.6	56	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$111,724
Witness Expenses:	\$5,604
TOTAL	\$117,328

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy E. Downe (Liberal) (since November 2010)

The Honourable Senator Peter A. Stollery (Liberal) (until November 2010)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, *Cowan (or Tardif), De Bané, P.C., Di Nino, Downe, Finley, Fortin-Duplessis, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mahovlich, Nolin, Segal, Smith, P.C. (*Cobourg*), Stollery and Wallin

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Banks, Brazeau, Dawson, Dickson, Frum, Housakos, Jaffer, Johnson, Kochhar, Marshall, Meighen, Meredith, Moore, Munson, Neufeld, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Poirier, Raine, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., Stewart Olsen, Stratton and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Vanessa Moss-Norbury (since February 2011)

Catherine Piccinin (January 2011)

Denis Robert (until January 2011)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn and Simon Lapointe (Library of Parliament)

Sylvie Simard (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Human Rights

A. General Information

In March 2010, the committee sought and received a number of orders of reference from the Senate to continue previous studies including: 1) monitoring the implementation of the committee's report *A Hard Bed to Lie In: Matrimonial Real Property on Reserve*, tabled in the Senate November 4, 2003; 2) monitoring issues relating to human rights and, inter alia, to review the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations; 3) examining issues of discrimination in the hiring and promotion practices of the Federal Public Service, to study the extent to which targets to achieve employment equity are being met, and to examine labour market outcomes for minority groups in the private sector; 4) monitoring the implementation of recommendations contained in the committee's report entitled *Children: The Silenced Citizens: Effective Implementation of Canada's International Obligations with Respect to the Rights of Children*, tabled in the Senate on April 25, 2007; and 5) examining the issue of the sexual exploitation of children in Canada, with a particular emphasis on understanding the scope and prevalence of the problem of the sexual exploitation of children across the country and in particularly affected communities.

Further to the order of reference to study issues related to human rights and, inter alia, the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations, the committee focused their attention on three issues in 2010-2011.

- The first dealt with the committee's ongoing interest in the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council. In June 2010, the committee tabled an extensive report that marked the conclusion of a long term study by the committee (which had produced three previous reports) on the development of the Council since its inception in 2006. The report also examined Canada's first review of its human rights record under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism before the Council.
- The committee also continued its examination of issues related to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, as well as its successor resolutions, ultimately tabling a report in November 2010. The report focused on two main areas: the role of women in situations of conflict and as agents of conflict resolution and peacebuilding; and, sexual violence against women and girls during war.
- Finally, in relation to this order of reference the committee undertook a study of Federal programs supporting sports and recreational activities for children and youth with disabilities further to Canada's obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Four meetings were held in relation to this study.

With respect to its study of issues of discrimination in the hiring and promotion practices of the Federal Public Service, the committee tabled a report in June 2010, concerning the progress made by the federal government in implementing the *Employment Equity Act* and achieving representation rates for certain groups within the federal public service that are equivalent to their availability in the Canadian workforce. While concluding that the government was meeting many of targets, the committee made recommendations to enable the government to specifically achieve its employment equity goals in relation to visible minorities.

Just prior to the end of the fiscal year, the committee also adopted a report with respect to its study of the problem of the sexual exploitation of children, but was unable to table the report in the Senate prior to the dissolution of the Fortieth Parliament.

In addition to its on-going work, the committee also received an order of reference and undertook a study relating to the role that the Government of Canada may play in supporting the promotion and protection of women's rights in Afghanistan after Canada has ended its combat operations in 2011. The committee tabled its report in December 2010, which recommended that Canada make the advancement of women's rights one of its top five priorities in Afghanistan. A number of other recommendations were also made in the areas of reconciliation, security, justice, education and development.

The committee considered two pieces of legislation during the fiscal year. Bill S-4, An Act respecting family homes situated on First Nations reserves and matrimonial interests or rights in or to structures and lands situated on those reserves, was studied by the committee and reported back to the Senate with amendments on June 15, 2010. Additionally, Bill C-3, An Act to promote gender equity in Indian registration by responding to the Court of Appeal for British Columbia decision in *McIvor v. Canada* (Registrar of Indian and Northern Affairs), was studied by the committee and reported back to the Senate without amendment but with observations on December 7, 2010.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Cases of alleged discrimination in hiring/promotion practices of Federal Public Service	2010-06-15	51	Interim report entitled: <i>Reflecting the Changing Face of Canada: Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service</i>
Third	Bill S-4 (Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act)	2010-06-15	39	Bill reported with 12 amendments
Fourth	Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2010-06-22	37	Interim report entitled: <i>Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: Charting a New Course</i>
Fifth	Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2010-11-18	27	Interim report entitled: <i>Women, Peace and Security: Canada Moves Forward to Increase Women's Engagement</i>
Sixth	Bill C-3 (Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act)	2010-12-07	19	Bill reported without amendment but with observations

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	Promotion and protection of women's rights in Afghanistan after Canada has ended its combat operations in 2011	2010-12-15	19	Final report entitled: <i>Training in Afghanistan: Include Women</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	22	46.4	-	100	6
2009-10	20	47.1	-	120	5
2008-09	14	33.1	-	78	8
2007-08	16	28.7	25.6	63	10
2006-07	24	58.3	13.6	125	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	\$18,472
TOTAL	\$18,472

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Nancy Ruth (Conservative) (since September)
The Honourable Senator Janis G. Johnson (Conservative) (until September)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina Jaffer (Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Baker, P.C., Brazeau, *Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Jaffer, Johnson, Kochhar, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mitchell and Nancy Ruth

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Boisvenu, Di Nino, Dyck, Fairbairn, P.C., Finley, Hubley, Lovelace-Nicholas, Marshall, Martin, Mercer, Munson, Oliver, Plett, Stratton and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:
Adam Thompson

Analyst and Administrative Support:
Julian Walker, Allison Goody and Julia Nicol (Library of Parliament)
Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration

