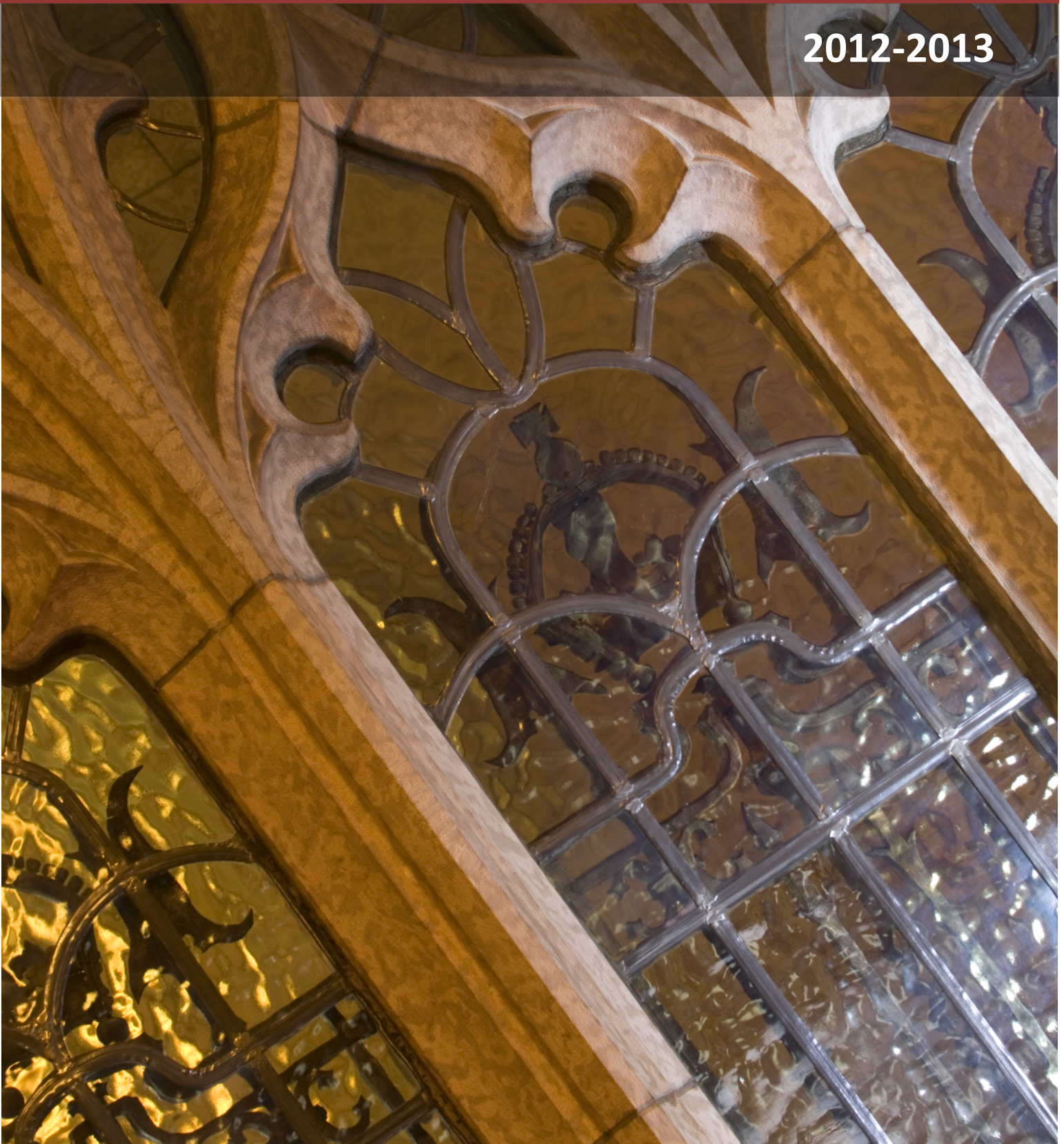




SENATE COMMITTEES DIRECTORATE ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES

2012-2013



Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees



2012-2013 was another busy and productive year for the Senate Committees Directorate. I am proud to present our Annual Report, which details the activities and expenditures of the directorate and the many committees of the Senate.

The First Session of the 41st Parliament was well underway when the 2012-2013 fiscal year began, with committee activities in full swing. Over the course of the year, 1,760 witnesses were heard from in 513 committee meetings. Over a hundred reports were produced by Senate committees, many on topics that are of interest to the general public, such as the Canada-US price gap, cyberbullying, Canadian air travel, and access to safe and effective prescription drugs, as well as topics of particular interest to groups such as veterans, aboriginal peoples and persons with disabilities.

In the tradition of efforts by Senate committees to give a voice to those not usually heard from, the Human Rights Committee heard testimony from youth who had been victims of cyberbullying, doing so in a manner to protect their identities and their mental health. It enlisted the aid of a child psychiatrist during its hearing to prevent any further harm to these victims. In addition to producing their report on the topic of cyberbullying, the committee produced resource guides for parents and youth that have been used by a provincial government, school boards, a national sports organisation and other stakeholder groups.

During 2012-2013, the directorate also continued its efforts to utilize available technology to improve the manner in which it offers its services, undertaking a pilot project to allow easy access to and use of committee documents on tablet computers by senators and their staff. This project also supports the Senate's environmental strategy to reduce paper usage.

The staff of the Committee Directorate is proud of the professional, non-partisan support it provides to Senate committees. In an effort to keep improving our services, the directorate seeks much appreciated feedback from committee chairs and deputy chairs as well as witnesses (260 responses were received in 2012-2013). Witness survey results show a continued 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. Many witnesses noted the level of interest, knowledge and engagement demonstrated by senators during their appearance. I know I speak for all directorate employees when I say that we take great satisfaction in being able to provide high-quality support to work that has such a positive impact on the lives of Canadians. We look forward to continuing to do so in the future.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Lank".

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 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 its operations.

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Part I – General Information

Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Operating Expenditures*

During fiscal year 2012-2013, the directorate provided administrative, procedural, informational and other support to Senate committees, which include:

- 17 standing committees (and 1 subcommittee)
- 2 standing joint committees (composed of members of the Senate and the House of Commons)
- 1 special committee

The size of committees, their general areas of study and the number of members required for quorum are set under rules 12-3, 12-6 and 12-7 of the *Rules of the Senate*.

Committees Directorate	
(31 person years 2012-2013)	
Operating Expenditures	
Directorate:	\$2,182,317
Committees:	\$757,711
Witnesses:	\$298,733
Other:	\$129,818

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. While all committees must respect the *Rules of the Senate* and the *Senate Administrative Rules*, there are significant variations between committees with respect to how they undertake, organize and carry out their work. In addition, some committees focus almost exclusively on legislation, while others give special studies most of their attention.

* 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 and Procurement Directorate.

Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal years since 2008-2009.

Activity Indicators	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	5-year average
Meetings	513	401	591	514	361	476
Reports	108	80	125	131	117	112.2
Hours in Committee	815.8	702.4	1,060.2	867.1	643.2	817.7
Witnesses	1,760	1,334	1,887	1,424	1,112	1,503.4
Bills	47	21	58	51	43	44
Fact-Finding Mission Hours	243.5	161	275.8	439.6	160.9	256.2
Pre-Studies / Subject Matter	15	2	1	3	1	4.4
Special Studies Undertaken	63	41	54	63	61	56.4
Trips	18	8	18	20	14	15.6

The following table illustrates the various orders of reference received by Senate committees in the fiscal year 2012-2013.

Orders of Reference	No. of Meetings	% of Total Meetings	No. of Hours	% of Total Hours
Bills and Subject Matter of Bills	190	37.0	305.9	37.5
Special Studies	274	53.4	459.0	56.3
Permanent (Conflict, Internal, Library, Rules, Selection, Scrutiny)	49	9.6	50.9	6.2
Total	513	100	815.8	100

Legislation

The following table compares the number of bills referred to Senate committees since 2008-2009.

Years	Bills	Total No. of Meetings	Total No. of Hours	Total No. of Witnesses
2012-2013	47	117	191.6	486
2011-2012	21	56	146.3	403
2010-2011	58	140	271.5	689
2009-2010	51	86	165.1	398
2008-2009	43	85	159	338
Five-Year Average	44	96.8	186.7	462.8

Special Studies

The following table compares the number of special studies undertaken by Senate committees since 2008-2009.

Years	Special Studies	Total No. of Meetings	Total No. of Hours	Total No. of Witnesses	Total No. of Hours of Fact-Finding Missions
2012-2013	63	274	459	906	243.5
2011-2012	41	293	498.5	923	124
2010-2011	54	387	715.8	1,136	275.8
2009-2010	63	362	622.4	984	439.6
2008-2009	61	228	429.4	670	160.9
Five-Year Average	56.4	308.8	545	923.8	248.6

Consultations

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 the legal and political recognition of Métis identity in Canada)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions:

- Batoche, Saskatchewan (July 20 and 21, 2012)
- Winnipeg, Manitoba; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Edmonton, Alberta; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Yellowknife, Northwest Territories (September 23 to October 4, 2012)

Agriculture and Forestry (Study on research and innovation efforts in the agricultural sector)

Fact-finding missions:

- Winnipeg, Landmark, St. François Xavier, Neepawa and Brandon, Manitoba; Yorkton, Lanigan, Saskatoon and Lloydminster, Saskatchewan; and Lloydminster, Lacombe and Olds Alberta (November 4 to 9, 2012)
- St. André, Grand Falls, Florenceville-Bristol, Moncton and Fredericton, New Brunswick; New Annan, Prince Edward Island; Oxford, Masstown and Kentville, Nova Scotia (November 25 to 29, 2012)
- St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (March 24 to 26, 2013)

Banking, Trade and Commerce (Study on money laundering)

Fact-finding mission:

- Washington, D.C. (October 22 to 24, 2012)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (Study on safety of hydrocarbon transportation)

Fact-finding missions:

- Calgary, Alberta (March 4 to 7, 2013)
- Sarnia and Hamilton, Ontario (March 26 and 27, 2013)

Fisheries and Oceans (study on the lobster fishery in Atlantic Canada and Quebec)

Public hearings and fact-finding mission:

- Moncton, New Brunswick (November 29 and 30, 2012)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Study on the economic and political developments in the Republic of Turkey, and implications for Canadian interests)

Fact-finding mission:

- Istanbul and Ankara, Turkey (March 16 to 23, 2013)

Human Rights (Study on off-reserve First Nations band members)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions:

- Winnipeg, Manitoba; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and Vancouver, British Columbia (November 19 to 23, 2012)

National Security and Defence

Study on East and West Coast navy and air force bases – Fact finding missions:

- Comox and Esquimalt, British Columbia (August 28 and 29, 2012)
- Halifax and Shearwater, Nova Scotia (October 15 and 16, 2012)

Study on the relationship with the United States – Fact-finding mission:

- Washington, D.C. (June 5 to 7, 2012)

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs (Study on veterans' affairs)

Fact-finding mission:

