



# Senate Committees Directorate Activities and Expenditures Annual Report

2013-2014





## ***Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees***



Committees are at the very heart of the work of the Senate, and every year well over a thousand Canadians contribute to their work by appearing as witnesses. Other Canadians follow the work of committees by watching the webcasts or CPAC broadcasts, or by reading the many committee documents, including transcripts of meetings, minutes and reports, on the parliamentary website. Senators spend an enormous amount of time in committee, and the Committees Directorate is very proud to provide the administrative and procedural support required to achieve committee objectives.

Activities levels in 2013-2014 reflect the hiatus in committee activity due to the prorogation of the First Session of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament on September 13, 2013. Prorogation (i.e., the end of a parliamentary session) ends committee activity, and committees must be reconstituted and organized at the beginning of each new session. The Second Session of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament opened on October 16, 2013 with a Speech from the Throne read in the Senate by the Governor General, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston. Organization meetings, at which chairs and deputy chairs were elected and planning for the new session began, were held in early November. Committee work was well underway shortly thereafter, as committees picked up where they left off on many special studies, and as they launched new studies. As you will see from the summaries included in this annual report, a great deal of valuable work was completed in the course of 2013-2014.

Inter-sessional periods provide an opportunity for key public information Directorate documents to be updated (e.g., *Fundamentals of Senate Committees*, answers to *Frequently Asked Questions*), while also ensuring that other core tasks, such as archiving of committee documents, are completed. Work also continued intensively on Iris, a multi-year project to replace the legacy systems that underpin the work of the Senate. Iris will create a single coherent system for storing, tracking and sharing information about senators and the work they do in the Senate Chamber and in committees. In 2013-2014, the focus was on the development of the Committee Business Module, and we are looking forward to the launch of this module in October 2014.

I know that I speak for all directorate employees when I say we take great pride in supporting the important and valuable work done by Senate committees to contribute to public policy development and improve the lives of all Canadians.

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 2013-2014, the Directorate provided administrative, procedural, informational and other support to Senate committees, which include:

- 16 standing committees (and 1 subcommittee)
- 2 standing joint committees (composed of members of the Senate and the House of Commons)
- the Committee of Selection

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*.

<b>Committees Directorate</b>	
30 positions (29.8 Full Time Equivalent (FTEs))	
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	
Directorate:	<b>\$2,238,102</b>
Committees:	<b>\$303,431</b>
Witnesses:	<b>\$212,433</b>
Other:	<b>\$103,393</b>

#### 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 2009-2010.

<b>Activity Indicators</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>5-year average</b>
Meetings	422	513	401	591	514	488.2
Reports	119	108	80	125	131	112.6
Hours in Committee	637.8	815.8	702.4	1,060.2	867.1	816.7
Witnesses	1,277	1,760	1,334	1,887	1,424	1,536.4
Bills	44	47	21	58	51	44.2
Fact-Finding Mission Hours	134.7	243.5	161	275.8	439.6	250.9
Pre-Studies / Subject Matter	10	15	2	1	3	6.2
Special Studies Undertaken	85	63	41	54	63	61.2
Trips	8	18	8	18	20	14.4

The following table illustrates the various orders of reference received by Senate committees in the fiscal year 2013-2014.

<b>Orders of Reference</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>% of Total Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Hours</b>	<b>% of Total Hours</b>
Bills and Subject Matter of Bills	143	33.9	231.1	36.2
Special Studies	229	54.3	338.4	53.1
Permanent (Internal, Rules, Conflict, Selection, Scrutiny, Library)	50	11.8	68.3	10.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>637.8</b>	<b>100</b>

**Legislation**

The following table compares the number of bills referred to Senate committees since 2009-2010.

<b>Years</b>	<b>Bills</b>	<b>Total No. of Meetings</b>	<b>Total No. of Hours</b>	<b>Total No. of Witnesses</b>
2013-2014	44	91	134.5	349
2012-2013	47	117	191.6	486
2011-2012	58	140	271.5	689
2010-2011	51	86	165.1	398
2009-2010	43	85	159	338
<b>Five-Year Average</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>184.3</b>	<b>452</b>

**Special Studies**

The following table compares the number of special studies undertaken by Senate committees since 2009-2010.

<b>Years</b>	<b>Special Studies</b>	<b>Total No. of Meetings</b>	<b>Total No. of Hours</b>	<b>Total No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Total No. of Hours of Fact-Finding Missions</b>
2013-2014	85	229	338.4	659	157.7
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
<b>Five-Year Average</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>526.8</b>	<b>921.6</b>	<b>248.1</b>

**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.

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

Fact-finding missions:

- Kelowna, Summerland and Osoyoos, British Columbia (May 29 to June 1, 2013)
- Niagara-on-the-Lake, Guelph and Mississauga, Ontario (February 5 to 7, 2014)

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

Fact-finding missions:

- Saint John, New Brunswick; Port Hawkesbury and Halifax, Nova Scotia (May 26 to 29, 2013)
- Vancouver, British Columbia, Washington State and Alaska (July 15 to 19, 2013)

**Fisheries and Oceans** (study on Aquaculture)

Public hearings and fact-finding mission:

- Vancouver, Vancouver Island and Nanaimo, British Columbia (March 24 to 27, 2014)

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs** (Bill C-14, mental disorder)

Fact-finding mission:

- Brockville, Ontario (March 24, 2014)

**National Security and Defence** (Study on Canada's national security and defence policies)

Fact finding mission:

- Colorado Springs, Colorado (March 9 to 11, 2014)

**Transport and Communications** (Study on challenges faced by the CBC)

Fact-finding mission:

- Winnipeg, Manitoba; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and Edmonton, Alberta (March 23 to 29, 2014)

**Parliamentary Website**

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the parliamentary Internet site ([www.parl.gc.ca](http://www.parl.gc.ca)) to ensure that it provides useful information and is user-friendly. We value the effectiveness of this medium for giving Canadians access to the work 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, 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 2013-2014 reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