A. General Information

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration has a mandate to consider all matters of a financial or administrative nature relating to the internal management of the Senate. It reviews and authorizes the budget applications of committees and sets guidelines and policies on items such as senators' travel and budget expenditures. It also presents the Estimates of the Senate for approval. Under the *Rules of the Senate*, this committee is authorized to carry out its mandate on its own initiative rather than being dependent on an order of reference from the Senate.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Article 86 (g)	2010-04-22	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2010-2011
Third	Article 86 (g)	2010-05-27	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2010-2011
Fourth	Article 86 (g)	2010-06-17	-	Audited statement of financial position of the Senate of Canada
Fifth	Article 86 (g)	2010-10-07	-	International Travel Guidelines
Sixth	Article 86 (g)	2010-10-28	-	Request from the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the Senate Administration 1
Seventh	Article 86 (g)	2010-11-18	-	Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ended March 31, 2010
Eight	Article 86 (g)	2010-11-25	-	International Travel Guidelines
Ninth	Article 86 (g)	2010-12-07	-	Revised Senate Taxi Policy
Tenth	Article 86 (g)	2010-12-09	-	Report submitted pursuant to the International Travel Guidelines
Eleventh	Article 86 (g)	2010-12-15	-	Annual Report on Internal Audits, 2009-2010
Twelfth	Article 86 (g)	2011-02-03	-	International Travel

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Thirteenth	Article 86 (g)	2011-03-02	-	Senate Budget for 2011-2012

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	22	25.5	29	12
2009-10	18	22.8	7	8
2008-09	11	9.5	3	9
2007-08	12	14.9	-	8
2006-07	18	33.9	2	14

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator George Furey (Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Carignan, Comeau, Cordy, *Cowan (or Tardif), Di Nino, Downe, Fox, P.C., Furey, Greene, Jaffer, Kinsella, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Marshall, Munson, Stewart Olsen and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Dawson, Day, De Bané, P.C., Finley, Fraser, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Kochhar, MacDonald, Martin, Meighen, Mercer, Mitchell, Neufeld, Nolin, Peterson, Poulin, Raine, Stratton, Tardif and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Gary O'Brien (Clerk of the Senate)

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Lucie Lavoie and Jimmy Manigat

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

A. General Information

The vast majority of this committee's work is in considering legislation. During this fiscal year, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee studied and reported on the following bills:

- Bill C-475, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (methamphetamine and ecstasy)
- Bill C-59, An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (accelerated parole review) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts
- Bill C-30, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (R. v. Shoker)
- Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (sentencing for fraud)
- Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to the National Defence Act
- Bill C-22, An Act respecting the mandatory reporting of Internet child pornography by persons who provide an Internet service
- Bill S-12, A third Act to harmonize federal law with the civil law of Quebec and to amend certain Acts in order to ensure that each language version takes into account the common law and the civil law
- Bill S-10, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts
- Bill C-464, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (justification for detention in custody)
- Bill C-23A, An Act to amend the Criminal Records Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts
- Bill S-9, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (auto theft and trafficking in property obtained by crime)
- Bill S-6, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and another Act
- Bill S-215, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (suicide bombings)
- Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and other Acts

The committee also received orders of reference to consider the following bills but was unable to begin its consideration of these bills, due to the dissolution of the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament:

- Bill S-1001, An Act respecting Queen's University at Kingston
- Bill C-232, An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act (understanding the official languages)
- Bill S-208, An Act to amend the Conflict of Interest Act (gifts)

During this fiscal year, the committee also completed three special studies: a study on the provisions and operation of *DNA Identification Act*, a study on the National Parole Board User Fees Proposal and a study on the use of electronic assistive voting devices for persons with disabilities. The committee also began a special study on the provisions and operation of the *Act to amend the Criminal Code (production of records in sexual offence proceedings)* but did not complete its review prior to the dissolution of Parliament.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	DNA Identification Act	2010-04-27	-	Budget
Fourth	Bill S-215 (Criminal Code - suicide bombings)	2010-05-06	-	Bill reported without amendment
Fifth	Bill S-2 (Criminal Code)	2010-05-06	32	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Bill S-9 (Criminal Code – auto theft)	2010-06-03	18	Bill reported without amendment
Seventh	Bill S-6 (Criminal Code)	2010-06-28	28	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Bill C-23A (Criminal Records)	2010-06-28	10	Bill reported without amendment
Ninth	DNA Identification Act	2010-06-28	12	Final report entitled: <i>Public Protection, Privacy and the Search for Balance: A Statutory Review of the DNA Identification Act</i>
Tenth	Use of electronic assistive voting devices for persons with disabilities	2010-10-21	6	Final report entitled: <i>Report on the use of Assistive Voting Device for Persons with Disabilities</i>
Eleventh	Bill S-10 (Controlled Drugs and Substances Act)	2010-11-04	40	Bill reported with 1 amendment
Twelfth	National Parole Board User Fees Proposal	2010-11-23	4	Recommended for approval, with observations
Thirteenth	Bill C-464 (Criminal Code - justification for detention in custody)	2010-12-02	9	Bill reported without amendment
Fourteenth	Bill S-12 (Harmonize federal law with the civil law of Quebec)	2010-12-09	10	Bill reported without amendment
Fifteenth	Bill C-22 (Mandatory reporting of Internet child pornography)	2011-03-01	19	Bill reported without amendment but with observations

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixteenth	Bill C-48 (Protecting Canadians by Ending Sentence Discounts for Multiple Murders Act)	2011-03-03	14	Bill reported without amendment
Seventeenth	Bill C-21 (Criminal Code sentencing for fraud)	2011-03-08	22	Bill reported without amendment
Eighteenth	Bill C-30 (Criminal Code (R. v. Shoker))	2011-03-10	6	Bill reported without amendment
Nineteenth	Bill C-59 (Corrections and Conditional Release Act)	2011-03-22	25	Bill reported without amendment
Twentieth	Bill C-475 (Controlled Drugs and Substances Act - methamphetamine and ecstasy)	2011-03-24	5	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	51	118.3	-	254	18
2009-10	42	97.5	1.9	168	11
2008-09	28	48.2	-	74	9
2007-08	44	91.9	-	171	12
2006-07	62	153.8	-	231	10