- Quebec and Valcartier, Quebec (March 11, 2013)

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

Fact-finding missions:

- Yellowknife, Northwest Territories (October 3 to 5, 2012)
- Iqaluit, Nunavut (September 27 and 28, 2012)
- Toronto, Ontario (May 4, 2012)

Parliamentary Website

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 website. Information 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. This information is also shared via the Senate's institutional Twitter account ([@SenateCA](https://twitter.com/SenateCA) in English and [@SenatCA](https://twitter.com/SenatCA) in French). Furthermore, key directorate documents such as the *Annual Report*, *Fundamentals of Senate Committees*, *FAQs* 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 2012-2013 reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Aboriginal Peoples

- *A Commitment Worth Preserving: Reviving the British Columbia Treaty Process* (June 2012)
- *Additions to Reserve: Expediting the Process* (November 2012)

Banking, Trade and Commerce

- *Follow the Money: Is Canada Making Progress In Combatting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing? Not Really* (March 2013)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

- *Now or Never: Canada Must Act Urgently to Seize its Place in the New Energy World Order* (July 2012)

Fisheries and Oceans

- *The sustainable management of grey seal populations: A path toward the recovery of cod and other groundfish stocks* (October 2012)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade

- *A Charter Fit for Purpose: Parliamentary Consultation on the Proposed Charter of the Commonwealth* (April 2012)
- *Intensifying Strategic Partnerships with the new Brazil* (May 2012)
- *Current Issues for Canadian Foreign Policy* (December 2012)

Human Rights

- *Level the Playing Field: A natural progression from playground to podium for Canadians with disabilities* (June 2012)
- *Cyberbullying Hurts: Respect for Rights in the Digital Age* (December 2012)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

- *Statutory Review on the Provisions and Operation of the Act to amend the Criminal Code (production of records in sexual offence proceedings)* (December 2012)

National Finance

- *The Canada-USA Price Gap* (February 2013)

National Security and Defence

- *A Study of the New Veterans Charter* (March 2013)

Official Languages

- *Internet, New Media and Social Media: Respect for language rights!* (October 2012)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology

- *Canada's Clinical Trial Infrastructure: A Prescription for Improved Access to New Medicines* (November 2012)
- *Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Post-Approval Monitoring of Safety and Effectiveness* (March 2013)

Transport and Communications

- *The Future of Canadian Air Travel: Toll Booth or Spark Plug* (June 2012)

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

A Commitment Worth Preserving: Reviving the British Columbia Treaty Process

(Eighth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 27, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1006S)

The committee reported on the status of the British Columbia treaty process, to mark the 20th anniversary of that process. While the committee noted that significant work has been accomplished, it expressed concern about unnecessary delays caused by bureaucratic federal decision-making structures and narrowly defined negotiation mandates. It recommended that the federal government develop action plans to address the following issues in a timely manner:

- Federal decision-making processes and negotiation mandates be revised to give negotiators enough flexibility and authority to engage in open, genuine, and interest-based negotiations with First Nations;
- The federal government work closely with the Government of British Columbia and the First Nations Summit to determine what First Nations need to resolve overlapping claims within the treaty process and to determine each party's responsibility in this regard; and
- Adequate resources be made available to the British Columbia Treaty Commission to provide dispute resolution services to assist First Nations with overlapping claims.

Additions to Reserve: Expediting the Process

(Ninth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on November 1, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1355S)

The committee noted that the alienation of land and resources has been a major contributor to the economic marginalization of Aboriginal peoples in Canada. Major changes are needed to enable First Nations to engage in economic development by facilitating the resolution of their Addition to Reserve (ATR) in a fast and effective manner.

The committee recommended that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, in collaboration with First Nations through the Joint Working Group, develop and table an action plan before the committee that establishes clear targets and timelines for implementing agreed-upon measures to improve the existing ATR process. The committee also recommended that the areas causing the greatest delay be identified and solutions, including legislative and policy options, be proposed. These options should relate to:

- Pre-reserve designations and/or recognition of interests for lands identified by First Nations for conversion to reserve status;
- Support mechanisms to First Nations in their negotiations with municipalities and third parties;
- Identifying best practices and implementing measures to prevent predatory pricing strategies of third-party landowners on the sale of privately held land to First Nations; and
- Streamlining the procedural requirements in relation to the federal ATR policy, including implementing recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General on improving management systems.

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

Follow the Money: Is Canada Making Progress In Combatting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing? Not Really

(Tenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on March 20, 2013;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1519S)

The committee began a five-year statutory review of the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act* in February 2012. In addition to receiving written briefs from those unable to appear in person, the committee heard from more than 40 witnesses, including representatives from federal, provincial and international departments and agencies, as well as the private sector.

The report summarizes the oral and written evidence received by the committee during the review, and contains 18 recommendations designed to improve the effectiveness of Canada's anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing regime (the Regime).

In undertaking the review, the committee focused on three areas in the broad context of ensuring that the Regime provides value for money to the Canadian taxpayer.

Desired structure and performance

The committee believes that Canada's Regime will only be effective, and its performance optimized, if it has the correct structure. The right oversight is required, sources of funds must be identified, specialists must be employed and ongoing review is necessary to ensure that the results of everyone's efforts are maximized in light of the time, monetary and other costs committed by governmental departments and agencies, and by reporting entities. To that end, the committee makes five recommendations regarding supervision, performance review, funding and expertise.

Appropriate balance between the sharing of information and the protection of personal information

The committee feels that the effectiveness of Canada's Regime is enhanced – that is, the results are greater – when appropriate and timely information is shared among relevant parties, including the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada, law enforcement agencies, reporting entities, the employees of reporting entities and other individuals. The committee's eight recommendations in this area are designed to improve case disclosures and the sharing of information, bearing in mind the need to protect personal information, reduce the compliance burden on reporting entities, and ensure the safety of those who assist in investigations and prosecutions of money laundering and terrorist financing.

Optimal scope and focus

The committee's opinion is that changes are needed in response to global developments in money laundering and terrorist financing, advancements in technology and the need for public awareness about the Regime. From that perspective, the five recommendations made by the committee focus on risk-based reporting and an adherence to global standards, and to create public awareness.

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

Now or Never: Canada Must Act Urgently to Seize its Place in the New Energy World Order

(Fourth Report [final] deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on July 18, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1020S)

Now or Never: Canada Must Act Urgently to Seize its Place in the New Energy World Order, released in July 2012, outlines an energy vision for Canada based on a clear and responsible path for Canadian energy development and a low-emissions economy.

This bold and comprehensive strategy draws on the expertise of more than 250 leading energy stakeholders across the country to address the real and urgent challenges Canadians face in the new world energy order. As the committee developed its vision, it witnessed the dynamic transformation of the global energy landscape and considered the implications for Canada. Over a three-year period, the committee heard from Canada's leading energy thinkers, federal, provincial and territorial representatives, research institutions, industry stakeholders, Aboriginal leaders, environmental groups, concerned citizens and youth delegates. Hearing from a wide variety of witnesses from across the country provided the committee with invaluable insight into how Canada can leverage its natural resources, technology and human capital to enhance its role in the new world energy order.

The study produced 13 priorities for action to achieve long-term and affordable energy solutions, addressing the challenges and opportunities of responsible development and energy efficiency.

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

The sustainable management of grey seal populations: A path toward the recovery of cod and other groundfish stocks

(Seventh Report [final] tabled in the Senate on October 23, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1332S)

After several months of public hearings, the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans published its report on the management of the grey seal population off of Canada's East Coast in October 2012. In this report, the committee calls for the creation of a targeted removal program for grey seals in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence to preserve groundfish stocks and for a seal harvest to be performed by qualified and trained seal harvesters under monitoring of at-sea observers in a manner respectful of established humane harvesting protocols.

The committee also recommended that the Government of Canada promote grey seal derived products and develop domestic and international markets for them. Additionally, it recommended the promotion of the health benefits of omega-3 fatty acid-rich seal oil and the further exploration of including seal oil in a future iteration of the *Canada Food Guide*.

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

A Charter "Fit for Purpose": Parliamentary Consultation on the Proposed Charter of the Commonwealth

(Third Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on April 3, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-798S)

In January 2012, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs sent a letter to the Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade recommending that the committee consider holding hearings on a "Charter of the Commonwealth." Establishing a Commonwealth Charter was agreed to by

leaders at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth, Australia in October 2011. The committee accepted the minister's request and, over the course of its study, reached out to stakeholders in Canada and abroad already involved in the Commonwealth. Summarizing several weeks of hearings, the committee's report brings together Canadians' and other interested parties' perspectives on the concept of a Commonwealth Charter and its form.

The committee found that the idea of a charter has educational merit. The report recommended creating a charter that is succinct, that clearly and concisely lays out the Commonwealth's core values and aspirations, and that emphasises the Commonwealth's comparative advantages.

Intensifying Strategic Partnerships with the new Brazil

(Fifth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on May 29, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-921S)

The committee's report on its study of the implications of Brazil's transformation for Canadian policy and interests made ten recommendations to the Government of Canada. In sum, these recommendations emphasised that, in order to intensify relations between the two countries for the long-term benefit of Canadian and Brazilian interests and prosperity, Canada's engagement with Brazil needs to be carried out strategically. More specifically, the committee recommended that Canada focus its attention on areas where Canada's expertise matches Brazil's immediate priorities and are of value-added, such as science and technology, investment and trade, infrastructure, and regional and global partnerships.

The report highlighted in particular the role that greater cooperation in education, agriculture, energy and the extractive industry can play in enhancing relations. The report also identified greater cooperation in food security, security and defence, and between our respective development agencies as having potential for positively impacting on our relationship. Believing strongly that the visa requirement for Brazilian citizens is hampering the flow of people between Canada and Brazil, the committee also recommended that the Government of Canada take steps to expedite and improve the efficiency of issuing Canadian visas to Brazilian citizens, and to assess whether Brazil meets the conditions for visa-exempt travel by Brazilian citizens to Canada.

Iran in Focus: Current Issues for Canadian Foreign Policy

(Ninth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on December 12, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1404S)

In January 2012, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs requested the committee to consider conducting a study on Iran and its implications for Canadian foreign policy. The committee subsequently agreed to undertake such a study and sought and received an order of reference from the Senate for that purpose. Over the course of its hearings, the Government of Canada took several actions regarding Iran and bilateral relations with that country, notably closing the Canadian embassy in Tehran, declaring *persona non gratae* all Iranian diplomats remaining in Canada, and listing Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism. These actions influenced the direction of the committee's study. As a result, the committee re-assessed how it wished to proceed with its study and decided to take stock of the testimony received, believing that policymakers and stakeholders in Canada would benefit from a report that summarised the evidence in a focused and thematic way.