### **Aboriginal Peoples**

- *"The People Who Own Themselves": Recognition of Métis Identity in Canada* (June 2013)

### **Banking, Trade and Commerce**

- *The Registered Disability Savings Plan Program: Why Isn't It Helping More People?* (March 2014)

### **Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources**

- *Moving Energy Safely: A Study of the Safe Transport of Hydrocarbons by Pipelines, Tankers and Railcars in Canada* (August 2013)

### **Fisheries and Oceans**

- *The Lobster Fishery: Staying on Course* (May 2013)

### **Foreign Affairs and International Trade**

- *Building Bridges: Canada-Turkey Relations and Beyond* (June 2013)
- *Building Bridges: Canada-Turkey Relations and Beyond* (November 2013)

### **Human Rights**

- *Canada's International and National Human Rights Obligations* (June 2013)
- *Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service: Staying Vigilant for Equality* (December 2013)
- *Recognising Rights: Strengthening Off-Reserve First Nations Communities* (December 2013)

### **National Security and Defence**

- *Conduct Becoming: Why the Royal Canadian Mounted Police must Transform its Culture* (June 2013)

### **Social Affairs, Science and Technology**

- *In From the Margins, Part II: Reducing Barriers to Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion* (June 2013)
- *Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Off-Label Use* (January 2014)

### **Transport and Communications**

- *One Size Doesn't Fit All: The Future Growth and Competitiveness of Canadian Air Travel* (April 2013)

## Highlights of Special Study Reports

### **Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples**

#### ***"The People Who Own Themselves": Recognition of Métis Identity in Canada***

(Twelfth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 6, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1655S)

The question of Métis identity is very complex and comprises historical, legal, political and cultural dimensions, and the study, in a broad sense, was about Canada's recognition of the Métis. It sought to ask, "How can the federal government recognize the Métis in a manner that fundamentally respects the ways in which the Métis view themselves?"

In addition to hearing witnesses in Ottawa for this study, the committee travelled to Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and the Northwest Territories, for fact-finding missions.

The report made 3 recommendations:

- No. 1: That Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), in collaboration with relevant government departments and Métis organizations, develop and implement a strategy for gathering and analyzing demographic...information...to improve access to reliable...statistical information on Métis populations.
- No. 2: That AANDC...develop, in collaboration with Métis organizations and communities, a plan that will:
- Build on the work...of existing researchers...to identify relevant historical documentation on the Métis...to make data readily accessible; and
  - Develop and propose an appropriately resourced research program to support...Métis...in gathering information on...their historic communities, including written documentation and oral histories.
- No. 3: That AANDC continue to support bilateral and tripartite negotiations with parties...with a view to developing a...comprehensive approach to relations between Canada and the Métis; and, in particular:
- Renew its commitment to...discussions with parties...by clearly identifying...priority issues for discussion...and timelines for the achievement of these objectives;
  - Develop an action plan for engagement with...regional Métis groups with regard to their views on Métis identity and the bases on which they claim to represent Métis constituencies, and table a progress report on the action plan...by 1 June 2014.

### **Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce**

#### ***The Registered Disability Savings Plan Program: Why Isn't It Helping More People?***

(Third Report [final] tabled in the Senate on March 26, 2014;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-394S)

Registered disability savings plans (RDSPs) were announced in the 2007 federal budget in response to recommendations by the Expert Panel on Financial Security for Children with Severe Disabilities. The objective of the RDSP program is to enable parents and others to save for the medium- and long-term financial security of a disabled individual. On average, about 12,000 RDSPs have been established each year since the RDSP program became effective in 2008. These 78,000 RDSPs represent an uptake rate of

15% among the approximately 500,000 disabled individuals in Canada who are eligible to establish a RDSP.

During its study, the committee examined various reasons for the low uptake rate in relation to the RDSP program, and made four recommendations on ways in which this rate might be increased. First, the committee recommended that the provinces and territories ensure that disabled adults can access the RDSP program, and that the federal government continue to work with the provinces and territories to improve access to the program. Second, the committee recommended that the federal government improve its communication efforts with respect to the RDSP program. Third, the committee recommended that the federal government lower the 10-year waiting period to 5 years, and reduce the amount to be repaid under the assistance holdback amount rules. Finally, the committee's witnesses identified administrative issues in relation to the RDSP program as a possible reason for the low uptake rate. The committee recommended that the federal government ensure that the needs of disabled individuals wishing to establish a RDSP are met, perhaps through the establishment of a federal initiative or the funding of federally-recognized organizations that could provide assistance. As well, the committee recommended that the government strongly consider the possibility of having a RDSP automatically established when someone qualifies for the Disability Tax Credit.

### **Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources**

#### ***Moving Energy Safely: A Study of the Safe Transport of Hydrocarbons by Pipelines, Tankers and Railcars in Canada***

(Twelfth Report [final] deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on August 22, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1825S)

On November 28, 2012, the Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources initiated a study of the safe transportation of bulk hydrocarbons by transmission pipelines, tankers and railcars in Canada. The goal was to examine the current state of emergency and spill prevention, preparedness and response frameworks under federal authority and to make recommendations to improve public safety and the protection of the environment.

Including rail transportation recommendations, the committee made a total of 13 recommendations. There are five recommendations related to marine spills. They include expanding spill data collection, modernizing spill preparedness and response capacities and providing responder immunity protection for marine response organizations that assist in non-ship source marine spills. There are two pipeline recommendations: first, that the National Energy Board develop a program to audit for safety culture; and second, that the federal government facilitate a national access point for information on buried utility infrastructure to prevent third party damage by excavators. There is one general recommendation to the National Energy Board and Transport Canada to provide information on transportation-related oil and gas spills in an accessible manner.