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$529
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$37,613</u>
TOTAL	\$38,142

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator John D. Wallace (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Angus, Baker, P.C., Boisvenu, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., *Cowan (or Tardif), Fraser, Joyal, P.C., Lang, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Rivest, Runciman, Wallace and Watt

Other Senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Campbell, Chaput, Cowan, Dallaire, Dawson, De Bané, P.C., Frum, Greene, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Housakos, Huble, MacDonald, Mahovlich, Marshall, Meredith, Munson, Neufeld, Nolin, Ogilvie, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Poulin, Raine, Rivard, Smith (*Saurel*), Stewart Olsen, Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Jennifer Bird and Cynthia Kirkby (2010) (Library of Parliament)
Laura Barnett and Marcia Jones (2011) (Library of Parliament)
Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on National Finance

A. General Information

The committee was first created in May 1919 as the Committee on Finance, and, in 1968, it was renamed the Committee on National Finance. The committee's work is focused on matters relating to government spending. As stated in the *Rules of the Senate* (Rule 86(1)(g)), the committee has a mandate to examine matters related to federal Estimates generally, including:

- i. the national accounts and the reports of the Auditor General; and
- ii. Government finance.

A large part of the committee's work is devoted to a review of the government's estimates and issues arising out of that review.

Study of the Estimates and Legislation

As is customary, much of the committee's attention was focussed on the estimates, which outline the government's expenditure plans. The committee held several meetings to examine various aspects of the Government's planned expenditures for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 including the *Supplementary Estimates (A) 2010-2011*, *Supplementary Estimates (B) 2010-2011*, and *Supplementary Estimates (C) 2010-2011*. During these examinations, a range of issues were brought to the attention of the Senate by the committee.

As part of its hearings on the *Main Estimates 2010-2011*, the committee focused on a variety of issues, including the funding and operations of regional development agencies, the funding and the operations of Atomic Energy of Canada limited, Canada Post, Infrastructure spending, and CBC/Radio-Canada. Furthermore, the Extraordinary Financing Framework was again considered by the committee. In addition, the committee spent several meetings looking at the Office of the Superintendent for Bankruptcy, and the related functions of bankruptcy trustees and credit counsellors. As is customary, the committee heard from the Public Service Commission of Canada and the Auditor General.

The committee undertook a preliminary examination of the *Main Estimates, 2011-12* in March 2011, considering a variety of issues, and presented an interim report to the Senate just prior to the dissolution of the Fortieth Parliament.

Two bills were also reported by the committee:

- Bill C-9, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 4, 2010 and other measures – reported with amendments; and
- Bill C-47, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 4, 2010 and other measures – reported without amendment.

The study of Bill C-47 was preceded by a study of the subject-matter of the bill, but the committee did not report separately on the pre-study.

Three other bills were referred to the committee, but not studied prior to the dissolution of the Fortieth Parliament:

- Bill S-212, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (tax relief for Nunavik);
- Bill S-221, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (carbon offset tax credit); and

- Bill C-288, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (tax credit for new graduates working in designated regions).

Special Studies

The committee undertook a comprehensive study of the costs and benefits of Canada's one-cent coin. The committee heard from a wide group of stakeholders including representatives of the federal government, financial institutions, consumer associations, the retail industry, charitable organizations, universities, collectors and foreign governments. After hearing this testimony, the committee tabled a report in December 2010, recommending that Canada remove the one-cent coin from circulation. In doing so, the committee recommended that a voluntary symmetrical rounding system be implemented, following consultation with all stakeholders including the retail and service sectors, as well as provincial and territorial governments.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Main Estimates 2010-11	2010-06-08	55	Second interim report on the estimates
Fifth	Supplementary Estimates (A), 2010-2011	2010-06-22	19	Final report
Sixth	Bill C-9 (Budget Implementation Act 2010)	2010-07-04	138	Bill reported with 4 amendments
Seventh	Supplementary Estimates (B), 2010-2011	2010-12-09	17	Final report
Eighth	The future of Canada's one-cent coin	2010-12-14	19	Final report entitled: <i>The Costs and Benefits of Canada's One-Cent Coin to Canadian Tax Payers and the Overall Economy</i>
Ninth	Bill C-47 (Sustaining Canada's Economic Recovery Act)	2010-12-14	17	Bill reported without amendment
Tenth	Supplementary Estimates (C), 2010-2011	2011-03-10	15	Final report
Eleventh	Main Estimates 2011-12	2011-03-22	18	First interim report on the estimates

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	66	132.1	-	298	8
2009-10	44	75.9	-	183	12
2008-09	31	56.2	-	126	12
2007-08	35	64.3	-	129	15
2006-07	32	53.1	-	82	13

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$29,917</u>
TOTAL	\$29,917

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Irving Gerstein (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, *Cowan (or Tardif), Day, Dickson, Eggleton, P.C., Finley, Gerstein, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Marshall, Murray, P.C., Neufeld, Poulin (Charette), Ringuette and Runciman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Angus, Ataullahjan, Baker, Banks, Boisvenu, Braley, Carignan, Chaput, Cordy, Cowan, Dawson, Downe, Duffy, Eaton, Frum, Greene, Hubley, Lang, LeBreton, Losier-Cool, MacDonald, Manning, Martin, Massicotte, Meighen, Meredith, Mitchell, Mockler, Moore, Nolin, Oliver, Peterson, Plett, Raine, Rompkey, P.C., Seidman, Stratton, Tkachuk and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Lydia Scratch, Sylvain Fleury and John Bulmer (Library of Parliament)

Natalie Lemay-Paquette (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

A. **General Information**

The Senate created the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence during the 1st Session of the 37th Parliament, on March 15, 2001. Since its inception, the committee has studied many important issues and recommended measures to improve Canadians' security and allow Canada to contribute to global security. During the past fiscal year, the committee submitted five substantive reports to the Senate.