The report identified three critical themes: Iran's nuclear activities, human rights in Iran and regional dynamics, and suggested that these form the focus of Canada's foreign policy towards Iran and the region moving forward. Witnesses' testimony regarding Iran's nuclear activities highlighted them as a leading concern for Canada and the international community, evaluated the effectiveness of sanctions against Iran, and assessed the likely timing, effectiveness and possible consequences of possible military action to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities. In the context of human rights, witnesses described Iran as a closed society and its regime as one that systematically and repeatedly violates the basic social, economic, political and cultural rights of its citizens. Witnesses also testified that Iran is a destabilising

force in the region and a threat to international peace and security. Moreover, Iran has become increasingly isolated as it continues to crack down on dissent and free expression, in contrast to other countries in the region where public opinion has moved toward democratisation and human rights. The report emphasised that these themes reinforced Iran's prominence in the attention of Canadians and Canadian policymakers. It also underscored the need to continue scrutinising developments and taking appropriate action. In this respect, the committee suggested that the Government of Canada look into simplifying and coordinating regulatory efforts regarding financial transactions with Iran in the context of Canada's complex and decentralised sanctions regulations. The committee also suggested that the Government of Canada look into increasing funding for human rights groups in Iran.

Standing Committee on Human Rights

Level the Playing Field: A natural progression from playground to podium for Canadians with disabilities

(Seventh Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 12, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-954S)

There are 4.4 million Canadians with disabilities, and certain studies indicate that as low as 3% of these individuals may be participating in regular organized physical activity. That too few persons with disabilities are able to participate is due in part to barriers.

In *Level the Playing Field: A natural progression from playground to podium for Canadians with disabilities*, the Standing Committee on Human Rights examined the current state of sport and recreation for persons with disabilities in the context of Canada's human rights obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. As a signatory to the Convention, Canada recognizes the rights of persons with disabilities to participate in sport, recreational and leisure activities. And yet, over the course of its study, the committee learned that it can be very difficult for persons with disabilities to "participate in these activities, indicating that we have not yet achieved the full recognition of this right."

The final report makes recommendations that will enable the Government of Canada to fulfill its obligations under the Convention and address these barriers, while also developing a more collaborative system that can ensure sport and recreational opportunities are available in all regions of the country, and for all Canadians at whatever level they are able.

Cyberbullying Hurts: Respect for Rights in the Digital Age

(Ninth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on December 12, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1405 S)

Young people across our country are confronted with a new challenge, one that many parents, educators and policymakers often have great difficulty understanding. Bullying, which was once something youth encountered at school and on the playground, has now made its way into our homes by way of the Internet and electronic devices. Today, in addition to the social, verbal and physical abuse many students are already forced to endure, cyberbullying is yet another form of harassment that continues to victimize our children.

In *Cyberbullying Hurts: Respect for Rights in the Digital Age*, the Standing Committee on Human Rights examined the phenomenon of cyberbullying and its impact on young Canadians. The committee learned that cyberbullying is a serious issue that demands an effective national response. Canadian youth and the experts working with them are very concerned that more needs to be done to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of cyberbullying and to help those that have been affected by it – the victims, the bullies, as well as the bystanders.

This report presents the committee's findings with respect to the nature of cyberbullying and its impacts, the roles that stakeholders can play in addressing it and the best practices that are emerging in dealing with it. The committee also recommended a national coordinated strategy to address cyberbullying by sharing best practices plus promoting the programs that are available for children and parents. It further discusses and promotes restorative justice initiatives, human rights education and the values of "digital citizenship" (a concept discussed in the report in reference to appropriate conduct and respect in social interaction online and with telecommunications devices).

In addition to the final report, the committee prepared two companion documents for youth and parents.

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Statutory Review on the Provisions and Operation of the Act to amend the Criminal Code (production of records in sexual offence proceedings)

(Twentieth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on December 13, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1417S)

Legislation often contains provisions requiring a review by a parliamentary committee within a certain prescribed timeframe. Committees often undertake to review the application of the law in question, by examining if the provisions of the law have operated as intended, reviewing any related jurisprudence, and inviting key stakeholders to appear as witnesses to provide their views, observations and to provide any legislative changes they may have to propose. Committees then may table a report in their respective chamber containing the results of their review, along with any recommendations to improve future or related legislation and may also request a response from the government.

The Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs undertook such a review beginning in February 2010, and tabled its final report entitled, *Statutory Review on the Provisions and Operation of the Act to amend the Criminal Code (production of records in sexual offence proceedings)* in December 2012. The committee made 18 recommendations after holding 13 meetings on this study and hearing from witnesses representing 14 different organizations.

Standing Committee on National Finance

The Canada-USA Price Gap

(Sixteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on February 6, 2013;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1463S)

In February 2013, the committee reported on the potential reasons for price discrepancies in respect of certain goods between Canada and the United States, given the value of the Canadian dollar and the effect of cross border shopping on the Canadian economy.

The committee examined the pricing of numerous products, from ice skates and jeans to automobiles and books. Each product was found to have many factors influencing its pricing, and, although some products share some factors (e.g. transportation costs, the relative size of the Canadian market or tariff rates), the committee could not offer an explanation as definitive as it would have liked for the price discrepancies for products between Canada and the United States.

In its report, the committee recommended that:

- The Minister of Finance conduct a comprehensive review of Canadian tariffs, keeping in mind the impact on domestic manufacturing, with a view to reducing the price discrepancies for certain products between Canada and the United States;

- The Government of Canada, through the Canada-United States Regulatory Cooperation Council, continue to regulate the safety standards between Canada and the U.S. with the intent to reduce price discrepancies without compromising the safety needs of the two countries;
- The Government of Canada analyse the costs and benefits of increasing the de minimis threshold for low-value shipments in Canada in order to narrow the price discrepancies for certain goods between Canada and the United States; and
- The Minister of Canadian Heritage study the costs and benefits of reducing the 10% mark-up that Canadian exclusive distributors can add to the U.S. list price of American books imported into Canada, adjusted for the exchange rate, as stipulated in section 5(1)(a)(iii) of the *Book Importation Regulations*.

The committee further observed that as more Canadian consumers become aware of smartphone applications and internet sites for price shopping and comparison, and become price-savvy consumers, competitive pressures in Canada will increase and the price for products in Canada will converge to U.S. prices.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

A Study of the New Veterans Charter

(Ninth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on March 21, 2013;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1525S)

The New Veterans Charter (NVC) came into force on April 1, 2006. The NVC is and was always considered to be a living document.

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs decided to determine if the NVC is delivering compensation and benefits programs it was designed to deliver.

Overall, the subcommittee found that Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and the NVC serve the majority of Canadian Forces personnel and veterans well. However, it found that there are four issues that affect the implementation of the NVC. First is the absence of a clear, universally agreed "social contract". Second, the NVC should embody the vision of a meaningful relationship between the people of Canada and Canadian Forces members and veterans, along with their families. Third, veteran transition to civilian life would benefit from a better understanding of whole-of-government obligations. Fourth, there should be clear and effective communication between VAC and serving Canadian Forces members.

The subcommittee produced nine recommendations.

Standing Committee on Official Languages

Internet, new media and social media: Respect for language rights!

(Fifth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on October 25, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1340S)

The Standing Committee on Official Languages began its study on the use of the Internet, new media and social media and respect of Canadians' language rights in the fall of 2011 and published a report on this matter in October 2012. In its nine months of hearings, it heard from more than 50 stakeholders.

The committee's report highlights four ideas: 1) accessibility is key; 2) online services must be made available based on the principle of substantive equality of both official languages; 3) young people are the most avid users of new communication tools and they need to be reached where they are, in their language of choice; and 4) the federal institutions that achieve the best results take linguistic duality into

careful account at every stage of their communication strategies, from understanding obligations to monitoring results.

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Canada's Clinical Trial Infrastructure: A Prescription for Improved Access to New Medicines

(Fourteenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on November 1st, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1356S)

The Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology was authorized in November 2011 to examine and report on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada. The order of reference divided the study into four phases and, in April 2012, the committee continued the first phase of the study on clinical trials, which it had begun in March. Forty-one witnesses appeared during 11 meetings to discuss the process by which investigational new drugs are tested in humans for safety and efficacy. The infrastructure of this clinical trial process was reviewed and, in November, the committee tabled its report *Clinical Trial Infrastructure in Canada: A Prescription for Improved Access to New Medicines*. The report made 12 recommendations including a National Framework, mandatory registration of clinical trials, accreditation of research ethics boards, inclusion of vulnerable sub-groups of the population and additional elements to strengthen the federal government's recently-announced Orphan Drug Framework for Canada.

Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Post-Approval Monitoring of Safety and Effectiveness

(Twentieth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on March 26, 2013;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1536S)

The second phase of the pharmaceutical study on post-approval monitoring was undertaken between October and November 2012, when the committee heard from 30 witnesses over the course of eight meetings. The report *Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Post-Approval Monitoring of Safety and Effectiveness*, which was tabled in March 2012, made 19 recommendations. In part the report called for updated legislation and regulations that implements a life-cycle approach to drug management, increased resources, assessment of the Drug Safety and Effectiveness Network, establishment of linkable and compatible electronic health systems across the country, creation of Patient Information Leaflets, improved transparency of Health Canada's safety assessments, and improved labelling of new drugs as well as those associated with serious adverse reactions.

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

The Future of Canadian Air Travel: Toll Booth or Spark Plug

(Fifth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 5, 2012;
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-937S)

After hearing from dozens of witnesses over the past two years in connection with its study on emerging issues related to the Canadian airline industry, the committee tabled an interim report in June 2012 on the future growth and global competitiveness of Canada's airports entitled: *The Future of Canadian Air Travel: Toll Booth or Spark Plug?* The report offered six recommendations on how to improve air travel in Canada.

One of the main recommendations was that Canada needs a single, cohesive National Air Travel Strategy, including an updated National Airports Systems, to chart a new course towards increased air travel in Canada. The committee concluded that the federal government should use its influence to bring partners to the table to establish new policies and systems that will address inefficiencies and continually improve the air travel experience for passengers in Canada.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2012-2013

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

A. General Information

In the fiscal year 2012-2013, the committee received five orders of reference: one for a special study on the Métis, one to study the subject-matter of a portion of a bill, two for legislation, and one to examine a government response. The committee also renewed a broad order of reference authorizing it 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.

The committee spent the majority of its time carrying out work on its study regarding the legal and political recognition of Métis identity in Canada. In 2012-2013, the committee held 24 meetings and heard 69 witnesses in the course of this study. The committee has yet to publish its report on this topic.

Pursuant to its broad order of reference, the committee conducted two short studies. During the first, a study on the British Columbia treaty process, three meetings were held and nine witnesses were heard. The committee issued an interim report entitled: *A Commitment Worth Preserving: Reviving the British Columbia Treaty Process*.

The committee also examined the policies surrounding additions to reserves. After ten meetings and 26 witnesses, an interim report entitled *Additions to Reserve: Expediting the Process* was tabled.

The committee was tasked with studying part of Bill C-45, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures. The committee held four meetings and heard four witnesses on this subject. The committee reported the matter on November 29, 2012.