### **Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans**

#### ***The Lobster Fishery: Staying on Course***

(Tenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on May 28, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1636S)

Lobster has been an important fishery in Canada for more than a century. Following the collapse of ground-fish stocks in the early 1990s, the lobster fishery became the most important source of income for thousands of harvesters. It remains an economic pillar for many coastal communities in the Atlantic provinces and Quebec. Lobster is Canada's most lucrative fishery, with landings valued at \$620 million in 2011. The exports of lobster and lobster products together generated over \$1 billion in 2012.

However, as of 2008, the lobster fishery was faced with challenges on a scale never seen in the past. The global economic downturn, combined with a strong Canadian dollar, resulted in a decline in the demand for lobster products and led to depressed landing prices. Many harvesters responded to declining shore prices and higher operational costs by intensifying their landings of lobster to maintain their revenues, thereby saturating the market. Structural problems inherent to the fishery were unmasked and highlighted the need for restructuring and rationalization. In response, the federal government put in place several programs to support harvesters severely harmed by the drop in market demand and to address longer term challenges. Given the economic conditions, there was a fear the lobster fishery would continue to struggle.

In this context, the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans conducted a study on the lobster fishery in Atlantic Canada and Quebec. A total of eight public hearings took place in Ottawa and two full days of hearings were held in Moncton, New Brunswick. The committee heard from 50 witnesses, including officials from federal and provincial fisheries departments, harvesters, First Nations representatives, buyers and processors, as well as researchers.

The committee heard repeatedly that the lobster fishery is too important to rural and coastal communities and to the overall economy of the Atlantic provinces and Quebec to go forward without a clear vision, long term solutions, and adequate support. With support from federal and provincial governments, the entire lobster industry embarked on a set of initiatives to ensure its viability. The committee believed these initiatives were going in the right direction, but efforts needed to be sustained.

A set of findings and six recommendations were published by the committee in a report entitled *The Lobster Fishery: Staying on Course*, adopted by the Senate on May 30, 2013. The overarching objective of the recommendations was to ensure the lobster industry stays on course and continues to make changes to ensure future stability and sustainability.

### **Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade**

***Building Bridges: Canada-Turkey Relations and Beyond***  
(Thirteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 20, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-798S)

***Building Bridges: Canada-Turkey Relations and Beyond\****  
(Second Report [final] tabled in the Senate on November 28, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-236S)

The committee's report on the economic and political developments in the Republic of Turkey, their regional and global influences, and the implications for Canadian interests and opportunities made six recommendations to the Government of Canada by which to deepen political engagement and enhance commercial diplomacy. Notably, the committee recommended that the Government of Canada maintain consistent engagement with the Government of the Republic of Turkey at the highest political levels, identify Turkey as a strategic commercial priority, accelerate negotiations on a free trade agreement, and facilitate partnerships between Turkish and Canadian businesses, including in third countries. In particular, the report highlighted those Turkish sectors with the greatest potential for Canadian investors and businesses, including agriculture, mining, energy, infrastructure and transportation, as well as education. In defining the best that Canada has to offer and differentiating Canada from its competitors, the report emphasised the committee's strong belief that a "Canada Brand" would serve as an important strategy for Canada beyond the promotion of trade relations.

In this respect, education stands out as a key element of how Canada can brand itself and the Canadian advantage in the innovation and technology sectors. Accordingly, the committee recommended that the Government of Canada develop a foreign policy strategy that features a Canada Brand and profiles

Canada's advantages, notably in technology and education. It also recommended that the Government of Canada consider memoranda of understanding with the Government of the Republic of Turkey in the areas of science and technology, mining and energy. In light of Turkey's education and training priorities, the committee also recommended that the Government of Canada undertake to enter into a youth mobility agreement with the Government of the Republic of Turkey.

The committee's study and report were being finalized as demonstrations across Turkey were taking place, and the report highlighted Turkey's internal challenges and issues which must be addressed as the country continues its democratic and economic modernization. In the report's forward, the committee indicated its belief that the contents of the report remain an accurate assessment of the Canada-Turkey relationship.

*\* Report was tabled in the Second Session of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament, having been previously tabled in the First Session, in order to facilitate the request of a government response.*

### **Standing Committee on Human Rights**

#### ***Canada's International and National Human Rights Obligations***

(Thirteenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 25, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1727S)

In 2012, the committee held a meeting with respect to the review of Canada's human rights record as part of the Universal Periodic Review by the United Nations Human Rights Council. In early 2013, a further meeting addressed the Canadian review before the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child. The committee also held three meetings on the topic of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and subsequent resolutions with respect to the women, peace and security agenda in 2012 and 2013. On June 25, 2013, the Standing Committee of Human Rights tabled a report regarding these three topics. The report recognized the Government of Canada's work on these files and encouraged increased engagement with civil society and provision of information to the public with respect to Canada's international human rights treaty obligations and reporting to UN bodies on such obligations. It also urged the government to publish an annual report with respect to implementation of Resolution 1325.

#### ***Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service: Staying Vigilant for Equality***

(Second Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on December 10, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/41- 273S)

As part of its ongoing study of employment equity in the public service since 2004, the committee held six meetings between October 2011 and May 2013 examining successes and challenges to date in ensuring equality for women, Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities and members of visible minority groups in the public service. Twenty-eight witnesses from government, public sector unions and academia testified before the committee. A report, *Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service: Staying Vigilant for Equality*, was tabled on December 10, 2013. The report included two recommendations, one outlining various means to improve monitoring and evaluation to achieve the goal of employment equity in the federal public service and the other encouraging the government to expand advocacy and employee participation on the topic.

#### ***Recognising Rights: Strengthening Off-Reserve First Nations Communities***

(Third Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on December 12, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/41- 286S)

After hearing from witnesses across the country (Ottawa, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Vancouver), the committee tabled the report *Recognising Rights: Strengthening Off-Reserve First Nations Communities* on

December 12, 2013. The committee heard from 84 witnesses from government, academia and service delivery organizations, as well as individuals. The report outlines the testimony the committee heard and, in particular, focuses on currently available federal programs, the source and nature of rights of off-reserve First Nations people, off-reserve First Nations people's relationships with reserve communities, access to services, the role of friendship centres, and off-reserve First Nations women and girls. The report makes observations with respect to access to services for off-reserve First Nations people, the work of friendship centres in their provision of services, and the additional burdens of off-reserve First Nations women and girls.