Two of these reports were related to legislation, Bill S-13 and Bill C-55, while a third was in reference to a motion made in the Senate on the official structural name of the Canadian navy which was referred to the committee for further study. Along with the three previously mentioned reports, the committee tabled two interim reports under its order of reference relating to its study on the national security and defence policies of Canada.

The first of these interim reports, *Where we go from here: Canada's Mission in Afghanistan*, was tabled in June 2010 and dealt largely with the question of whether or not the Canadian Forces should continue to play a role in Afghanistan after 2011. The second interim report, *Sovereignty & Security in Canada's Arctic*, was tabled in March 2011, examined the differences between the concepts of "sovereignty" and "security", and recommended the necessary steps that Canada should take to improve its presence in our far North.

In addition to these two interim reports, the committee conducted two fact-finding missions under its order of reference on the study of the national security and defence policies of Canada. The first was to Canadian Forces Base Edmonton in December 2010 while the second took place in February 2011 at which time the committee travelled to Washington, D.C.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 ***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	The national security and defence policies of Canada	2010-05-27	-	Budget
Third	The national security and defence policies of Canada	2009-06-17	-	Budget
Fourth	The national security and defence policies of Canada	2010-06-22	18	Interim report entitled : <i>Where we go from here: Canada's Mission in Afghanistan</i>

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Motion to change the official structural name of the Canadian Navy	2010-12-13	8	Final report on the adoption of the motion to change the official structural name of 'Maritime Command' to a new name that includes the word 'navy'
Sixth	Bill S-13 (Integrated Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforcement Agreement between Canada and the US)	2011-03-01	14	Bill reported with 3 amendments
Seventh	The national security and defence policies of Canada	2011-03-22	17	Interim report entitled: <i>Sovereignty & Security In Canada's Arctic</i>
Eighth	Bill C-55 (Enhanced New Veterans Charter Act)	2011-03-23	7	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	22	51.8	30.5	83	7
2009-10	23	55.5	161.5	28	5
2008-09	15	60.0	44.5	26	11
2007-08	18	68.7	114.0	71	7
2006-07	25	111.4	198.0	77	13

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$71,814
Witness Expenses:	\$9,654
TOTAL	\$81,468

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pamela Wallin (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Roméo Dallaire (Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Banks, *Cowan (or Tardif), Day, Lang, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Manning, Meighen, Nolin, Pépin, Wallin and Zimmer

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Cordy, Dickson, Downe, Duffy, Greene, Harb, Hubley, Johnson, Mercer, Mitchell, Munson, Neufeld, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Marshall, Robichaud, P.C., Rompkey, P.C., Segal, St. Germain, P.C., and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Holly Porteous and Martin Auger (Library of Parliament)
Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

A. General Information

In the past session, the subcommittee had delegated to it from the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence, a mandate to conduct a study on the services and benefits provided to members of the Canadian Forces, veterans, and members and former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their families.

Under the auspices of the previously mentioned order of reference, the subcommittee, during the past fiscal year, continued a series of public hearings on the topic of the implementation of the New Veterans' Charter. It heard from numerous senior government officials, stakeholders and academics to gather evidence geared towards eventually issuing a report on the status of the Charter's implementation. At the time of dissolution, the subcommittee was considering a draft report related to this mandate.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs' reports to the Standing Committee on National Security and Defence.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses
2010-11	22	26.7	-	43
2009-10	15	15.3	-	23
2008-09	6	6.7	36.0	15
2007-08	12	12.8	36.0	22
2006-07	8	8.4	6.9	22

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	\$2,870
TOTAL	\$2,870

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E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Romeo Dallaire (Liberal) (since October 4, 2010)
The Honourable Senator Tommy Banks (Liberal) (until October 4, 2010)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Fabian Manning (Conservative)

Members of the Subcommittee (as nominated by the Committee):

The Honourable Senators Banks, Dallaire, Manning Meighen and Wallin

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Day, Dickson, Downe, Johnson, Lang, Marshall, Neufeld, Nolin, Patterson, Peterson, Pépin, Plett, Rompkey, P.C., and St. Germain, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jim Cox (Library of Parliament)
Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Official Languages

A. **General Information**

At the start of the fiscal year, the committee continued its study on the implementation of Part VII of the *Official Languages Act*. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the action taken by federal institutions following the amendments that had been made to Part VII of the Act in November 2005. After hearing from a number of federal departments and agencies, as well as agencies representing official language minority communities and legal experts, the committee published its report in June 2010.

In the winter of 2009, the committee began an in-depth study on English-speaking communities in Quebec. The purpose of this study was to examine the various areas that affect the development and vitality of these communities (e.g., community development, education, youth, arts and culture, health). The committee held public hearings in Ottawa and in various regions in Quebec to familiarize itself with the realities and challenges that English-speaking communities in Quebec face, and it published its report in March 2011.

In addition to studying these two topics in particular, the committee also studied the annual reports of the Commissioner of Official Languages, the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Treasury Board, as well as other issues relating to official languages, including minority-language teaching and the media and vitality in official language minority communities.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 ***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2010-05-06	-	Budget
Third	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2010-06-17	123	Interim report entitled: <i>Implementation of Part VII of the Official Languages Act: We can still do better</i>
Fourth	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2011-03-09	120	Interim report entitled: <i>The Vitality of Quebec's English-Speaking Communities: From Myth to Reality</i>

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	31	55.5	11.0	109	3
2009-10	21	37.3	11.0	70	4
2008-09	16	30.4	11.0	64	5
2007-08	18	25.2	-	40	6
2006-07	25	44.6	-	99	5

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$71,179
Witness Expenses:	<u>2,976</u>
TOTAL	\$74,155

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Maria Chaput (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Andrée Champagne, P.C. (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Champagne, P.C., Chaput, De Bané, P.C., Fortin-Duplessis, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Losier-Cool, Mockler, Seidman and Tardif

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Brazeau, Dawson, Fraser, Greene, Munson, Poulin, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., Runciman, Smith (*Saurel*) and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

A. General Information

In 1968, a Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders was established following a report by the Special Committee on the *Rules of the Senate*, which had been appointed to examine the Rules and to recommend improvements. This committee was replaced in June 1991 by the Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders, which assumed the function of examining the orders, customs and privileges of the Senate, a function previously performed by the Committee on Privileges which was a committee of all the senators present during the session. In September of 2001, the committee adopted its current name to better reflect its mandate and responsibilities.

