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INTRODUCTION

Canada's international parliamentary relations are carried out, in part, through parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups. Though their activities and objectives may be varied, the [associations](#) of the Parliament of Canada share similar characteristics:

- they promote the country's interests abroad on a continuing basis;
- operate on multilateral and bilateral levels;
- are composed of members of the Senate and of the House of Commons; and
- association members meet at annual general meetings where they elect executive committees, as well as at other meetings to coordinate and direct activities with their bilateral counterparts or with the international secretariats of the multilateral organizations to which they belong.

There are also four unfunded interparliamentary groups which have been recognized by the Parliament of Canada which also help promote bilateral relations with the specific country to which they are related.

The Joint Interparliamentary Council (JIC) is responsible for determining all budgetary and administrative matters relating to parliamentary associations. Specifically, the Council determines the level of funding to be distributed to each association within the limits of the total allotments approved by the Senate Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the House of Commons Board of Internal Economy. In addition, the JIC is also responsible for setting the overall general policy direction for parliamentary associations as well as coordination of related activities and operating policies to ensure effective, efficient, consistent and coherent support for interparliamentary activities while also promoting the best interests of Parliament in the area of interparliamentary relations.

List of JIC members (April 2014 to March 2015)

Co-Chairs:

- Senator David Tkachuk
- Joe Comartin, MP

Members:

- Senator Marjory LeBreton
- Senator Jim Munson
- Dave Mackenzie, MP
- Hon. Rob Merrifield, PC, MP
- Hon. Ron Cannan, PC, MP
- Sadia Groguhé, MP
- Frank Valeriotte, MP
- Randy Hoback, MP
- Gordon Brown, MP

While the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate (IIA) works on behalf of Parliamentarians from both Chambers in supporting parliamentary associations, it also provides support to the exchange programs of both Speakers, as well as ongoing protocol and parliamentary conference support for official international and interparliamentary activities for the Parliament of Canada. It is important to highlight again that the sole focus of this report is on those areas under the jurisdiction of the JIC, which is to say primarily, parliamentary associations and their activities. Also, as with the previous annual reports prepared by IIA, the intention is to provide the JIC with a high level, quantitative summary of the activities of parliamentary associations.

For further information, please contact International and Interparliamentary Affairs at 613-943-5959.

LIST OF PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

As of March 31, 2015, there are 12 associations that receive funding from Parliament and fall under the administrative authority of the JIC, plus the Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which falls under the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association. The last group to be officially recognized by the JIC as a parliamentary association was the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association in 2003.

Associations (12 + OSCE)	Geographical Region
<i>Multilateral Associations (7 + OSCE)</i>	
• Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association	Africa
• Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association - Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA)	Europe
• Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF)	Global
• Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)	Global
• Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	Global
• Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association (NATO PA)	Global
• Canadian Section of ParlAmericas	Americas
<i>Bilateral Associations (5)</i>	
• Canada-China Legislative Association	Asia-Pacific
• Canada-France Interparliamentary Association	Europe
• Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group	Asia-Pacific
• Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association	Europe
• Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group	Americas

(Table 1)

There are also four interparliamentary groups which have been recognised by the JIC and receive minimal administrative assistance from IIA. This assistance is generally limited to administrative and procedural support for annual general meetings, maintaining the group's constitution and the collection of related membership fees. These groups promote cooperation and understanding amongst nations and, like parliamentary associations, strengthen the relations between Canadian parliamentarians and their counterparts in other parliaments. Membership fees from individual parliamentarians support the activities of these groups.

Interparliamentary Groups (4)
• Canada-Germany Interparliamentary Group
• Canada-Ireland Interparliamentary Group
• Canada-Israel Interparliamentary Group
• Canada-Italy Interparliamentary Group

(Table 2)

A description of the structure, activities and objectives of each association and group can be found on the IIA web site at www.parl.gc.ca/ia.

SUPPORTING PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATIONS

The International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate (IIA) is a joint Senate-House of Commons directorate offering a single parliamentary window to coordinate the Parliament of Canada's international and interparliamentary relations and activities, often referred to as parliamentary diplomacy.

IIA's mandate is to support the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Commons and other parliamentarians in their promotion of democratic values and Canadian interests, and to contribute to good public governance through the sharing of information and the exchange of best practices.