### **Standing Committee on National Security and Defence**

#### ***Conduct Becoming: Why the Royal Canadian Mounted Police must Transform its Culture***

(Fourteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 18, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1715S)

Following a series of allegations of harassment within the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and lawsuits across the country, the committee received the mandate to examine the issue. Following the testimony of many witnesses and documents brought forward, the committee found that one of the most important issues facing the RCMP is trust. The committee made a series of recommendations to ensure that all RCMP members and employees are confident that the Force will strive to protect them and that the RCMP take immediate, meaningful steps to enhance the public's trust and bolster the members' trust in the disciplinary systems designed to protect them.

### **Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology**

#### ***In From the Margins, Part II: Reducing Barriers to Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion***

(Twenty-Sixth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 18, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 1/41- 1716S)

Building on the testimony provided in an earlier report – *In from the Margins – A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness*, the committee heard from more than 50 additional witnesses in its exploration of social inclusion in Canada. During this study, statistical evidence, testimony during hearings and written submissions identified particular groups that are vulnerable to economic and social marginalization, including recent immigrants, visible minorities, religious minorities, sexual minorities, urban Aboriginal peoples, and individuals with disabilities. Recommendations were made to support these groups in overcoming barriers, with a particular focus on income mobility as a route to greater equality and inclusion. The report, *In from the Margins, Part II: Reducing Barriers to Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion*, was tabled in the Senate on June 18, 2013.

#### ***Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Off-Label Use***

(Fifth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on January 30, 2014;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-311S)

The third phase of the pharmaceutical study on off-label use was undertaken between February and April 2013, when the committee heard from 22 witnesses over the course of seven meetings. The report *Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Off-Label Use*, which was tabled in January 2014, included 18 recommendations. In part the report called for improved tracking of off-label drug use in order to assess safety and effectiveness by re-stating its recommendations from reports on phases one and two for implementation of electronic medical records, electronic health records and an electronic system for dispensed prescription pharmaceuticals. With respect to reporting adverse reactions associated with off-label use, the committee recommended facilitating access to the report form and that the forms require

that information about off-label use be included. The report also emphasizes the need for additional research on the safety and effectiveness of off-label drug uses, including in vulnerable populations, and that information obtained from this research be reflected in the drug label.

### **Standing Committee on Transport and Communications**

#### ***One Size Doesn't Fit All: The Future Growth and Competitiveness of Canadian Air Travel***

(Eighth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on April 17, 2013;  
Sessional Paper No. 1/41-1553S)

In April 2013, the committee tabled its final report on the Canadian airline industry entitled *One Size Doesn't Fit All: The Future Growth and Competitiveness of Canadian Air Travel*. After hearing from 98 witnesses, the report, which contained seven recommendations, concluded that efforts to improve the competitiveness of regional and northern air transport should begin with transportation strategies that support air traffic growth, and infrastructure improvements that could lead to accessible pricing for all Canadians.

During its hearings, the committee heard that airports generate over \$45 billion in economic activity and airport operations provide over 200,000 jobs, resulting in significant tax revenues for all levels of government. Despite the industry's success, it faces serious challenges. The committee provides recommendations with the aim of enhancing competitiveness which includes a call for a single cohesive national air travel strategy, infrastructure improvements and the phase out of ground rents.

The report was warmly welcomed by the industry. According to the President of the Canadian Airports Council, Daniel-Robert Gooch, "The Senate's study of Canada's aviation sector – the first in more than a decade – has been one of the most comprehensive aviation studies undertaken in Canada. After two decades of tremendous change in our industry, a study of this nature is timely and the contents of this report will certainly flavour the nature of our ongoing discussions with government and industry partners."

## Part II – Committee Profiles 2013-2014

### Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

#### **A. General Information**

In fiscal year 2013-2014, the committee received six orders of reference, including: one for a special study on the housing and infrastructure on reserves; three for legislation; and one to examine a government response to its report on Additions to Reserve. 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 under its global order of reference on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political, and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. In fiscal year 2013-2014, the committee held 12 meetings and heard 38 witnesses in the course of this study. Three of these meetings involving nine witnesses were dedicated to briefings on the issue of housing on reserves.

Informed by these briefings, the committee decided to adopt a specific order of reference focusing on housing and infrastructure on reserves. By March 31, 2014, it had held 11 meetings and heard five witnesses. The study is ongoing, thus no report has been tabled.

In June 2013, the committee issued a report based on a special study on the Métis that it had conducted in the previous fiscal year. The report is entitled, "*The People Who Own Themselves*": Recognition of Métis Identity in Canada.

On the legislative front, the committee was tasked with studying Bill C-62, An Act to give effect to the Yale First Nation Final Agreement and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. The committee held one meeting and heard five witnesses on this subject. The committee reported the matter on June 13, 2013 without amendment.

During its consideration of Bill C-9, An Act respecting the election and term of office of chiefs and councillors of certain First Nations and the composition of council of those First Nations, the committee heard the testimony of six witnesses during three meetings, but did not report the bill in the 2013-14 fiscal year. On February 27, 2014, the committee reported Bill C-16, An Act to give effect to the Governance Agreement with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. Eight individuals gave testimony over the course of two meetings. The bill was reported without amendment.

The committee also received a government response, dated April 4, 2013, to the committee's report *Additions to Reserve: Expediting the Process*, which had been tabled in the Senate on November 1, 2012. The committee did not hear any witnesses on this order of reference.