In 2010-2011, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament submitted three substantive reports. Two of them recommended amendments to the *Rules of the Senate* on questions of privilege and the elimination of reference to two inoperative joint committees. The committee also undertook a review of the Senate's committee structure, and made an initial report on the matter to the Senate.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2010-04-27	-	Questions of privilege
Third	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2010-12-07	-	Amendments to the Rules
Fourth	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2011-03-09	-	Restructuring of Senate Standing Committees

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	15	17.4	-	-	3
2009-10	24	29.9	-	28	6
2008-09	9	11.6	-	10	3
2007-08	8	9.7	36.0	7	7
2006-07	10	11.4	-	12	3

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D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David P. Smith, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry Stratton (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Brown, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., Cools, *Cowan (or Tardif), Duffy, Fraser, Furey, Joyal, P.C., Keon, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), McCoy, Ogilvie, Oliver, Smith, P.C. (*Cobourg*), Stratton and Wallace

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Braley, De Bané, P.C., Greene, Lang, Mahovlich, Mockler, Munson, Peterson, Seidman and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Charles Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michel Bédard and Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Katy Treehuba (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee of Selection

A. General Information

At the commencement of each session, a Committee of Selection is appointed to undertake two functions: the nomination of a Speaker *pro tempore* and the nomination of senators to serve on select committees.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	-	-	-	-
2009-10	2	0.4	-	3
2008-09	3	0.5	-	3
2007-08	2	0.4	-	3
2006-07	5	0.8	-	5

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Consiglio Di Nino (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Liberal)

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2010-2011.

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Senate):

The Honourable Senators *Cowan (or Tardif), Di Nino, Fortin-Duplessis, Fraser, Greene, *Hervieux-Payette, P.C. *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Martin, Munson, Robichaud, P.C., and Stewart Olsen

Committee Clerk:

Heather Lank

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

A. General Information

In the 3rd session of the 40th Parliament, the committee continued its study on access to post-secondary education in Canada, and finished hearing from witnesses in June 2010. The committee also examined Health Canada's Proposal to Parliament for User Fees and Service Standards for Human Drugs and Medical Devices Programs in May 2010. The committee commenced a study on Canada's pandemic preparedness in September 2010 and tabled its final report entitled: *Canada's Response to the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic* in December 2010. The committee resumed its study of social issues pertaining to Canada's largest cities in February 2011, hearing from witnesses on the second theme of the study on social inclusion and cohesion.

The committee also studied the following bills during the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

- Bill C-268, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (minimum sentence for offences involving trafficking of persons under the age of eighteen years)
- Bill S-211, An Act respecting World Autism Awareness Day
- Bill S-203, An Act respecting a National Philanthropy Day
- Bill C-34, An Act to amend the Museums Act
- Bill C-11, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Federal Courts Act
- Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Employment Insurance Act
- Bill C-40, An Act to establish National Seniors Day
- Bill C-36, An Act respecting the safety of consumer products
- Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act (Eliminating Entitlements for Prisoners Act)
- Bill C-35, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Bill C-442, An Act to establish a National Holocaust Monument

The committee was referred the following bills but unable to study them prior to the dissolution of Parliament:

- Bill S-217, An Act to establish and maintain a national registry of medical devices
- Bill S-218, An Act respecting Canada-Russia Friendship Day
- Bill S-209, An Act respecting a national day of service to honour the courage and sacrifice of Canadians in the face of terrorism, particularly the events of September 11, 2001
- Bill C-302, An Act to recognize the injustice that was done to persons of Italian origin through their "enemy alien" designation and internment during the Second World War, and to provide for restitution and promote education on Italian-Canadian history
- Bill C-465, An Act respecting a National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Canada's Largest cities	2010-05-06	-	Budget
Third	Accessibility of post-secondary education in Canada	2010-05-06	-	Budget
Fourth	Health Canada's Proposal for User Fees & Service standards for Human Drugs and Medical Devices Programs	2010-05-13	10	Review
Fifth	Bill C-268 (Criminal Code - minimum sentence for trafficking of persons under 18)	2010-06-03	15	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Bill S-211 (World Autism Awareness Day)	2010-06-08	1	Bill reported with 4 amendments
Seventh	Bill S-203 (National Philanthropy Day)	2010-06-08	1	Bill reported with 2 amendments
Eighth	Bill C-34 (Museums Act)	2010-06-22	3	Bill reported without amendment
Ninth	Bill C-11 (Balanced Refugee Reform Act)	2010-06-29	19	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Tenth	Bill C-13 (Employment Insurance Act)	2010-06-29	2	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	Bill C-40 (National Seniors Day)	2010-10-21	1	Bill reported without amendment
Twelfth	Canada's pandemic preparedness	2010-10-21	-	Budget
Thirteenth	Bill C-36 (Safety of consumer products)	2010-12-02	13	Bill reported without amendment

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourteenth	Bill C-31 (Eliminating Entitlements for Prisoners Act)	2010-12-09	8	Bill reported without amendment
Fifteenth	Canada's pandemic preparedness	2010-12-15	78	Final report entitled: <i>Canada's Response to the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic</i>
Sixteenth	Bill C-35 (Immigration and Refugee Protection Act)	2011-03-10	10	Bill reported without amendment
Seventeenth	Bill C-442 (National Holocaust Monument)	2011-03-24	3	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	54	104.5	1.4	251	16
2009-10	27	44.5	-	89	13
2008-09	9	8.9	-	15	10
2007-08	27	47.5	-	102	16
2006-07	30	48.8	-	127	12