On the legislative front, Bill C-27, An Act to enhance the financial accountability and transparency of First Nations, was reported without amendment on March 7, 2013, following the testimony of 24 witnesses during seven meetings. On June 7, 2012, the committee reported Bill S-8, An Act respecting the safety of drinking water on First Nation lands. Twenty-six individuals gave testimony over the course of six meetings. The bill was reported without amendment but with observations.

The committee also received a government response, dated May 10, 2012, to the committee's report *Reforming First Nations Education: From Crisis to Hope*, which had been tabled in the Senate on December 7, 2011. The committee did not hear any witnesses on this order of reference.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	To examine and report on the legal and political recognition of Métis identity in Canada	2012-04-26	-	Budget
Sixth	Bill S-8 (Safety of drinking water on First Nation lands)	2012-06-07	26	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Seventh	To examine and report on the legal and political recognition of Métis identity in Canada	2012-06-21	-	Budget
Eighth	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2012-06-27	9	Interim reported entitled: <i>A Commitment Worth Preserving: Reviving the British Columbia Treaty Process</i>
Ninth	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2012-11-01	26	Interim reported entitled: <i>Additions to Reserve: Expediting the Process</i>
Tenth	Subject matter of Division 8 of Part 4, Bill C-45 (second Budget Implementation Act)	2012-11-29	4	Review
Eleventh	Bill C-27 (Accountability and transparency of First Nations)	2013-03-07	24	Bill reported without amendment

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	45	73.9	38.5	130	7
2011-2012	31	51.5	-	111	4
2010-2011	38	66.3	32.4	134	6
2009-2010	46	81.2	2.2	161	8
2008-2009	21	34.8	-	64	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$152,140
Witness Expenses	<u>\$31,453</u>
TOTAL	\$183,593

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Vernon White (Conservative) (since November 6, 2012)

The Honourable Senator Gerry St. Germain, P.C. (Conservative) (until November 6, 2012)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lillian Eva Dyck (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Brazeau, Campbell, *Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Demers, Dyck, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Lovelace Nicholas, Meredith, Patterson, Raine, Sibbeston, and St. Germain, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Cordy, Dagenais, Frum, Housakos, Harb, Hubley, Lang, Marshall, Martin, Merchant, Mockler, Munson, Rivard, Seidman, Seth, Tkachuk, Wallace, Watt and White

Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Analysts and Administrative Support:

James Gauthier, Wren Nasr, Tonina Simeone and Shauna Troniak (Library of Parliament)

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

A. General Information

During the past fiscal year, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry submitted three substantive reports to the Senate.

The seventh report of the committee dealt with Bill S-11, An Act respecting food commodities, including their inspection, their safety, their labeling and advertising, their import, export and interprovincial trade, the establishment of standards for them, the registration or licensing of persons who perform certain activities related to them, the establishment of standards governing establishments where those activities are performed and the registration of establishments where those activities are performed. Bill S-11 was reported back with two amendments.

The committee's eighth report dealt with subject matter of Division 19 of Part 4 of Bill C-45, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures. The report outlined the meetings that the committee held and the witnesses that were heard.

The final substantive report that the committee submitted was its tenth, which dealt with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's User Fee Proposal for Importer Licensing for Non-federally Registered Sector Products. The committee recommended that the user fee be approved.

Along with these substantive reports, the committee continued with its order of reference pertaining to research and innovation efforts in the agricultural sector. Related to this order of reference, the committee conducted public hearings in Ottawa and undertook three separate fact-finding missions.

In early November 2012, the committee travelled to the three Prairie provinces. In Manitoba, the committee made stops in Winnipeg, Landmark, St. François Xavier, Neepawa and Brandon. In Saskatchewan, the committee travelled to Yorkton, Lanigan, Saskatoon and Lloydminster. In Alberta, the committee visited locations in Lloydminster, Lacombe and Olds.

Also in November 2012, the committee traveled throughout the Maritimes to meet with stakeholders from the agricultural sector. In New Brunswick, the committee made stops in St. André, Grand Falls, Florenceville-Bristol, Moncton and Fredericton. New Annan, Prince Edward Island was also a destination of the committee. Finally, in Nova Scotia, the committee travelled to Oxford, Masstown and Kentville.

The final trip the committee took was in March 2013 and it was for a fact-finding mission to St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Research and innovation efforts in the agricultural sector	2012-04-03	-	Budget
Seventh	Bill S-11 (Safe Food for Canadians Act)	2012-10-04	25	Bill reported with two amendments
Eighth	Subject matter of Division 19 of Part 4 of Bill C-45 (second Budget Implementation Act)	2012-11-22	19	Witnesses heard and subject matter covered in testimony
Ninth	Research and innovation efforts in the agricultural sector	2013-02-14	-	Supplementary Budget, fact-finding mission, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador
Tenth	Canadian Food Inspection Agency's User Fee Proposal	2013-03-21	-	Recommended approval

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	34	62.5	40.5	130	5
2011-2012	29	54.7	23	102	5
2010-2011	37	62.8	57	89	1
2009-2010	34	56.6	17	83	8
2008-2009	19	28.1	-	38	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$94,714
Witness Expenses	<u>\$48,425</u>
TOTAL	\$143,139

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E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*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 Callbeck, *Cowan (or Tardif), Duffy, Eaton, Fairbairn, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Mahovlich, Mercer, Mockler, Ogilvie, Plett, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C. and Segal

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Braley, Buth, Campbell, Chaput, Dagenais, Demers, Fortin-Duplessis, Frum, Maltais, Martin, Nolin, Peterson, Seth, Tardif, Verner, P.C., Wallace and White

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Aïcha Coulibaly and Sarah Jane Fraser (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant) (since October 2012)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant) (until October 2012)

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

A. **General Information**

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the committee considered four bills and the subject matter of two budget bills. It also engaged in two studies and conducted one investigation of the unauthorized disclosure of confidential committee documents.

As part of its general study regarding the present state of the domestic and international financial system, the committee had two appearances by the Governor of the Bank of Canada. In addition, the committee continued its statutory review of the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act*, hearing from more than 40 witnesses, including representatives from federal, provincial and international departments and agencies as well as the private sector. In March 2012, the committee tabled its report entitled *Follow the Money: Is Canada Making Progress in Combatting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing? Not Really*.

The committee examined Bill C-311, An Act to amend the Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act (interprovincial importation of wine for personal use) and reported it without amendment. In June 2012, the committee examined Bill C-25, An Act relating to pooled registered pension plans and making related amendments to other Acts, and reported it without amendment. Also in June 2012, the committee examined Bill C-11, An Act to amend the Copyright Act, and reported it without amendment.

In February 2013, the committee examined Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada Act, and reported it without amendment. Bill S-203, the Boards of Directors Modernization Act, was also before the committee, but no hearings were held during the fiscal year.

The committee also examined the subject matter of two budget bills. In May 2012, the committee examined the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 2, 10, 11, 22, 28, and 36 of Part 4 of Bill C-38, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures, but did not issue a report. In November 2012, the committee examined the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 1, 3, 6 and 14 of Part 4 of Bill C-45, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures and tabled a report.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013** *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Bill C-311 (Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act)	2012-06-14	5	Bill reported without amendment
Fourth	Bill C-25 (Pooled registered pension plans)	2012-06-21	17	Bill reported without amendment
Fifth	Bill C-11 (Copyright Act)	2012-06-21	53	Bill reported without amendment

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Review of the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing	2012-06-27	-	Budget
Seventh	Review of the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing	2012-10-30	-	Interim report on unauthorized disclosure of confidential committee documents
Eighth	Subject matter of Divisions 1, 3, 6 and 14 of Part 4 Bill C-45 (second Budget Implementation Act)	2012-11-29	22	Review
Ninth	Bill C-28 (Financial Consumer Agency of Canada Act)	2013-02-14	23	Bill reported without amendment
Tenth	Review of the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing	2013-03-20	69	Final report entitled: <i>Follow the Money: Is Canada Making Progress In Combatting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing? Not Really</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witness	No. of Reports
2012-2013	44	65.4	15.8	159	8
2011-2012	32	50.8	-	117	2
2010-2011	40	67.8	-	112	8
2009-2010	35	60	-	98	5
2008-2009	22	43	-	98	2

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$35,094
Witnesses Expenses	<u>\$19,576</u>
TOTAL	\$54,670

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Irving R. Gerstein (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., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Massicotte, Meighen, Moore, Oliver, Ringuette, Smith (Saurel), Stewart Olsen and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Baker, P.C., Bellemare, Black, Brown, Campbell, Comeau, Dawson, Day, De Bané, P.C., Frum, Hubley, Maltais, Marshall, Meredith, Moore, Mockler, Nancy Ruth, Nolin, Patterson, Plett, Poirier, Rivard, Stratton, Unger, Wallace and White

Committee Clerk:

Barbara Reynolds (since August 2012)

Adam Thompson (until August 2012)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

John Bulmer and Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant) (since August 2012)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant) (until August 2012)

Standing Committee on Conflict of Interest for Senators

A. General Information

The Standing 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. On March 29, 2012, the committee presented a report to the Senate proposing six amendments to the Code. The report was adopted on May 1, 2012 and a revised Code came into force on October 1, 2012. A key change is the posting of senators’ public disclosure summaries on the Senate Ethics Officer’s website.

The committee also presented a report on October 2, 2012, adopted by the Senate on October 16, 2012, recommending that the next comprehensive review of the Code be undertaken by the Committee in five years, or 2017, in accordance with the provisions of section 53 of the Code.

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 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Consideration of matters relating to the <i>Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i>	2012-10-02	-	Section 53 of the Code – next five-year review

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	3	1.8	4	1
2011-2012	9	9.5	2	3
2010-2011	1	0.3	-	2
2009-2010	6	7.4	1	2
2008-2009	9	9.2	-	2

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(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 2012-2013

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry Stratton (Conservative) (until March 16, 2013)

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 (until July 21, 2012), Cordy, Joyal, P.C., Stratton (until March 16, 2013), Wallace (as of October 3, 2012)

Committee Clerk:

Catherine Piccinin

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Michel Bédard (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

A. General Information

In the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the committee completed its three-year study on the current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy) by releasing its final report in July 2012 entitled *Now or Never: Canada Must Act Urgently to Seize its Place in the New Energy World Order*. Drawing on the expertise of more than 250 leading energy stakeholders across the country, the study produced 13 priorities for action to achieve long-term and affordable energy solutions for Canada, addressing the challenges and opportunities of responsible development and energy efficiency.

With a new chair in the fall of 2012, the committee launched its study on the safety of hydrocarbon transportation in Canada, examining and comparing domestic and international regulatory regimes, standards, and best practices relating to the safe transport of hydrocarbons by transmission pipelines, marine tanker vessels and railcars. As part of this study the committee travelled to Calgary, Alberta and Sarnia and Hamilton, Ontario for site visits and fact finding meetings in March 2013.