**B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\***

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
Twelfth	To examine and report on the legal and political recognition of Métis identity in Canada	2013-06-06	78	Interim report entitled: <i>"The People Who Own Themselves": Recognition of Métis Identity in Canada</i>
Thirteenth	Bill C-62 (Yale First Nation Final Agreement)	2013-06-13	5	Bill reported without amendment
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-19	-	Expenses of previous session
Second	Bill C-16 (Governance Agreement with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation)	2014-02-27	8	Bill reported without amendment

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	30	49.3	-	72	4
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

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$10,757</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,757</b>

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**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Vernon White (Conservative)

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, Dagenais, Eaton, Enverga, Jr., Meredith, Munson, Nolin, Seth, Tannas, Watt, Wells 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)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lillian Eva Dyck (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Beyak, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Dyck, Lovelace Nicholas, Meredith, Munson, Ngo, Patterson, Raine, Sibbeston, Tannas, Unger and White

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Champagne, P.C., Moore, Wallace and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Julie Cool, Wren Nasr and Martha Butler (Library of Parliament)  
Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

### A. General Information

During the past fiscal year, two orders of reference were referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

The committee resumed its order of reference pertaining to research and innovation efforts in the agricultural sector. Related to this order of reference, the committee conducted two fact-finding missions.

For its first fact-finding mission, the committee traveled to British Columbia from May 29 to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 and made stops in Kelowna, Summerland and Osoyoos. In February 2014, the committee travelled to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Guelph and Mississauga in Ontario for its second fact-finding mission.

The committee was also referred a second order of reference on the importance of bees and bee health in the production of honey, food and seed in Canada and conducted public hearings in Ottawa.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
Eleventh	Research and innovation efforts in the agricultural sector	2013-06-16	-	Budget
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-20	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Research and innovation efforts in the agricultural sector	2013-12-12	-	Budget

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	27	41.2	26	77	3
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$36,995
Witness Expenses	\$54,609
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$91,604</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Fernand Robichaud, P.C. (Liberal) (until April 25, 2013)

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer (Liberal) (since April 25, 2013)

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 Baker, P.C., Batters, Black, Buth, Enverga, Jr., Dagenais, Frum, Hubley, Maltais, Merchant, Munson, Oh and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Aïcha Coulibaly and Sarah Jane Fraser (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Buth, Callbeck, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Dagenais, Eaton, Maltais, Mercer, Merchant, Mockler, Ogilvie, Oh, Rivard and Tardif

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Cordy, Housakos, McIntyre and Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Aïcha Coulibaly (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

### A. **General Information**

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the committee considered three bills and the subject matter of one budget bill. It also engaged in three special studies.

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. At the request of the federal Minister of Finance, the committee undertook an examination of the ability of individuals to establish a registered disability savings plan (RDSP) with particular emphasis on legal representation and the ability of individuals to enter into a contract. In addition to written briefs, the committee heard from 16 witnesses, including the Minister of State (Finance), the Honourable Kevin Sorenson, P.C., M.P., and officials from the Department of Finance, disability advocacy groups, the legal community, financial institutions and businesses that provide financial planning services. Witnesses proposed various reasons for the low uptake rate in relation to the RDSP program, and offered suggestions on ways in which this rate might be increased. In March 2014, the committee tabled its report entitled *The Registered Disability Savings Plan Program: Why Isn't It Helping More People?*

In April and May 2013, the committee examined Bill S-17, An Act to implement conventions, protocols, agreements and a supplementary convention, concluded between Canada and Namibia, Serbia, Poland, Hong Kong, Luxembourg and Switzerland, for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes, and reported it without amendment. In May and June 2013, the committee examined Bill C-377, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act – requirements for labour organizations, and reported it without amendment but with observations. Also in June 2013, the committee examined Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, the Excise Tax Act, the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, the First Nations Goods and Services Tax Act and related legislation, and reported it without amendment but with observations.

### B. **Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\***

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	Bill S-17 (Tax Conventions Implementation Act, 2013)	2013-05-02	8	Bill reported without amendment
Twelfth	Bill C-48 (Technical Tax Amendments Act, 2012)	2013-06-06	10	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Thirteenth	Bill C-377 (Income Tax Act - requirements for labour organizations)	2013-06-06	49	Bill reported without amendment but with observations

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-21	-	Expenses from previous session
Second	Subject matter of Divisions 2, 3, 9, and 13 of Part 3, Bill C-4, second Budget Implementation Act	2013-11-28	12	Review
Third	Study on the ability of individuals to establish a registered disability savings plan (RDSP)	2014-03-26	25	Final report entitled: <i>The Registered Disability Savings Plan Program: Why Isn't It Helping More People?</i>

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witness</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	31	42	-	113	6
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$6,126
Witnesses Expenses	<u>\$17,177</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,303</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

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 Bellemare, Black, Campbell, Maltais, Mercer, McInnis, Nancy Ruth, Oh, Patterson, Segal and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

John Bulmer and Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)  
Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

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 Black, \* Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Gerstein, Greene, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Maltais, Massicotte, Moore, Oliver, Nancy Ruth, Ringuette, Rivard and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Buth, Campbell, MacDonald, Ngo and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brett Stuckey and Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)  
Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

## 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, including a key change – the posting of senators' public disclosure summaries on the Senate Ethics Officer's website.