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$10,741
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$58,988</u>
TOTAL	\$69,729

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Art Eggleton, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Kelvin K. Ogilvie (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, Champagne, P.C., Cordy, *Cowan (or Tardif), Demers, Dyck, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C., Keon, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Martin, Merchant, Ogilvie and Seidman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Braley, Brazeau, Cowan, Dawson, Day, Dickson, Di Nino, Fairbairn, P.C., Fox, Greene, Housakos, Hubley, Jaffer, Kochhar, Lang, Mahovlich, Marshall, Mercer, Meredith, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Poirier, Raine, Rivard, Runciman, Stewart Olsen and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Havi Echenberg, Sonya Norris, Brian O'Neal, Brian Hermon, Karin Phillips and Daniel Thompson
(Library of Parliament)
Diane McMartin (since September 2010)
Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant) (until September 2010)

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

A. **General Information**

During the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament, the committee completed its examination of the wireless sector. The committee's order of reference was to:

study emerging issues related to its communications mandate and to report on the wireless sector, including issues such as access to high-speed Internet, the supply of bandwidth, the nation-building role of wireless, the pace of the adoption of innovations, the financial aspects associated with possible changes to the sector, and Canada's development of the sector in comparison to the performance in other countries.

In its report tabled in the Senate on June 16, 2010 entitled *Plan for a Digital Canada.ca*, the committee urged the government to lead by example by being involved in a digital society to the extent that it looks to digital technology to run itself and to deliver its services. The report also recommended that Canada present a strategy for an inclusive digital society.

Upon completion of the wireless study, the committee began a study on the emerging issues related to the Canadian airline industry. The order of reference set out four main issues of focus: global context, domestic market, the industry's business relationship with its passengers, and the economic impact of airports. As part of this study, the committee conducted a fact-finding visit to the Ottawa International Airport.

In addition to these special studies, the committee was referred several pieces of legislation including Bill C-42, an Act to amend the Aeronautics Act (reported without amendment on March 10, 2011), Bill C-28, An Act to promote the efficiency and adaptability of the Canadian economy by regulating certain activities that discourage reliance on electronic means of carrying out commercial activities, and to amend the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Act, the Competition Act, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act and the Telecommunications Act (reported without amendment on December 14, 2010), Bill S-5, An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (reported without amendment on June 3, 2010). Bill S-219, An Act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act (rural postal services and the Canada Post Ombudsman) was referred to the committee but was not reported to the chamber prior to prorogation.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 ***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Issues related to its communications mandate and to report on the wireless sector	2010-05-27	-	Budget

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Bill S-5 (Ensuring Safe Vehicles Imported from Mexico for Canadians Act)	2010-06-03	7	Bill reported without amendment
Fourth	Issues related to its communications mandate and to report on the wireless sector	2010-06-16	5	Final Report entitled: <i>Plan for a digital Canada.ca</i>
Fifth	Emerging issues related to the Canadian airline industry	2010-12-14	-	Budget
Sixth	Bill C-28 (Promote the efficiency and adaptability of the Canadian economy)	2010-12-14	5	Bill reported without amendment
Seventh	Bill C-42 (Aeronautics Act)	2011-03-10	4	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	28	33.5	2.4	62	6
2009-10	26	34.0	64.6	71	6
2008-09	8	8.3	-	9	4
2007-08	30	43.1	15.1	100	9
2006-07	35	51.6	7.0	88	8

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$16,274
Witness Expenses:	4,646
TOTAL	\$20,920

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Cochrane, *Cowan (or Tardif), Dawson, Fox, P.C., Frum, Housakos, Johnson, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), MacDonald, Martin, Mercer, Merchant, Plett and Zimmer

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Boisvenu, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., Comeau, Kochhar, Marshall, Meighen, Meredith, Mockler, Moore, Nancy Ruth, Ogilvie, Oliver, Raine, Seidman, Stratton and Wallin

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Terrence Thomas and Dean Ruffilli (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament

A. **General Information**

Subject to the approval of its first report to the Senate, the Joint Committee recommends that it be authorized to assist the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons in directing and controlling the Library of Parliament, and that it be authorized to make recommendations to the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons regarding the governance of the Library and the proper expenditure of moneys voted by Parliament for the purchase of books, maps or other articles to be deposited therein.

In the fiscal year from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011, 8 meetings were held. The committee commenced a study of Parliament 2020 where it invited several witnesses to discuss the topic of how Parliamentary Libraries could develop new public outreach initiatives that could bridge the gap between the public (in particular young voters) and Parliament. The study remains ongoing. The committee also held a meeting on the preparatory work on the Library of Parliament's Main Estimates for 2011-2012 and examined the main Supplementary Estimates (B) 2010-2011: Vote 10B.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 ***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Permanent	2010-04-28	-	Committee's Quorum and Mandate
Second	Parliament Vote 10 of the Estimates 2010-2011	2010-11-23	-	Review

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	8	7.8	15	2
2009-10	12	18.7	24	3
2008-09	5	5.8	6	1
2007-08	3	1.7	2	1
2006-07	2	0.2	-	1

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D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy E. Downe (Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Downe, Greene, Lapointe, MacDonald and Stratton

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Banks, Housakos, Johnson, Kochhar, Mercer, Meredith, Seidman and Tkachuk

Joint Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Élise Hurtubise-Loranger, François Côté and Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations

A. General Information

The joint committee's mandate is defined by the Statutory Instruments Act, which authorizes it to review and scrutinize certain statutory instruments made after January 1, 1972. In addition to its statutory order of reference, the Senate and the House of Commons have, since 1980, renewed an order of reference at the beginning of each session authorizing the joint committee to study the means by which Parliament can better oversee and control the government regulatory process. Taken together, the statutory and sessional references of the committee provide it with a broad jurisdiction to enquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

In the fiscal year from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011, 15 meetings were held. While the committee rarely calls witnesses, it did so this fiscal year. Laureen Kinney, Director General of Aviation Security at *Transport Canada*, appeared before the committee in December 2010.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Section 19 of <i>the Statutory Instruments Act</i> , R.S.C. 1985, c. S-22,	2010-12-14	-	<i>Report No. 86 Indian Estates Regulations</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	16	18.8	1	1
2009-10	11	15.0	1	4
2008-09	10	12.1	3	3
2007-08	12	14.9	4	2
2006-07	12	16.4	10	5

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2010-2011.