This is accomplished, in a continually evolving geo-political context, through our three core business lines:

1. **Parliamentary Exchanges** led by the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons, including incoming and outgoing visits and meetings with dignitaries;
2. **Parliamentary Associations** composed of Senators and Members of the House of Commons that foster links on a bilateral or multilateral basis with foreign counterparts;
3. **Protocol and Conferences**, activities which involve the planning and organization of official visits, programs and conferences.

The Parliamentary Associations team is responsible for the ongoing administrative and procedural support for each association. This is done, in part, with the ongoing assistance and support of the IIA Protocol and Conferences team, which also provides similar services to the Parliamentary Exchanges team. In addition, many associations also rely on the support of an analyst from the Library of Parliament to assist with the ongoing work of the association.

IIA has some 50 staff members, who are employees of either the Senate or the House of Commons. These staff report to the Clerk Assistant and Director General, International and Interparliamentary Affairs. They include a chief of protocol and director of events, two deputy principal clerks, a manager, resource planning and administration, and a number of procedural clerks who serve as association secretaries and exchanges officers, as well as protocol officers, team leaders, finance officers and administrative assistants.

LIST OF ASSOCIATIONS

The following is a list of the Associations, their Chairs or Co-Chairs, as well as the Association Secretaries and Administrative Assistants assigned by IIA as well as the Analysts assigned by the Library of Parliament.

Association	Chair/Co-Chairs	Association Secretary	Association Administrative Assistant	Library of Parliament Analyst
APF	Senator Paul E. McIntyre, QC	François Michaud	Sandra Moniz	Jean-Luc Bourdages
Canada-Africa	Senator Raynell Andreychuk and Mauril Bélanger, PC, MP	Alexandre Roger	Patricia Tremblay	Aïcha Coulibaly Brian Hermon
Canada-China	Senator Victor Oh and Wai Young, MP	Michel Marcotte	Anick Archambault	N/A
Canada-Europe	David Tilson, MP	Guyanne Desforges	Lucie Dagenais	Laura Barnett Thai Nguyen Maxime-Olivier Thibodeau
Canada-France	Senator Claudette Tardif	Line Gravel	Jamie Lamothe	Raphaëlle Deraspe
Canada-Japan	Senator David Tkachuk and Mike Wallace, MP	Michel Marcotte	Anick Archambault	N/A
Canada-UK	James Rajotte, MP	Elizabeth Kingston	Juliana Cavallero	N/A
Canada-US	Senator Janis G. Johnson and Gord Brown, MP	Miriam Burke	Dominique Dubois	June Dewetering James Lee
CPA	Joe Preston, MP	Elizabeth Kingston	Juliana Cavallero	N/A
IPU	Senator Salma Atallahjan	Line Gravel	Jamie Lamothe	Frédéric Forge Julie Béchard
NATO PA	Cheryl Gallant, MP	Michelle Tittley	Rachael Marks	Melissa Radford Holly Porteous
OSCE PA	Dean Allison, MP (Director for the OSCE)	Alexandre Roger	Patricia Tremblay	Erin Shaw
ParlAmericas	Randy Hoback, MP	Alexandre Roger	Rachael Marks	Andre Barnes

(Table 3 – as of March 31, 2015)

While there are 12 Associations, plus the Canadian Group of the OSCE, for a total of 13, there are nine Association Secretaries, several of whom support two associations or have other responsibilities at IIA. There are also nine Administrative Assistants who specifically support the work of parliamentary associations on a full time basis and several are assigned to more than one association.

The Library of Parliament provides direct support through Analysts who provide research and analysis services to a number of associations. In 2014–2015, the equivalent of approximately five full-time Analysts provided support to associations. In supporting associations, the Analysts draft reports, resolutions, speaking notes and press releases, among other services. With regard to the Analysts formally assigned to associations, it is worth noting that the level of support varies widely among associations. A number of associations have no Analysts formally assigned to them, though research and analytical support is made available on request for those associations, while others may have two or more Analysts assigned to them.

Finally, the four interparliamentary groups are generally supported by one Association Secretary who also supports another association.