The committee also presented a report on March 26, 2014, proposing amendments to the inquiry process under 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. 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 2013-2014\*

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
Fifth	Consideration of matters relating to the <i>Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i>	2013-04-30	-	Budget
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-26	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Consideration of matters relating to the <i>Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i>	2013-12-12	-	Budget
Third	Consideration of matters relating to the <i>Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i>	2014-03-26	2	Amendments to the Code

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**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	14	16.9	6	4
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

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

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Cordy, Frum (as of April 16, 2013), Joyal, P.C., Tannas (as of June 19, 2013) and Wallace (until May 28, 2013)

Committee Clerk:

Catherine Piccinin

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Michel Bédard (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Cordy, Frum, Joyal, P.C., and Tannas

Committee Clerk:

Catherine Piccinin

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

### A. General Information

In the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the committee completed its study of the safe transportation of bulk hydrocarbons by transmission pipelines, tankers and railcars in Canada by releasing its final report in August 2013. During the course of its work, the committee held 18 hearings and heard from 51 witnesses consisting of government officials, industry representatives, spill response organizations, environmental organizations, landowners and other stakeholders. Committee members conducted site visits in Calgary, Sarnia, Hamilton, Saint John, Point Tupper, Dartmouth, Vancouver; Blaine and Seattle, Washington, and Valdez and Anchorage, Alaska, to learn first-hand about the existing transportation safety frameworks applied in those regions.

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

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	The current state of the safety elements of the bulk transport of hydrocarbon products in Canada	2013-04-18	-	Budget
Ninth	Bill S-15 (Expansion and Conservation of Canada's National Parks Act)	2013-04-25	9	Bill reported with one amendment
Tenth	Bill C-47 (Northern Jobs and Growth Act)	2013-05-09	22	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	The current state of the safety elements of the bulk transport of hydrocarbon products in Canada	2013-06-13	-	Budget
Twelfth	The current state of the safety elements of the bulk transport of hydrocarbon products in Canada	2013-08-22	51	Final report entitled: <i>Moving Energy Safely: A Study of the Safe Transport of Hydrocarbons by Pipelines, Tankers and Railcars in Canada</i>

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2013-2014, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-20	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Subject matter of Divisions 7 and 14 of Part 3, Bill C-4, second Budget Implementation Act	2013-11-27	7	Review
Third	Bill C-15 (Northwest Territories Devolution Act)	2014-03-05	34	Bill reported without amendment, but with observations

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	34	47.2	64.5	106	8
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$94,334
Witness Expenses	\$26,780
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$121,114</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Richard Neufeld (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Grant Mitchell (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Angus, Banks, Brown,\*Cowan (or Tardif), 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 Baker, P.C., Enverga, Jr., Lang, McCoy, MacDonald, Ngo, Patterson, Raine, Ringuette and Unger

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sam Banks and Marc LeBlanc (Library of Parliament)

Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Richard Neufeld (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Grant Mitchell (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Black, Boisvenu, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Frum, MacDonald, Massicotte, Mitchell, Neufeld, Patterson, Ringuette, Seidman, Sibbeston and Wallace

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Day, McCoy and Tannas

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sam Banks and Marc LeBlanc (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

### A. General Information

Lobster is Canada's most lucrative fishery and remains an economic pillar 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 faced many challenges. In fiscal year 2013-2014, the committee studied the lobster fishery in Atlantic Canada and Quebec to better understand the structure of the 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. Witnesses included numerous stakeholders from Atlantic Canada and Quebec, government representatives, conservation experts and researchers. The committee issued its conclusions and recommendations in late May 2013.

In fiscal year 2013-2014, the committee studied Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act, and reported it without amendment on December 4, 2013. On December 9, 2013, the Senate adopted a motion to request a complete and detailed response from the Government to the report entitled *The Lobster Fishery: Staying on Course*, with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans identified as being responsible for the response. The same day, the Senate adopted a motion to request a complete and detailed response from the Government to the report entitled *The Sustainable Management of Grey Seal Populations: A Path Toward the Recovery of Cod and other Groundfish Stocks*. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans was identified as the minister responsible, in consultation with the Minister of Health.

On December 9, 2013, the committee received an order of reference to examine the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada. Hearings for this study began in January 2014, and a fact-finding mission and public hearings occurred in British Columbia in March 2014.

An order of reference authorizing the committee to examine issues relating to the federal government's current and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans was also received on December 9, 2013.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Ninth	The regulation of aquaculture in Canada and future prospects for the industry	2013-04-25	-	Budget

\* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
Tenth	The lobster fishery in Atlantic Canada and Quebec	2013-05-28	50	Final report entitled: <i>The Lobster Fishery: Staying on Course</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-20	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Bill S-3 (Coastal Fisheries Protection Act)	2013-12-04	3	Bill reported without amendment
Third	The regulation of aquaculture in Canada and future prospects for the industry	2014-02-06	-	Budget

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	15	20.5	15.5	39	5
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$94,334
Witness Expenses	<u>\$411</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$94,745</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

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, Campbell, Chaput, Harb, McInnis, Oh, Runciman, Stewart Olsen  
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)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

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 Baker, P.C., Beyak, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser),  
Hubley, Lovelace Nicholas, Manning, McInnis, Plett, Poirier, Raine, Robichaud, P.C., Stewart Olsen  
and Wells

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Demers, Enverga, Jr., Martin, Seth and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Maxwell Hollins

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)  
Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

### A. General Information

In 2013-2014, the committee concluded its study of political and economic developments in the Republic of Turkey, which it had begun in the previous fiscal year. The committee's final report, entitled *Building Bridges: Canada-Turkey Relations and Beyond*, was tabled in the Senate on June 20, 2013. With the prorogation of the First Session of the Forty-First Parliament, on September 13, 2013, once the Second Session of the Forty-First Parliament was underway, the committee re-tabled the report on November 28, 2013. That report was adopted by the Senate with a request for a government response on February 27, 2014.

The bulk of the committee's work in the fiscal year focussed on its study of security conditions and economic developments in the Asia-Pacific region. The committee held extensive hearings, ultimately deciding to focus on four countries in the region: Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines and Singapore. The committee intends to travel to Indonesia and Singapore before completing the study.