In addition to its special study work, the committee considered one bill and two pre-studies on the subject matter of two bills.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy)	2012-07-18	303	Final Report entitled <i>Now or Never: Canada Must Act Urgently to Seize its Place in the New Energy World Order</i>
Fifth	Subject matter of Divisions 4, 18 and 21 of Part 4, Bill - 45, second Budget Implementation Act	2012-11-28	19	Review
Sixth	The current state of the safety elements of the bulk transport of hydrocarbon products in Canada)	2012-12-13	-	Budget
Seventh	Bill C-370 (St. Lawrence Islands National Park of Canada)	2013-02-28	1	Bill reported without amendment

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	30	48.3	24.5	96	4
2011-2012	36	79.2	26.5	115	3
2010-2011	49	114.1	28.4	159	9
2009-2010	34	62.9	25	85	12
2008-2009	22	44.6	36	71	10

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$100,410
Witness Expenses	\$17,219
TOTAL	\$117,629

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Richard Neufeld (Conservative) (since October 4, 2012)
The Honourable Senator W. David Angus (Conservative) (until July 21, 2012)

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), Dickson, Johnson, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Massicotte, Mitchell, Neufeld, Peterson, Seidman, Sibbeston and Wallace

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Dawson, Demers, Dyck, Fortin-Duplessis, Fraser, Frum, MacDonald, Martin, McCoy, McInnis, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Nolin, Ogilvie, Patterson, Plett, Ringuette, Seth, Unger and White

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sam Banks and Marc LeBlanc (Library of Parliament)
Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

A. **General Information**

Lobster is Canada's most lucrative fishery. The lobster industry is the single most important source of revenue for thousands of harvesters and remains one of the economic pillars for many communities in Atlantic Canada and Quebec. The industry is complex and the individuals, communities and companies that participate in the lobster value chain face numerous challenges. In fiscal year 2012-2013, the committee studied the lobster fishery in Atlantic Canada and Quebec to better understand the lobster fishery and the structure of the lobster industry; to follow-up on the 2009 committee report entitled *Crisis in the Lobster Fishery*; and to make recommendations to the federal government on the issues brought to the committee's attention. The committee held public hearings in Ottawa as well as in Moncton, New Brunswick at the end of November 2012. It heard from many participants in the lobster industry in Atlantic Canada and Quebec, including federal and provincial government representatives, lobster harvesters, buyers and shippers, seafood processors, industry associations, conservation experts and researchers. The committee expects to publish its conclusions and recommendations on this subject before the end of May 2013.

In fiscal year 2012-2013, the committee also studied Bill S-13, An Act to amend the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act, and reported the bill without amendment. It also published a report on the management of the grey seal population off Canada's East Coast in October 2012. In March 2012, the committee received responses from the government on its reports entitled: *Seeing the Light: Report on Staffed Lighthouses in Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia* (October 2011) and *Report on the Implementation of the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act* (October 2011).

In March 2013, the committee received an order of reference to examine the regulation of aquaculture in Canada and future prospects for the industry. It expects to begin its hearings as part of this study in April 2013.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 ***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	The lobster fishery in Atlantic Canada and Quebec	2012-04-04	-	Budget
Seventh	The management of the grey seal population off Canada's East Coast	2012-10-23	46	Final report entitled: <i>The sustainable management of grey seal populations: A path toward the recovery of cod and other groundfish stocks</i>
Eighth	Bill S-13 (Coastal Fisheries Protection Act)	2013-02-28	7	Bill reported without amendment

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013) 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 2012-2013.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	22	40.8	-	57	3
2011-2012	17	28.4	-	53	5
2010-2011	20	30.3	46	74.5	6
2009-2010	27	43.1	45	68	7
2008-2009	18	34.4	18.2	51	3

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$41,759
Witness Expenses	\$9,022
TOTAL	\$50,781

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Fabian Manning (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Elizabeth Hubley (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Cochrane, *Cowan (or Tardif), Hubley, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Losier-Cool, Lovelace Nicholas, MacDonald, Manning, Oliver, Patterson, Poirier, Poy, Raine and Watt

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Chaput, Cordy, Cowan, Dagenais, Enverga, Jr., Greene, Harb, McInnis, Munson, Runciman, Stewart Olsen, Unger and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analysts and Administrative Support:

François Côté, Sarah Jane Fraser and Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)
Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

A. General Information

In 2012-2013, the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade completed three studies. Specifically, the committee tabled reports with respect to its studies in relation to political and economic developments in Brazil, as well as the establishment of a “Charter of the Commonwealth.” The work for both of these studies was largely conducted in the previous fiscal year. The committee had also begun a study of Canadian foreign policy in Iran in the previous fiscal year, with work carrying over into 2012-2013, and a final report being tabled in December 2012.

In November 2012, the committee began a study of political and economic developments in the Republic of Turkey, holding extensive hearings in November, February and March, and conducting a fact-finding visit to Istanbul and Ankara, Turkey from March 16 to 23, 2013. The committee is in the process of drafting its report.

Just prior to the end of the fiscal year, the committee was authorized to examine and report on security conditions and economic developments in the Asia-Pacific region, and it will begin work on that study in the near future.

In addition to its special study work, the committee considered four bills and one user-fee proposal.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Establishment of a “Charter of the Commonwealth” and its implications for Canada	2012-04-03	14	Final Report entitled <i>A Charter Fit for Purpose: Parliamentary Consultation on the Proposed Charter of the Commonwealth</i>
Fourth	Passport Canada’s Fee-for-Service Proposal to Parliament pursuant to the <i>User Fees Act</i>	2012-05-10	11	Review
Fifth	The political and economic developments in Brazil	2012-05-29	32	Final report entitled: <i>Intensifying Strategic Partnerships with the new Brazil</i>
Sixth	Bill C-23 (Canada-Jordan Economic Growth and Prosperity Act)	2012-06-28	8	Bill reported without amendment

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	Bill S-10 (Convention on Cluster Munitions)	2012-11-08	27	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Bill C-24 (Canada Panama Economic Growth and Prosperity Act)	2012-12-06	13	Bill reported without amendment
Ninth	Canadian foreign policy regarding Iran	2012-12-12	20	Final Report entitled <i>Iran in Focus: Current Issues for Canadian Foreign Policy</i>
Tenth	Economic and political developments in the Republic of Turkey, and implications for Canadian interests	2012-12-13	-	Budget
Eleventh	Bill S-14 (Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act)	2013-03-07	8	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	32	45.2	36.2	93	9
2011-2012	23	30.9	66	57	2
2010-2011	31	44.5	37.8	59	8
2009-2010	30	33.8	84	62	7
2008-2009	19	30.1	-	41	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$55,951
Witness Expenses:	\$13,466
TOTAL	\$69,417

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy E. Downe (Liberal)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Beyak, Black, Buth, Campbell, Chaput, Dallaire, Dawson, Demers, Duffy, Frum, Housakos, Hubley, Lang, MacDonald, Marshall, Mockler, Rivard, Stratton, and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson (since August 2012)
Line Gravel (until August 2012)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brian Hermon and Natalie Mychajlyszyn (Library of Parliament)
Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant) (since August 2012)
Louise Pronovost (Administrative Assistant) (until August 2012)

Standing Committee on Human Rights

A. General Information

During the first part of 2012-2013, the Standing Committee of Human Rights returned to its study on cyberbullying of Canadian youth and the nation's obligations to protect children under the *United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child*. In addition to hearing from youth advocates, academics and representatives from national anti-bullying initiatives, the committee held two special meetings with youth. A class of grade eight students from Springbank Middle School in Alberta met with the committee by videoconference to discuss their experiences with cyberbullying and to present possible solutions. Afterwards, the committee invited adolescent victims of extreme bullying over the internet and through mobile communication to testify in camera about their hardships.

Upon conclusion of the hearing phase of the study, the committee drafted its final report which was tabled in the Senate on December 12, 2012 entitled *Cyberbullying Hurts: Respect for Rights in the Digital Age*. To accompany the report, the committee produced two companion guides to promote the committee's finding with two specific groups: youth and parents. The guides also inform the readers of their rights relating to digital media and help promote good digital citizenship, as was suggested in the committee's recommendations.

In the fall of 2012, the committee embarked on a new study dealing with the access to rights for First Nations band members who live off-reserve. The committee held hearings on Parliament Hill and traveled to Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Vancouver. In order to foster a constructive dialogue with the urban First Nations community, the committee held its public hearings in friendship centres in each city and provided opportunities for individuals to testify at each location.

Towards the end of the year, the committee held a meeting relating to its ongoing review of Canada's international and national human rights obligations. The hearing dealt with Canada's most recent review before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. The Senate committee invited government officials from six separate federal departments and non-governmental organizations dealing with children to speak about the process whereby the Government of Canada is examined by the UN body, as is required under the *Convention of the Rights of the Child*.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Invite the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to update the committee on actions taken concerning the recommendations contained in the committee's report entitled: <i>A Hard Bed to lie in: Matrimonial Real Property on Reserve</i> (2003)	2012-05-03	14	Final Report
Sixth	Issues pertaining to the human rights of First Nations band members who reside off-reserve	2012-05-03	-	Budget
Seventh	Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2012-06-12	23	Interim Report entitled: <i>Level the playing field: A natural progression from playground to podium for Canadians with disabilities</i>
Eighth	Cyberbullying in Canada	2012-10-18	-	Budget
Ninth	Cyberbullying in Canada	2012-12-12	64	Final report: <i>Cyberbullying Hurts: Respect for Rights in the Digital Age</i>
Tenth	Cyberbullying in Canada	2013-03-07	-	Budget

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	20	48.9	7.5	164	6
2011-2012	12	30.5	-	56	4
2010-2011	22	46.4	-	100	6
2009-2010	20	47.1	-	120	5
2008-2009	14	33.1	-	78	8

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$99,851
Witness Expenses	<u>\$30,153</u>
TOTAL	\$130,004

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina S.B. Jaffer (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Salma Ataullahjan (Conservative) (since March 25, 2013)

The Honourable Senator Patrick Brazeau (Conservative) (until February 7, 2013)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Baker, P.C., Brazeau, *Cowan (or Tardif), Hubley, Jaffer, Kochhar, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Nancy Ruth and Zimmer

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Buth, Campbell, Carignan, Dyck, Frum, Marshall, McIntyre, Meredith, Ngo, Oh, Robichaud, P.C., Seidman, Wallace and White

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Martha Butler, Lyne Casavant and Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration

A. General Information

The committee 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, sets guidelines and policies on items such as senators' travel and research expenditures, and determines the propriety of any use of Senate resources. It should be noted the committee is authorized to carry out its mandate on its own initiative rather than being dependent on an order of reference from the Senate (rule 12-7(1)).