Interparliamentary Group	Chair	Group Secretary
Canada-Germany	Gary Schellenberger, MP	François Michaud
Canada-Ireland	Larry Miller, MP	
Canada-Israel	David Sweet, MP	
Canada-Italy	Stella Ambler, MP	

(Table 4 – as of March 31, 2015)

MEMBERSHIP PER ASSOCIATION (2014–2015)

Parliamentary associations are composed solely of members of the Senate and the House of Commons who have expressed the intention of joining in the Association and have paid the annual dues. Tables 5 and 6 below provide a breakdown of the number of members per association in the past two fiscal years. In the last fiscal year, membership decreased in every association and interparliamentary group, leading to an overall decrease of about 15%.

Associations	No. of Members 2013–2014	No. of Members 2014–2015
APF	55	40
Canada-Africa	68	55
Canada-China	100	78
Canada-Europe/OSCE	119	112
Canada-France	71	56
Canada-Japan	79	63
Canada-UK	92	90
Canada-US	133	127
CPA	110	90
IPU	75	62
NATO PA	88	65
ParlAmericas	91	81
Total (Parliamentary Associations)	1,081	919

(Table 5 – as of March 31 of each year)

Interparliamentary Groups	No. of Members 2013–2014	No. of Members 2014–2015
Canada-Germany	41	31
Canada-Ireland	47	41
Canada-Israel	65	55
Canada-Italy	41	39
Total (Interparliamentary Groups)	194	166

(Table 6 – as of March 31 of each year)

The JIC is responsible for setting the amount for membership fees for both associations and interparliamentary groups. The current amount is \$25 per parliamentary association and \$10 per interparliamentary group. These fees have remained the same since April 1, 2004, when the cost of membership for an association rose from \$20 to \$25.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

In autumn 2006, the JIC requested that all parliamentary associations adopt a standard constitution including a specific request that “An Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be composed of at most 15 members, with 30% of its members from the Senate and 70% from the House of Commons, to positions as determined in each association’s constitution.” The subsequent adjustments to the constitutions of each association were based on the decisions of the members of the various associations. While the size and distribution of each Executive Committee may still vary somewhat, most associations were able to make adjustments to respect the request of the JIC.

	Size of Executive Committee	SEN CPC	SEN LIB	SEN IND	HoC CPC	HoC NPD	HoC LIB	HoC IND
APF	11	3	1	0	3	3	1	0
Canada-Africa	15	3	2	0	6	3	1	0
Canada-China	12	3	1	0	6	1	1	0
Canada-Europe	14	2	2	0	6	3	1	0
Canada-France	12	1	2	1	4	3	1	0
Canada-Japan	10	2	1	0	4	2	1	0
Canada-UK	11	2	1	0	4	3	1	0
Canada-US	17	3	2	0	7	4	1	0
CPA	16	3	2	0	6	4	1	0
IPU	14	2	2	0	6	3	1	0
NATO PA	14	2	2	0	6	3	1	0
ParlAmericas	12	2	2	0	4	3	1	0

(Table 7 – as of March 31, 2015)

There are a total of 156 executive committee positions available between the 12 Associations.

In addition, amongst the four interparliamentary groups, there are 42 executive committee positions which are distributed as follows:

	Size of Executive Committee
Canada-Germany	7
Canada-Ireland	14
Canada-Israel	12
Canada-Italy	9

(Table 8 – as of March 31, 2015)

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Association members meet on a regular basis. It is at annual general meetings where they elect executive committees to coordinate and direct activities with their bilateral counterparts or with the international secretariats of the multilateral organizations to which they belong. Through the various associations, Parliamentarians take part in a wide variety of parliamentary conferences, bilateral visits, and meetings both here in Canada and abroad. A list of the activities of parliamentary associations is published on the Parliamentary web site. Following a trip outside the country, a report is presented in both Chambers with a summary of the activity as well as the related financial breakdown, which is included at the end of the report.

Here is a summary of some of the Associations' activities. For a more complete picture of their work, please visit the IIA website at www.parl.gc.ca/ia.



Canada-China Legislative Association (CCLA)

A key component of CCLA activities consists of annual bilateral meetings between Canadian federal parliamentarians and their counterparts from the National People's Congress.

Key activities in the last fiscal year: the APPF annual meeting in Quito, January 10 to 15, 2015, (nine delegates/joint with Canada-Japan), the co-chairs' annual visit to China, August 30 to September 6, 2014, (two delegates) and the 18th bilateral visit in Ottawa and Vancouver, June 9 to 12, 2014.