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$1,552
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$1,552

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Yonah Martin (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Dickson, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Martin, Moore, Poirier and Wallace

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Braley, Housakos, Johnson, Meighen and Stratton

Joint Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Administrative Support:

Peter Bernhardt, Jacques Rousseau, Shawn Abel and Evelyne Borkowski-Parent (Library of Parliament)

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Special Senate Committee on Anti-terrorism

A. General Information

When the Special Senate Committee on Anti-terrorism was established in May 2010, its primary task was expected to be the review of legislation relating to anti-terrorism. While waiting for legislation to arrive at the committee stage in the Senate, the committee sought and received Senate approval to conduct a special study on matters relating to anti-terrorism. Under this order of reference, the committee decided to examine the changing nature of terrorism, including the increase in the phenomenon of home grown terrorists. To that end, the committee held 11 hearings between May 2010 and February 2011 and heard from 32 witnesses, including scholars and members of the law enforcement and intelligence communities, from countries including Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia. In March 2011, the committee released its interim report *Security, Freedom and the Complex Terrorist Threat: Positive Steps Ahead* which deals with the changing threat environment, the challenges associated with terrorist investigations and prosecutions and parliamentary oversight of national security. Two major concerns were highlighted in this report: the longstanding absence in Canada of appropriate and in-depth national security parliamentary oversight and the lack of a strong research basis specific to the transition from radicalization into violence.

During the fiscal year 2010-11, the committee also studied one piece of legislation, Bill S-7, An Act to deter terrorism and to amend the State Immunity Act. After holding three hearings on this bill, the committee reported the bill without amendments but with observations on five points.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2010-2011 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Rule 104	2010-06-01	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Bill S-7 (Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act)	2010-10-05	10	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Third	Matters relating to anti-terrorism	2011-03-23	32	Interim report entitled <i>Security, Freedom and the Complex Terrorist Threat: Positive Steps Ahead</i>

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C. Activities of the Committee:

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2010-11	18	35.8	42	3
2009-10	-	-	-	1
2008-09	23	47.7	130	3
2007-08	14	30.5	79	4
2006-07	9	17.9	43	2

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	\$14,672
TOTAL	\$14,672

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

(* Indicates ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Hugh Segal (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Liberal)

Original Members agreed to by Motion of the Senate:

The Honourable Senators *Cowan (or Tardif), Furey, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Marshall, Nolin, Segal, Smith, P.C. (*Cobourg*), Tkachuk and Wallin

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Baker, P.C., Dallaire, Duffy, Greene, Manning, Mitchell, Patterson and Plett

Committee Clerk:

Barbara Reynolds

Analysts and Administrative Support:aas

Cynthia Kirkby and Dominique Valiquet (Library of Parliament)

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2010-2011

Senate committees may apply for a budget, for example to engage the services of counsel and clerical help and to travel if so authorized by the Senate. Certain expenditures such as videoconferencing and travel expenses for witnesses are charged to a central budget. The budget process is described in the *Senate Administrative Rules (Chapter 3:06)*.

Senate committees may apply for a budget, for example to engage the services of counsel or subject-matter experts and to travel, if so authorized by the Senate. In addition, certain expenditures are charged to a centralized budget managed by the Committees Directorate. These expenditures are videoconferencing fees and travel expenses for witnesses, which are both included in column B below, and general postage, coffee/tea/juice at committee meetings in Ottawa and, since 2009-2010, working meals in Ottawa which are included in column C below.

Meetings and Expenditures, 2007-2011

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses (B)	Other Expenses (C)	Total Expenditures (A+B+C)
2010-11	581	\$687,050	\$302,448	\$197,025	\$1,186,523
2009-10	514	\$1,332,551	\$223,920	\$178,424	\$1,734,895
2008-09	361	\$1,030,767	\$184,223	-	\$1,214,990
2007-08	444	\$1,520,093	\$202,874	-	\$1,722,967
2006-07	541	\$1,888,324	\$220,022	-	\$2,108,346

Explanation of Standard Categories

The following table provides each committee's budget and actual expenditures, divided between General Expenses (for all expenses unrelated to specific committee trips), and each committee trip. Expenditures are further broken down into three standard categories:

- **Transportation and Communications** (including airfare, hotels, per diems, working meals and ground transportation)
- **Professional and Other Services** (including research assistance, expert advisors, reporting and transcribing services and hospitality)
- **All Other Expenditures** (including advertising, courier charges, rental of meeting rooms, reporting and interpretation equipment, and printing)