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Tenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2012-05-02	-	International travel report: Senator Hervieux-Payette, P.C. to Berlin, Germany
Eleventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2012-05-17	-	<i>Senators' Travel Policy</i>
Twelfth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2012-06-13	-	Performance audit of the Senate Administration by the Office of the Auditor General
Thirteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2012-09-27	-	International travel reports: Senator Merchant to Athens, Greece; Senator Cools to London, UK; and Senator Day to London, UK
Fourteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2012-11-01	-	Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ended March 31, 2012
Fifteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2012-11-08	-	Third Annual Report on Parliamentary Associations' Activities and Expenditures for 2011-2012
Sixteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2012-12-06	-	Diversity in the workplace
Seventeenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2012-12-13	-	Annual Report on Internal Audits 2011-2012
Eighteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-02-26	-	Senate Main Estimates for fiscal 2013-2014

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Nineteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-02-28	-	Senators' Primary and Secondary Residences

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	23	24.7	17	10
2011-2012	18	20.9	3	9
2010-2011	22	25.5	29	12
2009-2010	18	22.8	7	8
2008-2009	11	9.5	3	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(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 2012-2013

(*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, Charette-Poulin, Comeau, Cordy, *Cowan (or Tardif), Di Nino, Downe, Furey, Kinsella, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Marshall, Munson, Smith (Saurel), Stewart Olsen, Stratton and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Champagne, P.C., Dagenais, Dawson, Day, Doyle, Fraser, Frum, Jaffer, Johnson, Massicotte, Ogilvie, Mitchell, Runciman, Seidman, Seth, Tardif and White

Committee Clerk:

Gary W. O'Brien (Clerk of the Senate)

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Lucie Lavoie (Coordinator and Recording Secretary)
 Lyne Jaeggi (Administrative Assistant) (since January 2013)
 Jimmy Manigat (Administrative Assistant) (until January 2013)

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

A. **General Information**

The Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has historically been, and continues to be, one of the Senate's busiest committees. The vast majority of the committee's work entails the consideration of legislation, although the committee sometimes undertakes more in-depth special studies on areas related to its mandate.

During this fiscal year, the committee studied and reported on five government bills, two Senate public bills, three private members' bills and one private bill. The committee also reviewed and reported on proposed regulations pertaining to the *Firearms Act*. In addition, it completed a two-year statutory review on the production of records in sexual offence proceedings and tabled its final report in December 2012.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 ***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	Bill S-1003 (Industrial Alliance Pacific Insurance and Financial Services Inc.)	2012-04-26	1	Bill reported without amendment
Twelfth	Bill C-26 (Criminal Code – Citizen's Arrest and Self-defence Act)	2012-06-07	19	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	Bill C-310 (Criminal Code – trafficking in persons)	2012-06-14	11	Bill reported without amendment
Fourteenth	Bill S-209 (Criminal Code – prize fights)	2012-06-14	12	Bill reported with one amendment
Fifteenth	Proposed Firearms Information Regulations (Non-Restricted Firearms)	2012-06-21	10	Review
Sixteenth	Bill C-290 (Criminal Code – Sports betting)	2012-11-08	21	Bill reported without amendment
Seventeenth	Bill S-12 (Statutory Instruments Act)	2012-12-06	8	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Eighteenth	Bill C-36 (Criminal Code – Elder abuse)	2012-12-11	14	Bill reported without amendment

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Nineteenth	Bill C-293 (Corrections and Conditional Release Act – vexatious complainants)	2012-12-13	12	Bill reported without amendment
Twentieth	Production of records in sexual offence proceedings	2012-12-13	19	Final report entitled: <i>Statutory Review on the Provisions and Operation of the Act to amend the Criminal Code (production of records in sexual offence proceedings)</i>
Twenty-First	Bill S-207 (Non-derogation of aboriginal treaty rights)	2013-02-28	8	Bill reported with one amendment
Twenty-Second	Bill C-53 (Succession to the Throne)	2013-03-21	7	Bill reported without amendment
Twenty-Third	Bill C-55 (Criminal Code)	2013-03-26	9	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	40	66.1	-	144	13
2011-2012	38	116.6	-	220	10
2010-2011	51	118.3	-	254	18
2009-2010	42	97.5	1.9	168	11
2008-2009	28	48.2	-	74	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$2,752
Witness Expenses	<u>\$36,182</u>
TOTAL	\$38,934

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative) (since April 25, 2012)

The Honourable Senator John Wallace (Conservative) (until April 25, 2012)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Liberal)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Batters, Beyak, Buth, Campbell, Cowan, Dagenais, Demers, Dawson, Di Nino, Enverga, Jr., Fortin-Duplessis, Housakos, Jaffer, McIntyre, Merchant, Mitchell, Neufeld, Ngo, Ogilvie, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Poirier, Raine, Rivard, Rivest, Smith, P.C. (Cobourg), Verner, P.C. and White

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Lyne Casavant, Robin Mackay, Julia Nicol and Erin Shaw (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 12-7(5)), the committee has a mandate to examine matters related to federal estimates generally, including:

- i. the public 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 meetings to examine various aspects of the Government's planned expenditures for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, including the Main Estimates 2012-2013, Supplementary Estimates (A) 2012-2013, Supplementary Estimates (B) 2012-2013, and Supplementary Estimates (C) 2012-2013. The committee also undertook a preliminary examination of the Main Estimates 2013-2014 in March 2013, and presented an interim report to the Senate. During these examinations, a range of issues were brought to the attention of the Senate by the committee.

Three bills were also reported by the committee:

- Bill C-38, An Act to implement certain provisions of the 2012 budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures, was reported without amendment;
- Bill C-46, An Act to amend the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, was reported without amendment; and
- Bill C-45, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the 2012 budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures, was reported without amendment.

With respect to Bill C-38 and Bill C-45, the committee undertook subject matter studies of the bills before they were introduced in the Senate. This allowed the committee to hear witnesses on the bills prior to them being read for the first time in the Senate.

Special Studies

In February 2013, the committee tabled its report on the potential reasons for price discrepancies in respect of certain goods between Canada and the United States, given the value of the Canadian dollar and the effect of cross-border shopping on the Canadian economy.

The committee examined the pricing of numerous products, from ice skates and jeans to automobiles and books. Each product was found to have many factors influencing its pricing, and, although some products share some factors (e.g. transportation costs, the relative size of the Canadian market or tariff rates), the committee could not offer an explanation as definitive as it would have liked for the price discrepancies for products between Canada and the United States. The committee made four recommendations and one observation with respect to narrowing these price discrepancies.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Ninth	Study on the potential reasons for price discrepancies between Canada and the United States	2012-04-02	-	Budget
Tenth	Main Estimates 2012-2013	2012-06-06	21	Second Interim Report
Eleventh	Supplementary Estimates (A) 2012-2013	2012-06-14	17	Final report
Twelfth	Bill C-38 (An Act to implement certain provisions of the 2012 budget)	2012-06-26	114*	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	Bill C-46 (Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act)	2012-10-30	10	Bill reported without amendment
Fourteenth	Supplementary Estimates (B) 2012-2013	2012-11-20	22	Final report
Fifteenth	Bill C-45 (second Budget Implementation Act)	2012-12-10	65*	Bill reported without amendment
Sixteenth	Study on the potential reasons for price discrepancies between Canada and the United States	2013-02-06	53	Final report entitled: <i>The Canada-USA Price Gap</i>
Seventeenth	Main Estimates 2012-2013	2013-03-20	68	Final report
Eighteenth	Supplementary Estimates (C) 2012-2013	2013-03-21	10	Final report
Nineteenth	Main Estimates 2013-2014	2013-03-26	14	First interim report

*Represents the number of witnesses who appeared on the subject matter study of the bill.

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	63	108.9	-	312	11
2011-2012	35	61.6	-	200	8
2010-2011	66	132.1	-	298	8
2009-2010	44	75.9	-	183	12
2008-2009	31	56.2	-	126	12

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$2,080
Witness Expenses	\$10,234
TOTAL	\$12,314

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Larry Smith (Saurel) (Conservative) (since May 8, 2012)

The Honourable Senator Richard Neufeld (Conservative) (until May 8, 2012)

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 Carignan), Marshall, Murray, P.C., Nancy Ruth, Neufeld, Ringuette and Runciman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Bellemare, Black, Boisvenu, Buth, Campbell, Chaput, Comeau, Cordy, Dagenais, Dallaire, Dawson, De Bané, P.C., Demers, Duffy, Dyck, Eaton, Enverga, Frum, Greene, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Housakos, Lang, Maltais, Manning, Martin, McCoy, McInnis, Mercer, Mitchell, Mockler, Moore, Nolin, Oh, Ogilvie, Peterson, Plett, Rivard, Runciman, Seth, Smith (Saurel), Stewart Olsen, Stratton, Tkachuk, Unger, Wallace, Wallin, Wells and White

Committee Clerk:

Jodi Turner

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sylvain Fleury, Édison Roy-César and Terrance Thomas (Library of Parliament)

Louise Pronovost (Administrative Assistant) (since August 2012)

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant) (until August 2012)

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

A. General Information

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Standing Committee on National Security and Defence continued to hear witnesses on its general mandate to examine and report on Canada's national security and defence policies, practices, circumstances and capabilities.

On November 8, 2012, the committee also received a new order of reference to study the issue of harassment within the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and has heard witnesses on this subject.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	The national security and defence policies of Canada	2012-04-03	-	Budget
Sixth	Services and benefits provided to veterans and their families	2012-04-03	-	Budget
Seventh	Canada's east and west coast navy and air force bases	2012-06-21	-	Budget
Eighth	Bill S-213 (National day of remembrance to honour Canadian veterans of the Korean War)	2013-02-26	3	Bill reported without amendment
Ninth	Services and benefits provided to veterans and their families	2013-03-21	28	Interim report entitled: <i>A Study of the New Veterans Charter</i>

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	17	36.8	47.8	74	5
2011-2012	10	21.5	-	36	4
2010-2011	22	51.8	30.5	83	7
2009-2010	23	55.5	161.5	28	5
2008-2009	15	60	44.5	26	11

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$76,642
Witness Expenses	<u>\$4,630</u>
TOTAL	\$81,272

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pamela Wallin (Conservative) (until March 28, 2013)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Roméo Dallaire (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators *Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Day, Lang, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Manning, Mitchell, Nolin, Peterson, Plett and Wallin

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Baker, P.C., Boisvenu, Campbell, Dawson, De Bané, P.C., Demers, Fortin-Duplessis, Frum, Hubley, Johnson, Maltais, Marshall, Munson, Robichaud, P.C., and Stewart Olsen

Committee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Martin Auger and Holly Porteous (Library of Parliament)
Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

A. **General Information**

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs continued to hear witnesses on its broad mandate related to services and benefits provided to veterans and their families. As part of this mandate, the subcommittee has started a new study on transition to civilian life. At the end of the fiscal year, the subcommittee was examining a draft report on this issue. During the fiscal year, the subcommittee submitted a report on a review of the New Veterans Charter.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 ***

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

C. **Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2012-2013	15	14.8	9	28
2011-2012	10	10.8	6.5	22
2010-2011	22	26.7	-	43
2009-2010	15	15.3	-	23
2008-2009	6	6.7	36	15

D. **Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$6,784
Witness Expenses	\$6,483
TOTAL	\$13,267

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013) 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 2012-2013.