Canada-France Interparliamentary Association

The Association organized two bilateral meetings between the Canadian and French groups. The 41st meeting was held from April 24 to 29, 2014, in Grenoble and Paris. The 42nd meeting, held from November 3 to 8, 2014, in the Toronto-Waterloo-Niagara region, revisited the theme of industrial innovation, studying the pharmaceutical industry and quantum computing. In addition, in Canada, the members of the Association received a number of French delegations and hosted a symposium entitled Canada and France in the Great War 1914–1918 on November 11 and 12, 2014.



Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group (CJIG)

A key component of the CJIG activities consists of annual bilateral meetings between Canadian federal parliamentarians and their counterparts from the Diet of Japan.

Key activities in the last fiscal year: the APPF annual meeting in Quito, January 10 to 15, 2015, (9 delegates/joint with Canada-China) and the co-chairs' annual visit to Japan, April 23 to 26, 2014 (two delegates).



Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association

The Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association welcomed a delegation of parliamentarians to Ottawa, Ontario; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories; and St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, from April 7 to 12, 2014.

The Association also visited London, England, and Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland, from January 16 to 24, 2015; five parliamentarians took part in the visit.



Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group

The Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (IPG) sent a delegation to Washington, DC, in February to hold one-on-one meetings with congresspeople and senators. The IPG again travelled to Washington, DC, in December for the first annual trilateral meeting with members of the Canadian, US and Mexican interparliamentary groups.

Over the summer months of 2014, delegations attended several US regional and national conferences, including the South Eastern US Canadian Province Alliance (SEUS CP), in Raleigh, North Carolina, the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Summit, in Whistler, British Columbia, the National Governors Annual meeting, in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Western Council of State Governments, in Anchorage, Alaska. Each conference featured in-depth discussions with experts from government, academia and the private sector on a range of critical topics spanning several policy interests.



Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF)

In April 2014 alone, the Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie was very busy. The Branch attended meetings organized by three APF committees, one held in Lomé, Togo, one in Libreville, Gabon, and one in Hanoi, Vietnam. A delegation also attended the XXVII Session of the Europe Regional Assembly in September and the XV Summit of the Francophonie, in Dakar, Senegal, in November.

The Branch was also active in Canada, participating in activities in Toronto in August 2014 and in Trois-Rivières in March of the same year. Finally, it was represented by 11 delegates at the Bureau Meeting and 40th Session of the APF, held in Ottawa from July 4 to 8, 2014.



Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association

The Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association completed three missions of two bilateral visits each, to Djibouti and Jordan in October 2014, Lesotho and Malawi in January 2015 and Tanzania and Mauritius in March 2015.

The mission to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to name only one, focused on interparliamentary relations, parliamentary diplomacy, accountability and current political and constitutional reforms. The role of Jordanian parliamentarians in the context of current regional challenges was also examined.



Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association

The Association held its 36th Interparliamentary Meeting (IPM) with the European Parliament's Delegation responsible for Relations with Canada (DRC) in Brussels, Belgium, in November 2014. Delegations also travelled to the capitals of the countries holding the next presidency of the Council of the European Union – Rome, Italy, in April 2014 and Riga, Latvia, in November 2014. Themes discussed included the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, economic policy and energy, the Strategic Partnership Agreement and the European Union's Fuel Quality Directive. Delegations also participated in various meetings of the Standing Committee on Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region.



Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association (NATO PA)

The Association sent three delegates to the meeting of the Standing Committee in Riga, Latvia, from April 4 to 6, 2014. The Association hosted a Joint Sub-Committee Meeting on Transatlantic Relations (PCTR) and Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Economic Relations (ESCTER) in Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, from April 30 to May 3, 2014.

The Association also took part in the Spring Session in Vilnius, Lithuania, from May 30 to June 1, 2014, and the 60th Annual Session from November 21 to 24, 2014, in The Hague, Netherlands, by sending seven delegates.



Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)

The Canadian Branch of the CPA hosted the 12th Parliamentary Seminar, attended by 20 parliamentarians from across the Commonwealth. This seminar is one of the highlights of international Commonwealth activities and, as such, plays an integral part in promoting democratic principles in all Commonwealth countries. It remains a priority for the Canadian Branch.