Committee Budgets and Expenditures Report for 2010-2011

Name of Committee <i>Session 40-3</i>	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Transportation & Communication	Prof. Services	All Others	Total Expenditures
Aboriginal Peoples						
Study on General Matters	241,020					
<i>General Expenses</i>		14,520	-	1,618	3,125	4,743
<i>New Brunswick and Nova Scotia</i>		42,925	31,964	-	200	32,164
<i>Northern Ontario</i>		35,340	-	-	-	-
<i>Saskatchewan-Alberta</i>		141,735	62,340	3,073	2,947	68,360
<i>Promotion of Reports</i>		6,500	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	241,020	241,020	94,304	4,690	6,272	105,266
Agriculture and Forestry						
Study on Forest Sector	146,804					
<i>General Expenses</i>		14,450	-	-	-	-
<i>Chibougamau and Timmins</i>		28,900	17,640	254	63	17,957
<i>National Capital Region</i>		6,100	773	102	-	876
<i>Vancouver-William-Kelowna</i>		97,354	44,707	63	129	44,899
TOTAL	146,804	146,804	63,119	420	192	63,731
Banking, Trade and Commerce						
Legislation	7,300					
<i>General Expenses</i>		7,300	-	-	5,800	5,800
TOTAL	7,300	7,300	-	-	5,800	5,800
Conflict of Interest for Senators						
<i>General Expenses</i>	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources						
Study on Energy Sector	188,012					
<i>General Expenses</i>		14,000	-	5,032	171	5,203
<i>Conference:Globe 2009-2010</i>		-	67	-	-	67
<i>Chalk River</i>		3,436	880	-	-	880
<i>Maritimes</i>		133,260	61,484	8,208	17,528	87,220
<i>Montreal</i>		26,604	7,463	3,840	2,260	13,563
<i>Toronto-Ontario Nuclear Facilities</i>		10,712	6,871	-	183	7,054
TOTAL	188,012	188,012	76,765	17,079	20,142	113,987

Name of Committee <i>Session 40-3</i>	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Transportation & Communication	Prof. Services	All Others	Total Expenditures
Fisheries and Oceans						
Study on Government Policy Framework	200,063					
<i>General Expenses</i>		2,700	-	-	147	147
<i>British Columbia</i>		71,760	48,259	-	1,294	49,553
<i>Nova Scotia-Canadian Lighthouse</i>		62,455	32,275	49	690	33,014
<i>Newfoundland and Labrador</i>		63,148	31,326	-	413	31,740
TOTAL	200,063	200,063	111,860	49	2,545	114,454
Foreign Affairs and International Trade						
Study on General Issues	2,000					
<i>General Expenses</i>		2,000	-	452	-	452
Study on Government Policy Framework	204,000					
<i>General Expenses</i>		2,000	-	-	50	50
<i>India</i>		202,000	104,359	4,815	2,047	111,221
TOTAL	206,000	206,000	104,359	5,268	2,097	111,724
Legal and Constitutional Affairs						
Legislation	23,750					
<i>General Expenses</i>		23,750	-	-	529	529
DNA Identification	9,500					
<i>General Expenses</i>		9,500	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	33,250	33,250	-	-	529	529
National Security and Defence						
Study of the National Security Policy	173,170					
<i>General Expenses</i>		28,550	-	12,150	-	12,150
<i>CFB Edmonton</i>		92,805	35,731	-	15	35,746
<i>RMC Saint-Jean</i>		3,375	-	-	-	-
<i>Washington, DC</i>		48,440	23,918	-	-	23,918
TOTAL	173,170	173,170	59,650	12,150	15	71,814
Official Languages						
Study of the Official Languages Act	95,598					
<i>General Expenses</i>		2,000	-	-	-	-
<i>English-Speaking Community-Quebec</i>		93,598	41,560	713	28,905	71,179
TOTAL	95,598	95,598	41,560	713	28,905	71,179

Name of Committee <i>Session 40-3</i>	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Transportation & Communication	Prof. Services	All Others	Total Expenditures
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)						
<i>General Expenses</i>		7,050	-	614	938	1,552
TOTAL	7,050	7,050	-	614	938	1,552
Social Affairs, Science and Technology						
Study on Largest Cities	21,340					
<i>General Expenses</i>		21,340	-	-	8,991	8,991
Study on Pandemics	1,550					
<i>General Expenses</i>		900	-	390	-	390
<i>Government Operation Centre</i>		650	400	-	-	400
Study on Post-Secondary Education	11,840					
<i>General Expenses</i>		11,840	-	960	-	960
TOTAL	34,730	34,730	400	1,350	8,991	10,741
Transport and Communications						
Study on the Airline Industry	420					
<i>National Capital Region</i>		420	108	-	-	108
Study on Wireless Sector	17,370					
<i>General Expenses</i>		17,370	-	15,930	236	16,166
TOTAL	17,790	17,790	108	15,930	236	16,274
TOTAL40-3	1,400,787	1,400,787	552,126	58,263	76,661	687,050

Witness Expense Breakdown for 2010-2011

40-3 COMMITTEE ACTIVITY	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	37,979	
Legislation		15,988
Special Study-General Matters		21,991
Agriculture and Forestry	44,907	
Special Study-Forest Sector		44,907
Anti-Terrorism	14,672	
Legislation		1,476
Special Study-Matters Relating to Anti-Terrorism		13,196
Banking, Trade and Commerce	12,261	
Legislation		10,138
Special Study-Tax-Free Savings Accounts and RRSP		2,123
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	7,374	
Special Study-Energy Sector		7,374
Fisheries	14,516	
Special Study-Government Policy Framework		14,516
Foreign Affairs	5,604	
Special Study-Brazil		2,989
Special Study-China-India-Russia		2,615
Human Rights	18,472	
Legislation		7,549
Special Study-Afghan Women		3,985
Special Study-International and National Human Rights		4,770
Special Study-Sexual Exploitation		2,169
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	37,613	
Legislation		36,674
Special Study-Sex Records		939
National Finance	29,917	
Legislation		25,326
Special Study-One Cent Coin		4,590
National Security and Defence	9,654	
Legislation		1,539
Special Study-Motion to change the official structural name of the Canadian Navy		3,858
Special Study-National Security Policy		4,256
Subcommittee on Veterans	2,870	
Veterans Charter		2,870
Official Languages	2,976	
Special Study-Official Languages Act		2,976
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	58,988	
Legislation		10,539
Special Study-Largest Cities		15,161
Special Study-Pandemics		17,835
Special Study-Population Health		1,838
Special Study-Post-Secondary Education		13,615
Transport & Communication	4,646	
Legislation		2,386
Special Study-Airline Industry		2,260
TOTAL 40-3	302,448	302,448

**Total may not add up due to rounding*