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Roméo Dallaire (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Donald Neil Plett (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Dallaire, Day, Nolin, Plett and Wallin

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Boisvenu, Dawson, Maltais and Manning

Committee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Martin Auger and Jean-Rodrigue Paré (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Official Languages

A. **General Information**

The Standing Committee on Official Languages continued its study on CBC/Radio-Canada's obligations under the *Official Languages Act* and some aspects of the *Broadcasting Act*. The committee heard from over 30 witnesses including the Commissioner of Official Languages, the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, researchers, representatives from anglophone and francophone organizations as well as young Canadians from various provinces. The committee expects to publish its conclusions and recommendations on this subject before the end of June 2013.

In addition to studying the matter mentioned above, the committee also studied the response from the government to its report entitled: *The Vitality of Quebec's English-speaking Communities: From Myth to Reality* (October 2011), the annual report of the Commissioner of Official Languages, as well as other issues relating to official languages, including the Canada Periodical Fund.

In fiscal year 2012-2013, the committee published its report on the use of the Internet, new media and social media and respect of Canadians' language rights. It also received a response from the government on its report entitled *Air Canada's Obligations under the Official Languages Act: Towards Substantive Equality* (March 2012).

In March 2013, the committee received orders of reference to study best practices for language policies and second-language learning in a context of linguistic duality or plurality and to study the impacts of recent changes to the immigration system on official language minority communities. It expects to begin these studies in April 2013.

B. **Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 ***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	The use of the Internet, new media and social media	2012-05-15	-	Budget
Fifth	The use of the Internet, new media and social media	2012-10-25	76	Final report entitled: <i>Internet, new media and social media: Respect for language rights!</i>

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	24	41	-	101	2
2011-2012	19	29.7	-	84	3
2010-2011	31	55.5	11	109	3
2009-2010	21	37.3	11	70	4
2008-2009	16	30.4	11	64	5

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$25,259</u>
TOTAL	\$25,259

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*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 Champagne, P.C., Chaput, *Cowan (or Tardif), De Bané, P.C., Eaton, Fortin-Duplessis, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Losier-Cool, Mockler, Poirier and Tardif

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Buth, Callbeck, Charette-Poulin, Comeau, Demers, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Maltais, McInnis, McIntyre, Mockler, Nolin, Ringuette, Rivard and Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

A. General Information

In 2012-2013, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament submitted five substantive reports. Each of the five reports proposed amendments to the *Rules of the Senate* on various subjects: To allow the Speaker to leave chair during a suspension; to revise the membership of the Standing Committee on Official Languages; to allow user fee proposals to be deemed recommended for approval after 20 sitting days; to remove the rule regarding a breach of privilege in the media; to allow for suspension when the Senate awaits Royal Assent; to allow leaders and deputy leaders to indicate that an item should remain on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper*; to limit the length of tributes; to add a subsection dealing with debate on a tabled committee report; and to include the terms sponsor and critic of a bill in the definitions as well as in the rule relating to time limits for speakers.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), consideration of amendments to the Rules of the Senate	2012-11-06	-	Amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>
Fourth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), consideration of amendments to the Rules of the Senate	2012-12-12	-	Amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>
Fifth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), consideration of amendments to the Rules of the Senate	2013-03-05	-	Amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>
Sixth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), consideration of amendments to the Rules of the Senate	2013-03-06	-	Amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>
Seventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), consideration of amendments to the Rules of the Senate	2013-03-19	-	Amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2009-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	8	5	-	9	5
2011-2012	11	13.2	-	-	2
2010-2011	15	17.4	-	-	3
2009-2010	24	29.9	-	28	6
2008-2009	9	11.6	-	10	3

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(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 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Braley (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Braley, Brown, Carignan, Comeau, *Cowan (or Tardif), Duffy, Fraser, Furey, Housakos, Joyal, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), McCoy, Smith, P.C. (Cobourg) and Stratton

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Enverga, Jr., Martin, Tardif and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Charles Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Andre Barnes 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 standing committees and standing joint committees.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2009-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	-	-	-	-
2011-2012	1	0.2	-	2
2010-2011	-	-	-	-
2009-2010	2	0.4	-	3
2008-2009	3	0.5	-	3

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

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

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013) 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 2012-2013.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Elizabeth Marshall (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Carstairs, P.C., Comeau, *Cowan (or Tardif), Fraser, Frum, Greene,
*LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Marshall, Martin, Munson and Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Heather Lank

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

A. General Information

During the spring of 2012, the committee finished hearing from witnesses for its studies on social inclusion and cohesion in Canada and the subject matter of those elements contained in Division 54 of Part 4 of Bill C-38, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures. In addition, the committee finished its study of the first two topics under its order of reference on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada, tabling two reports during the year: *Canada's Clinical Trial Infrastructure: A Prescription for Improved Access to New Medicines* (November 2012) and *Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Post-Approval Monitoring of Safety and Effectiveness* (March 2013). In February 2013, the committee started hearing from witnesses on the third topic of the study, off-label use of prescription pharmaceuticals.

The committee also studied the following bills during the 2012-2013 fiscal year:

- Bill C-288, An Act respecting the National Flag of Canada
- Bill C-278, An Act respecting a day to increase public awareness about epilepsy
- Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, the Balanced Refugee Reform Act, the Marine Transportation Security Act and the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Act
- Bill S-204, An Act to establish a national strategy for chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI)
- Bill C-313, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (non-corrective contact lenses)
- Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code and the Employment Insurance Act and to make consequential amendments to the Income Tax Act and the Income Tax Regulations
- Bill C-300, An Act respecting a Federal Framework for Suicide Prevention
- Bill C-316, An Act to amend the Employment Insurance Act (incarceration)
- Bill S-202, An Act to establish and maintain a national registry of medical devices (study not completed during 2012-2013)

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	The progress in implementing the 2004, 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care	2012-04-02	-	Budget
Ninth	Study on social inclusion and cohesion in Canada	2012-04-02	-	Budget
Tenth	Study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada	2012-04-02	-	Budget
Eleventh	Bill C-288 (National Flag of Canada)	2012-06-14	2	Bill reported without amendment

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013) 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 2012-2013.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twelfth	Bill C-278 (Public awareness about epilepsy)	2012-06-14	1	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	Bill C-31 (Immigration and Refugee Protection Act)	2012-06-21	23	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Fourteenth	Study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada	2012-11-01	41	Interim report entitled: <i>Canada's Clinical Trial Infrastructure: A Prescription for Improved Access to New Medicines</i>
Fifteenth	Bill S-204 (National strategy for chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI))	2012-11-22	12	Bill S-204 with the recommendation that and according to rule 12-23(5), this bill not be proceeded with further in the Senate
Sixteenth	Bill C-313 (Non-corrective contact lenses)	2012-11-29	3	Bill reported without amendment
Seventeenth	Bill C-44 (Canada Labour Code and the Employment)	2012-12-10	11	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Eighteenth	Bill C-300 (Federal Framework for Suicide Prevention)	2012-12-10	7	Bill reported without amendment
Nineteenth	Bill C-316 (Employment Insurance Act (incarceration))	2013-02-14	9	Bill reported without amendment
Twentieth	Study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada	2013-03-26	30	Interim report entitled: <i>Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Post-Approval Monitoring of Safety and Effectiveness</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	46	79	-	169	13
2011-2012	32	53.4	-	104	7
2010-2011	54	104.5	1.4	251	16
2009-2010	27	44.5	-	89	13
2008-2009	9	8.9	-	15	10

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$32,021
Witness Expenses	\$43,814
TOTAL	\$75,835

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Kelvin K. Ogilvie (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataulhjan, Boisvenu, Buth, Campbell, Chaput, Day, Doyle, Duffy, Eaton, Enverga, Jr., Housakos, Hubley, Jaffer, Lang, Maltais, McInnis, Mercer, Mockler, Moore, Munson, Neufeld, Oh, Patterson, Peterson, Raine, Robichaud, P.C., Seth, Unger, Verner, P.C. and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris and Karin Phillips (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

A. General Information

During 2012-2013, the committee continued a study on the emerging issues related to the Canadian airline industry. The order of reference sets out four main areas 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 fact-finding visits to Yellowknife, Iqaluit and Toronto. In June 2012, the committee tabled its interim report on the future growth and global competitiveness of Canada's airports entitled *The Future of Canadian Air Travel: Toll Booth or Spark Plug?* The report contained six recommendations. After hearing from dozens of witnesses, the committee determined that Canada needs a single, cohesive National Air Travel Strategy, including an updated National Airports Systems, to chart a new course towards increased air travel in Canada.

In addition to this special study, legislation was referred to the committee. The committee also examined the subject matter of two budget bills. In May 2012, the committee examined the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 41 of Part 4 of Bill C-38, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures, but did not issue a report. In November 2012, the committee examined the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 5, 12 and 20 of Part 4 of Bill C-45, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012 and other measures, and tabled a report.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Emerging issues related to the Canadian airline industry	2012-06-05	20	Interim Report entitled: <i>The Future of Canadian Air Travel: Toll Booth or Spark Plug</i>
Sixth	Emerging issues related to the Canadian airline industry	2012-06-21	-	Budget
Seventh	Subject matter of Divisions 5, 12 and 20 of Part 4, C-45 (second Budget Implementation Act)	2012-11-29	10	Review

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	23	21.5	8.4	39	3
2011-2012	24	25.5	2	50	4
2010-2011	28	33.5	2.4	62	6
2009-2010	26	34	64.6	71	6
2008-2009	8	8.3	-	9	4

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$56,024
Witness Expenses:	\$443
TOTAL	\$56,467

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Stephen Greene (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Cochrane, *Cowan (or Tardif), Dawson, Fox, P.C., Frum, Greene, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), MacDonald, Marshall, Martin, Mercer, Merchant and Zimmer

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Braley, Carignan, Doyle, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C., Housakos, Jaffer, Maltais, Manning, Mockler, Munson, Plett, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., Runciman, Stratton, Unger and Verner, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Jean-Yves LeFort

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Zachary Alaoui, Penny Becklumb, Alexandre Lavoie, Dean Ruffilli and Terrence Thomas (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament

A. General Information

The Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament has been 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 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 June 2012, the committee presented its second report and approved the appointment of Ms. Sonia L'Heureux to the office of Parliamentary Librarian.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	The Certificate of Nomination for Sonia L'Heureux to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, tabled in the Senate on June 18, 2012	2012-06-20	1	The committee approved the appointment of Ms. L'Heureux to the office of Parliamentary Librarian

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	4	3.1	5	1
2011-2012	1	0.7	-	1
2010-2011	8	7.8	15	2
2009-2010	12	18.7	24	3
2008-2009	5	5.8	6	1

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013) 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 2012-2013.