The CPA also worked diligently with the provinces to establish a twinning program between Canadian provinces and Caribbean nations of the Commonwealth. In this respect, the CPA co-hosted a conference with the International Development Research Centre, focusing on open data, open parliaments and the Caribbean twinning initiative.



Canadian Section of ParlAmericas

The Canadian Section of ParlAmericas took part in five activities in the last fiscal year. In June 2014, it attended the annual Gathering of the Group of ParlAmericas Women Parliamentarians and the meeting of the Board of Directors, both in Mexico City, Mexico. In September 2014, a delegation attended the annual Plenary Assembly in Santiago, Chile. The Canadian Section held a reception with the diplomatic corps of ParlAmericas members to strengthen ties among members. Finally, in February 2015, a delegation of Canadian parliamentarians visited three cities in Colombia, in part to understand the social, public safety and human rights challenges the country is facing.



Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

A number of Canadian delegates attended the parliamentary meeting on the occasion of a session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York, on March 11, 2015. Another delegation went to the Geneva Assembly in October 2014 and the Hanoi Assembly, in Vietnam, from March 28 to April 1, 2015.

Senator Ataullahjan, Chair of the Association, is a member of the Twelve Plus Steering Committee, which met in Paris on September 20, 2014.

The Canadian delegation to the OSCE took part in six activities in the last fiscal year. On two occasions (May 5, 2014, and October 26, 2014), Canadian parliamentarians took part in an election observation mission in Ukraine. In addition, on November 30, 2014, a Canadian delegation was sent to Chisinau to observe the parliamentary elections in Moldova. These three missions were intended to promote and support democracy and human rights.

As it does every year, the Canadian delegation attended three regular meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, which were held in Baku (June 28 to July 2, 2015), Geneva (October 3 to 5, 2015) and Vienna (February 18 to 20, 2015). These meetings gave member countries the opportunity to discuss political, economic and humanitarian issues and to adopt reports and resolutions on these matters.

Number of activities per association, by location and activity type

The associations took part in 167 formal activities in the last fiscal year, an increase of 13 over the previous year. The higher number of foreign visits (up from 60 to 70) largely explains the increase. Note that the OSCE is considered part of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association and, as such, does not hold an AGM because it does not have its own executive committee.

Association	In Ottawa								In Canada (outside Ottawa)				Outside Canada		Grand Total	
	Annual General Mtg		Special Events		Executive		Meeting		Meeting		Special Events		Meeting			
	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15
APF	1	1	0	0	2	5	1	1	2	2	0	1	6	8	12	18
Cda-Africa	1	1	2	1	4	2	5	6	0	0	0	0	2	3	14	13
Cda-China	1	1	0	0	2	2	4	9	0	1	0	0	4	2	11	15
Cda-Europe	1	1	1	0	2	2	4	2	0	1	0	0	6	7	14	13
Cda-France	1	1	2	0	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	11	8
Cda-Japan	1	1	0	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	7	7
Cda-UK	1	1	1	1	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	7	8
Cda-US	1	1	3	1	5	2	2	4	1	1	1	0	13	15	26	24
CPA	1	1	1	2	3	4	3	2	2	3	0	0	5	6	15	18
IPU	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	8	7	13
NATO PA	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	7	6	14	12
OSCE PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	3	6
ParlAmericas	1	1	1	3	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	4	13	12
Total	11	12	11	8	39	34	25	31	7	11	1	1	60	70	154	167

(Table 9 - as of March 31, 2015)

Please note: In this table the expression “Special Events” includes official ceremonies, celebration of official days, receptions and other similar activities. Also, the term “meetings” is used in a broad sense to include various meetings, conferences, seminars, election monitoring and other similar activities where association members participate on behalf of the association.

Interparliamentary Group	Annual General Meeting	
	13-14	14-15
Germany	1	1
Ireland	1	1
Israel	1	1
Italy	1	1
Total	4	4

(Table 10 - as of March 31, 2015)

Please note: Annual general meetings are the only activities of interparliamentary groups supported by IIA staff. Particular groups may have participated in other activities during this period.