In addition to its special study work, the committee examined one bill (Bill C-383, An Act to amend the International Boundary Waters Treaty Act and the International River Improvements Act), as well as studying the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 4 and 16 of Part 3 of Bill C-4, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 21, 2013 and other measures.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twelfth	Bill C-383 (International Boundary Waters Treaty Act)	2013-05-02	9	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	The economic and political developments in the Republic of Turkey, and implications for Canadian interests	2013-06-20	21	Final report entitled: <i>Building Bridges: Canada-Turkey Relations and Beyond</i>

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2013-2014, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-07	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	The economic and political developments in the Republic of Turkey, and implications for Canadian interests	2013-11-28	21	Final report entitled: <i>Building Bridges: Canada-Turkey Relations and Beyond</i>
Third	Subject matter of Divisions 4 and 16 of Part 3, Bill C-4, second Budget Implementation Act	2013-11-28	14	Review

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2013-2014	29	38.2	-	77	5
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	\$13,483
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,483</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

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, Dawson, Day, Demers, Lang, Meredith, Oh, Rivard, Tannas, Wallace and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

André Léonard and Natalie Mychajlyszyn (Library of Parliament)  
Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

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, Ataullahjan, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Dawson, Demers, Downe, Fortin-Duplessis, Housakos, Johnson, Oh, Robichaud, P.C., Smith, P.C. (*Cobourg*) and Verner

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators McInnis, Poirier and Smith (*Saurel*)

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brian Hermon and Natalie Mychajlyszyn (Library of Parliament)  
Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Human Rights

### A. **General Information**

In fiscal year 2013-2014, the Standing Committee on Human Rights continued its work on a number of its ongoing studies. In particular, the committee studied issues of discrimination in the hiring and promotion practices of the federal public service, ultimately tabling its report entitled *Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service: Staying Vigilant for Equality* on December 10, 2013. On June 25, 2013, the committee tabled a report concerning the implementation of international human rights treaties, making particular comments in relation to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, an issue on which the committee held further hearings in March 2014. Finally, the committee concluded its study of issues pertaining to the human rights of First Nations band members who reside off-reserve, tabling its final report, entitled *Recognising Rights: Strengthening Off-Reserve First Nations Communities*, on December 12, 2013.

In addition to these reports, the committee also held meetings in relation to Child Rights Impact Assessments, as well as the involvement of visible minority youth in the criminal justice system. The committee concluded the fiscal year by beginning a study of the implementation and operation of the Hague Abductions Convention.

The committee also studied and reported on two bills.

### B. **Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\***

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	The issue of cyberbullying in Canada	2013-06-06	-	Budget
Twelfth	Bill C-279 (Canadian Human Rights Act – gender identity)	2013-06-11	14	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2013-06-25	38	Canada's international and national human rights obligations
Fourteenth	Bill C-304 (Canadian Human Rights Act – protecting freedom)	2013-06-26	8	Bill reported without amendment

\* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-19	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Employment practices in the public service regarding minority groups	2013-12-10	28	Interim report entitled: <i>Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service: Staying Vigilant for Equality</i>
Third	Study on issues pertaining to the human rights of First Nations band members who reside off-reserve	2013-12-12	21	Interim report entitled: <i>Recognising Rights: Strengthening Off-Reserve First Nations Communities</i>
Fourth	The issue of cyberbullying in Canada	2013-12-12	-	Budget

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2013-2014	15	28.8	-	81	8
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$7,558
Witness Expenses	\$15,636
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,194</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Salma Ataullahjan (Conservative)

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, Cordy, Eggleton, P.C., Harb, Mitchell, Munson, Ngo, Oh, Oliver, Unger and White

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Martha Butler, Lyne Casavant and Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)  
Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Salma Ataullahjan (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Baker, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Eggleton, P.C., Hubley, Jaffer, Marshall, Meredith, Ngo and Seidman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators LeBreton, P.C., and Unger

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Julia Nicol and Shauna Troniak (Library of Parliament)  
Lori Meldrum (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 2013-2014\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twentieth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-04-18	-	Committee budgets 2013-2014
Twenty-First	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-04-25	-	International travel reports
Twenty-Second	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-05-09	-	Examination of Senator Duffy's primary and secondary residence status
Twenty-Third	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-05-09	-	Examination of Senator Brazeau's primary and secondary residence status
Twenty-Fourth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-05-09	-	Examination of Senator Harb's primary and secondary residence status
Twenty-Fifth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-05-09	-	Policies and guidelines relating to senators' travel
Twenty-Sixth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-05-29	-	Examination of Senator Duffy's primary and secondary residence status

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
Twenty-Seventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-08-13	-	Senator Wallin's expenses
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-11-21	-	Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ending March 31, 2013
Second	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2013-12-12	-	Committee budget 2013-14
Third	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2014-02-27	-	Senate Main Estimates for fiscal year 2014-2015

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	21	34.7	30	11
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

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

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Gerald Comeau (Conservative) (since June 14, 2013)  
The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative) (until June 13, 2013)

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 Baker, P.C., Dawson, Doyle, Duffy, Fraser, Harb, Jaffer, Johnson, Massicotte, McInnis, Mercer, Seidman, Tardif, Wallin, Wells 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)  
Jimmy Manigat (Administrative Assistant) (from June 2013)  
Lyne Jaeggi (Administrative Assistant) (until May 2013)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Noël A. Kinsella (Conservative) (since December 1, 2013)  
The Honourable Senator Gerald Comeau, P.C. (Conservative) (until November 30, 2013)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator George Furey (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Campbell, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Fraser), Cordy, Comeau, P.C., \*Cowan (or Fraser), Downe, Doyle, Furey, Johnson, Kinsella, Lang, LeBreton, P.C., Manning, Marshall, Munson, Smith (*Saurel*) and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataulhjan, Charette-Poulin, Cools, Fraser, Greene, Jaffer, Massicotte, Plett, Nolin, Seth, Segal, Wells 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)  
Jimmy Manigat (Administrative Assistant)