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(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 2012-2013

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marie-P. Charette-Poulin (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Carstairs, P.C., Eaton, Poy and Rivard

Other senator who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Mercer and Munson

Joint Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon and Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant) (since October 2012)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant) (until October 2012)

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 2012-2013 fiscal year, 11 meetings were held. No witnesses were called.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2008-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	11	12.1	-	-
2011-2012	11	10.5	-	1
2010-2011	16	18.8	1	1
2009-2010	11	15	1	4
2008-2009	10	12.1	3	3

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$1,490
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$1,490

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E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Braley, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Housakos, Marshall, Moore and Runciman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Bellemare, Boisvenu, Dagenais, Fortin-Duplessis and Verner, P.C.

Joint Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Analysts and Administrative Support:

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

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Special Committee on Anti-Terrorism

A. General Information

The Special Committee on Anti-Terrorism was initially established in March 2012 as the Special Senate Committee on Certain Government Bills. On March 27, 2012, the committee presented its first report to the Senate, requesting that its name be changed to the Special Senate Committee on Anti-Terrorism.

During fiscal year 2012-2013, the committee reported two bills:

- Bill S-7, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Canada Evidence Act and the Security of Information Act (The Combating Terrorism Act) was reported with two amendments and appended observations; and
- Bill S-9, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (The Nuclear Terrorism Act) was reported with one amendment plus appended observations.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013 *

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Bill S-7 (Criminal Code, the Canada Evidence Act and the Security of Information Act)	2012-05-16	17	Bill reported with two amendments and observations
Third	Bill S-9 (Criminal Code)	2012-06-19	12	Bill reported with one amendment and observations

C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2012-2013	9	16	29	2
2011-2012	2	2	2	1

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2012-2013) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2012-2013, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee) 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 2012-2013.

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$2,374</u>
TOTAL	\$2,374

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

(*Ex officio members)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Hugh Segal (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Dagenais, *Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Day, Frum, Joyal, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Segal, Smith, P.C. (Cobourg) and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Buth, Marshall, Peterson, Wallace and White

Committee Clerk:

Jodi Turner

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jennifer Bird, Lyne Casavant and Holly Porteous (Library of Parliament)

Louise Pronovost (Administrative Assistant)

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2012-2013

Senate committees may apply for a budget, for example to engage the services of writers/editors or communications advisors, or to travel, if so authorized by the Senate. In addition, certain expenditures are charged to a centralized budget managed by the Committees Directorate. These include videoconferencing fees and travel expenses for witnesses, which are both included in column B below. Other expenses which are charged to this centralized budget are included in Column C below. These are general postage, coffee/tea/juice and working meals at committee meetings in Ottawa, and committee travel immunization charges.

Meetings and Expenditures, 2009-2013

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses (B)	Other Expenses (C)	Total Expenditures (A+B+C)
2012-13	513	\$757,711	\$298,733	\$129,818	\$1,186,262
2011-12	401	\$486,556	\$249,807	\$107,138	\$843,501
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

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:

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

Committee Budgets and Expenditures Report for 2012-2013

Committee	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Aboriginal Peoples						
Special Study – Rights of the Métis in Canada	321,007					
➤ General Expenses		6,000		-	-	-
➤ Activity 1: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Northwest Territories		231,508	8,515	98,797	20,622	127,934
➤ Activity 2: Sudbury and Sault Ste-Marie, Ontario		14,385	-	-	-	-
➤ Activity 3: Labrador		30,857	-	-	-	-
➤ Activity 4: Batoche, Saskatchewan		38,257	949	22,153	1,103	24,205
TOTAL	321,007	321,007	9,464	120,951	21,725	152,140
Agriculture and Forestry						
Special Study – Innovation in the agricultural sector	284,176					
➤ Activity 1: Eastern Canada		117,332	-	28,160	1,672	29,832
➤ Activity 2: Western Canada		120,358	-	41,351	1,378	42,728
➤ Activity 3: St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador		46,486	-	20,434	1,720	22,153
TOTAL	284,176	284,176	-	89,944	4,770	94,714
Banking, Trade and Commerce						
Legislation	7,300					
➤ General Expenses		7,300	-	-	5,844	5,844
Special Study – Money Laundering	49,710					
➤ Activity 1: Washington, D.C.		49,710	2,773	25,528	949	29,250
TOTAL	57,010	57,010	2,773	25,528	6,793	35,094
Conflict of Interest for Senators						
	50,000					
➤ General Expenses		50,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources						
Special Study – Energy Sector	161,823					
➤ General Expenses		88,221	62,110	-	119	62,230
➤ Activity 1: Quebec, Quebec		22,642	-	-	-	-
➤ Activity 2: Calgary, Alberta		25,480	-	-	-	-
➤ Activity 3: Calgary, Alberta		25,480	-	-	-	-

Committee	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Special Study – Hydrocarbon Transportation	126,743					
➤ <i>General Expenses</i>		10,753	766	-	-	766
➤ <i>Activity 1: Hamilton and Sarnia, Ontario</i>		40,402	-	8,392	496	8,888
➤ <i>Activity 2: Calgary, Alberta</i>		75,588	-	26,792	1,734	28,526
TOTAL	288,566	288,566	62,877	35,184	2,350	100,410
Fisheries and Oceans						
Special Study – Lobster	121,409					
➤ <i>Activity 1: New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia</i>		121,409	6,227	25,932	9,600	41,759
TOTAL	121,409	121,409	6,227	25,932	9,600	41,759
Foreign Affairs and International Trade						
Special Study – Turkey	211,600					
➤ <i>Activity 1: Turkey</i>		211,600	5,874	49,674	404	55,951
TOTAL	211,600	211,600	5,874	49,674	404	55,951
Human Rights						
Special Study – Off-Reserve First Nations	129,174					
➤ <i>Activity 1: Winnipeg, Manitoba; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and Vancouver, British Columbia</i>		129,174	12,200	47,212	16,009	75,421
Special Study – Cyberbullying	31,900					
➤ <i>General Expenses</i>		31,900	14,400	-	10,030	24,430
TOTAL	161,074	161,074	26,600	47,212	26,039	99,851
Legal and Constitutional Affairs						
Legislation	27,500					
➤ <i>General Expenses</i>		27,500	-	713	2,039	2,752
TOTAL	27,500	27,500	-	713	2,039	2,752
National Finance						
Special Study – Canada-US Price Gap	49,704					
➤ <i>General Expenses</i>		15,000	2,080	-	-	2,080
➤ <i>Activity 1: Toronto, Ontario; and Niagara Falls and Buffalo, New York</i>		34,704	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	49,704	49,704	2,080	-	-	2,080
National Security and Defence						
Special Study – Relationship with the United States	37,017					
➤ <i>Activity 1: Washington, D.C.</i>		37,017	903	22,689	510	24,102

Committee	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Special Study – Navy and Air Force Bases	113,532					
➤ Activity 1: West Coast Naval Base (Esquimalt, British Columbia)		68,396	475	28,515	739	29,729
➤ Activity 2: East Coast Naval Base (Halifax, Nova Scotia)		45,136	-	22,276	535	22,810
TOTAL	150,549	150,549	1,378	73,480	1,784	76,642
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs						
Special Study – Veterans Affairs	23,365					
➤ General Expenses		1,000	-	-	-	-
➤ Activity 1: Valcartier, Quebec		19,885	-	6,408	376	6,784
➤ Activity 2: Sainte-Anne de Bellevue, Quebec		2,480	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	23,365	23,365	-	6,408	376	6,784
Official Languages						
Special Study – Internet, New Media & Social Media	15,000					
➤ General Expenses		15,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint) *						
➤ General Expenses		3,000	562	-	928	1,490
TOTAL	3,000	3,000	562	-	928	1,490
Social Affairs, Science and Technology						
Special Study – Health Accord	21,500					
➤ General Expenses		21,500	5,495	-	6,815	12,310
Special Study – Prescription Pharmaceuticals	55,200					
➤ General Expenses		55,200	13,530	-	1,911	15,441
Special Study – Social Inclusion and Cohesion	27,600					
➤ General Expenses		27,600	4,270	-	-	4,270
TOTAL	104,300	104,300	23,295	-	8,726	32,021
Transport and Communications						
Special Study – Airline Industry	252,907					
➤ General Expenses		22,700	8,345	-	1,212	9,557
➤ Activity 1: Toronto, Ontario and Buffalo, New York		21,476	-	9,882	78	9,960
➤ Activity 2: Yellowknife, Northwest Territories		113,050	-	22,715	464	23,179
➤ Activity 3: Iqaluit, Nunavut		95,681	-	12,935	393	13,328
TOTAL	252,907	252,907	8,345	45,531	2,148	56,024

Committee	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
TOTAL	2,121,167	2,121,167	149,474	520,557	87,680	757,711

* Please note that budgets of joint committees are funded at 70% by the House of Commons and 30% by the Senate. The amounts in this table reflect the Senate portion of the budget and expenditures.

Witness & Videoconference Expense Breakdown 2012-2013

Committee	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	31,453	
<i>Legislation</i>		12,572
<i>Special Study - Métis in Canada</i>		18,881
Agriculture and Forestry	48,425	
<i>Legislation</i>		16,041
<i>Special Study - Innovation in the Agricultural Sector</i>		32,384
Anti-Terrorism	2,374	
<i>Legislation</i>		2,374
Banking, Trade and Commerce	19,576	
<i>Legislation</i>		15,844
<i>Special Study - Money Laundering</i>		3,732
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources	17,219	
<i>Legislation</i>		7,420
<i>Special Study - Hydrocarbon</i>		2,787
<i>Special Study - Energy Sector</i>		7,011
Fisheries and Oceans	9,022	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,333
<i>Special Study - Grey Seal</i>		1,155
<i>Special Study - Lobster</i>		6,534
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	13,466	
<i>Legislation</i>		7,748
<i>Special Study - Turkey</i>		2,336
<i>Special Study - User Fee Proposal</i>		842
<i>Special Study - Iran</i>		2,539
Human Rights	30,153	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,420
<i>Special Study - Canada's Human Rights Obligations</i>		984
<i>Special Study - Cyberbullying</i>		21,840
<i>Special Study - Off-Reserve First Nations</i>		5,909
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	36,182	
<i>Legislation</i>		34,204
<i>Special Study - Gun Regulations</i>		1,978
National Finance	10,234	
<i>Legislation</i>		7,179
<i>Special Study - Canada-US Price Gap</i>		3,055
National Security and Defence	4,630	
<i>Special Study - Relationship with the United States</i>		2,407
<i>Special Study - National Security Policy</i>		2,223
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	6,483	
<i>Legislation</i>		6,483
Official Languages	25,259	
<i>Government Response to the Second Report on the Vitality of Quebec's English-Speaking Communities</i>		319
<i>Special Study - CBC/Radio-Canada</i>		18,862
<i>Special Study - Internet, New Media and Social Media</i>		6,078

Committee	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	43,814	
<i>Legislation</i>		22,224
<i>Special Study - Prescription Pharmaceuticals</i>		21,100
<i>Special Study - Social Inclusion and Cohesion</i>		490
Transport and Communications	443	
<i>Special Study - Airline Industry</i>		443
TOTAL	298,733	298,733

Please note that totals may not add up due to rounding.