NUMBER OF OUTGOING VISITS BY PARTICIPANT TYPE

The following table includes, for each parliamentary association, the number of outgoing visits (those visits outside of Ottawa not hosted by the Parliament of Canada) and a breakdown of the total number of Senators, MPs, and staff who participated in those visits. The grand total indicates that 337 trips took place as part of 77 different activities in fiscal year 2014–2015, compared with 341 trips as part of 65 activities in 2013–2014. While the average size of delegations remained stable as compared to last fiscal year, fewer activities were attended.

Association	Number of Outgoing Visits		Number of Participants by Type 2014-2015							
			Senators		MPs		Staff		Total	
	13–14	14–15	13–14	14–15	13–14	14–15	13–14	14–15	13–14	14–15
APF	8	10	8	6	9	6	8	7	25	19
Cda-Africa	2	3	3	5	8	7	3	3	14	15
Cda-China	4	2	8	4	9	4	4	2	21	10
Cda-Europe	6	7	7	7	23	21	10	10	40	38
Cda-France	1	2	4	3	5	4	2	2	11	9
Cda-Japan	3	2	2	1	5	5	1	1	8	7
Cda-UK	1	1	1	2	5	4	1	1	7	7
Cda-US	14	16	25	28	39	36	21	20	85	84
CPA	7	8	7	5	14	17	5	4	26	26
IPU	4	9	6	10	8	9	5	4	19	23
NATO PA	7	7	12	9	20	24	5	3	37	36
OSCE PA	3	6	5	7	13	30	6	6	24	43
ParlAmericas	5	4	5	7	12	8	7	5	24	20
Total	65	77	93	94	170	175	78	68	341	337
% of participation (excluding staff)			35%	35%	65%	65%				
% of participation (including staff)			27%	28%	50%	52%	23%	20%	100%	100%

(Table 11 – as of March 31 of each year)

Please note that staff includes both Association Secretaries and Library of Parliament Analysts.

PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION EXPENDITURES FOR THE LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

The budget for parliamentary associations in 2014–2015 was \$3.56 million, the same as in the previous year. This envelope is managed by the Joint Interparliamentary Council (JIC) with some of the funds reserved for international contributions while the remainder, and majority of the funds, are for association activities. All associations are funded by both the House of Commons (70%) and the Senate (30%) and the figures provided in this report reflect the total amounts.

The base funding allocated for the activities of parliamentary associations for 2014–2015 was \$2,299,348, with an additional \$1,264,189 specifically reserved for international contributions, which are essentially membership fees for Canada to belong to the various international parliamentary associations. Therefore, the total allocated budget for parliamentary associations for the 2014–2015 fiscal year was \$3,563,537. Of these funds, \$3,291,211 was spent, a slight decrease in spending of 3.5% (\$118,500) when compared with 2013–2014. The breakdown of expenses is as follows:

- 59% (\$1.9 million) was spent on activities of parliamentary associations in Canada and abroad (e.g., transportation, accommodation, hospitality), a decrease of about \$182,000 compared with 2013–2014.
- 41% (\$1.4 million) was spent on international contributions, an increase of approximately \$64,000 compared with the previous fiscal year, explained largely by the fluctuation in international exchange rates, as many of these contributions are paid in foreign currencies.

Association	Budget (\$)	Expenditures (\$)	Balance (\$)	%
Activities	2,299,348	1,938,538	360,810	59%
International contributions	1,264,189	1,352,673	(88,484)	41%
Total*	3,563,537	3,291,211	272,326	100%

*Differences in totals are due to rounding.

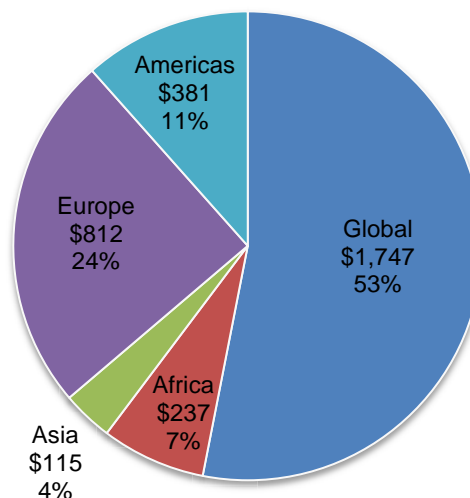
Geographically, expenditures break down as follows:

Detailed Association Expenditure Report (2014-2015)

Association	Budget	Expenditures	%	Balance
Global	1,829,170	1,747,034	53%	82,136
Africa	275,000	236,632	7%	38,368
Asia	158,000	115,392	4%	42,608
Europe	836,899	811,553	24%	25,345
Americas	422,112	380,600	12%	41,512
Balance*	3,521,181	3,291,211	100%	229,969

* Differences in totals are due to rounding.

2014-2015 Association Expenditures (\$3,291,211)



(Figure 2)

The table below outlines parliamentary association activities and expenditures over the last five years by geographic region.

Type	Expenditures in \$				
	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015
Global	1,715,223	2,077,548	1,688,941	1,750,812	1,747,034
Europe	613,428	632,730	785,919	847,585	811,553
Americas	310,000	414,238	381,364	382,615	380,600
Asia	382,096	207,163	302,283	243,073	115,392
Africa	198,240	211,734	247,906	185,698	236,632
Total*	3,218,987	3,543,414**	3,406,413	3,409,783	3,291,211

(Table 12) *Differences in totals are due to rounding.

** Please note that for ease of comparing association activity figures from different years we have excluded the amounts provided from the JIC funding envelope for parliamentary conferences, as these do not occur every year and, while always approved by the JIC and both boards, they are not always funded through the funds allocated to the JIC. The following conference expenses were paid for through the JIC.

DETAILED ASSOCIATION EXPENDITURE REPORT (2014–2015)

The following table provides a detailed account of each association's budget and actual expenditures according to eight standard categories.

Detailed association expenditure report (2014–2015)

Association	Transportation	Accommodation	Per Diems	Miscellaneous	Hospitality	Official Gifts	International Contributions	Revenues	Grand Total
Global									
APF	84,440	18,837	9,250	2,135	7,293	831	135,885	1,000	257,671
CPA	78,863	24,045	11,844	9,452	23,907	3,543	173,478	2,250	322,881
IPU	88,634	21,829	16,636	1,386	2,211	572	462,819	1,550	592,537
NATO PA	201,634	30,032	13,322	1,305	8,820	326	323,731	5,225	573,945
Global total	453,570	94,744	51,052	14,277	42,232	5,272	1,095,913	10,025	1,747,034
Africa									
Cda-Africa	196,456	22,035	6,595	3,330	5,930	3,661	-	1,375	236,632
Africa total	196,456	22,035	6,595	3,330	5,930	3,661	-	1,375	236,632
Asia									
Cda-China	42,392	15,587	6,005	4,217	11,264	929	-	1,950	78,444
Cda-Japan	15,941	12,384	4,717	2,268	2,463	749	-	1,575	36,948
Asia total	58,332	27,971	10,723	6,485	13,728	1,678	-	3,525	115,392
Europe									
Cda-Europe	143,771	71,155	33,252	2,058	12,739	2,082	-	2,800	262,257
Cda-France	27,657	19,926	4,195	1,625	19,701	1,722	-	1,400	73,426
Cda-UK	34,970	25,093	5,758	830	15,154	1,409	-	2,250	80,964
OSCE PA	78,134	49,564	21,212	4,359	3,989	-	237,649	-	394,907
Europe total	284,532	165,739	64,417	8,871	51,582	5,213	237,649	6,450	811,553
Americas									
Cda-US	99,728	74,251	19,396	46,114	21,013	338	-	3,200	257,640
ParlAmericas	55,527	23,745	9,237	6,051	10,621	693	19,112	2,025	122,960
Americas total	155,254	97,996	28,632	52,166	31,634	1,031	19,112	5,225	380,600
Grand total*	1,148,145	408,485	161,419	85,128	145,106	16,855	1,352,673	26,600	3,291,211

(Table 13) *Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Compared with 2013–2014, overall expenditures remained stable, with only a slight drop in spending in 2014–2015 owing to a decrease in travel costs. The number of trips abroad actually rose compared with 2013–2014, but the average size of delegations declined, which was the main reason for the travel cost savings. Over the same time period, the proportion spent on international contributions increased slightly. These contributions, which are paid in foreign currencies, did not change significantly this fiscal year. The increase can be explained by the fluctuation in exchange rates, with the Canadian dollar experiencing a decline over the reporting period, increasing pressure on available funds for association activities. However, as in previous years, the JIC global envelope reported a surplus. In 2014–2015, the surplus was \$229,970.