## 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 in-depth special studies on areas related to its mandate.

During this fiscal year, the committee studied and reported on six government bills and three Private Members' bills. The committee also reviewed and reported on certain parts of the second Budget Implementation Bill, 2014.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twenty-Fourth	Bill C-37 (Criminal Code)	2013-04-18	15	Bill reported without amendment
Twenty-Fifth	Bill C-309 (Criminal Code – concealment of identity)	2013-04-25	8	Bill reported without amendment
Twenty-Sixth	Bill S-16 (Criminal Code – trafficking in contraband tobacco)	2013-05-09	17	Bill reported without amendment, but with observations
Twenty-Seventh	Bill C-299, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (kidnapping of young person)	2013-05-23	12	Bill reported without amendment
Twenty-Eighth	Bill C-15 (National Defence Act)	2013-06-06	18	Bill reported without amendment
Twenty-Ninth	Bill C-51 (Witness Protection Program Act)	2013-06-18	11	Bill reported without amendment
Thirtieth	Bill C-32 (Civil Marriage Act)	2013-06-20	2	Bill reported without amendment

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2013-2014, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-21	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Subject matter of Division 19 of Part 3, Bill C-4, second Budget Implementation Act	2013-11-28	6	Review
Third	Bill C-217 (Criminal Code – mischief relating to war memorials)	2014-03-04	10	Bill reported without amendment
Fourth	Bill C-14 (Criminal Code and the National Defence Act – mental disorder)	2014-03-27	21	Bill reported without amendment, but with observations

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2013-2014	31	56.1	5.2	120	11
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$1,640
Witness Expenses	<u>\$18,595</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,235</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative)

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 Batters, Beyak, Cordy, Dagenais, Dallaire, Jaffer, MacDonald, McIntyre, Plett, Rivest, Seth, Wells and White

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Lyne Casavant, Christine Morris and Julia Nicol (Library of Parliament)  
Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator George Baker, P.C. (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Batters, Boisvenu, Braley, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Dagenais, Frum, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., McIntyre, Rivest, Runciman and White

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Dallaire, Day, LeBreton, P.C., MacDonald, McInnis, Plett, Tannas and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Laura Barnett, Caroline Sauvé and Robin Mackay (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.

The committee has historically been, and continues to be, one of the Senate's busiest committees. 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 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, including the Main Estimates 2013-2014, Supplementary Estimates (A) 2013-2014, Supplementary Estimates (B) 2013-2014, and Supplementary Estimates (C) 2013-2014. The committee also undertook a preliminary examination of the Main Estimates 2014-2015 in March 2014, and tabled 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-60, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 21, 2013 and other measures, was reported without amendment;
- Bill S-217, An Act to amend the Financial Administration Act (borrowing of money), was reported with the recommendation that the bill not be proceeded with further in the Senate; and
- Bill C-4, A Second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 21, 2013 and other measures, was reported without amendment.

With respect to Bill C-60 and Bill C-4, 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 their being read for the first time in the Senate. The committee tabled reports on each of the subject matter studies, providing a summary of the testimony heard during the pre-studies. When Bill C-60 and Bill C-4 were referred to the Standing Committee on National Finance, the committee proceeded directly to clause-by-clause consideration.

Two other bills were referred to the committee, but not reported prior to prorogation of the First Session of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament:

- Bill S-205, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act (carbon offset tax credit); and
- Bill S-211, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act (communications with and services to the public).

**B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\***

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
Twentieth	Main Estimates 2013-2014	2013-05-30	53	Second interim report
Twenty-First	Supplementary Estimates (A) 2013-2014	2013-06-11	13	Review
Twenty-Second	The subject matter of Bill C-60 (Budget Implementation Act)	2013-05-30	77	Review
Twenty-Third	Bill C-60 (Budget Implementation Act)	2013-06-18	-	Bill reported without amendment
Twenty-Fourth	Bill S-217, An Act to amend the Financial Administration Act (borrowing of money)	2013-06-20	6	Recommendation that the bill not be proceeded with further in the Senate
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-05	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Supplementary Estimates (B) 2013-2014	2013-12-10	18	Review
Third	Subject matter of Bill C-4 (A second Budget Implementation Act)	2013-12-10	53	Review
Fourth	Bill C-4 (A second Budget Implementation Act)	2013-12-11	-	Bill reported without amendment
Fifth	Supplementary Estimates (C) for the year ending March 31, 2014	2014-03-25	15	Review
Sixth	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015	2014-03-25	19	First interim report
Seventh	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014	2014-03-25	33	Final Report

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**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	50	81.7	-	267	12
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

**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$4,357
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,357</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Larry Smith (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Day, Dickson, Eggleton, P.C., Finley, Gerstein, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Carignan), Marshall, Nancy Ruth, Neufeld, Ringuette and Runciman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Bellemare, Black, Braley, Buth, Chaput, De Bané, P.C., Duffy, Eaton, Enverga, Jr., Greene, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Maltais, McInnis, Mockler, Moore, Ogilvie, Tannas, Wallace and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Jodi Turner

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sylvain Fleury and Édison Roy-César (Library of Parliament)  
Louise Martel (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Larry Smith (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Buth, Callbeck, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Chaput, \*Cowan (or Fraser), Day, Doyle, Gerstein, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Mockler, Seth, Smith (*Saurel*) and Wells

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataulhjan, Baker, P.C., Beyak, Dallaire, Dawson, Demers, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C., LeBreton, P.C., Maltais, McIntyre, Mitchell, Neufeld, Oh, Ogilvie, Ringuette, Rivard, Runciman and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Jodi Turner

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sylvain Fleury and Raphaëlle Deraspe (Library of Parliament)

Louise Martel (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

### A. **General Information**

During the 2013-2014 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.

In the spring of 2013, the committee completed its study on harassment in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and tabled a report making 15 recommendations. In the fall of 2013, the committee heard witnesses as a follow-up to its reports on the Reserves, and on Arctic Sovereignty.

At the beginning of 2014, the committee started to hear witnesses for its study on Canada's international defence and security relationships which mainly focuses on ballistic missile defence. It conducted a fact-finding mission to Colorado Springs, United States, to gather information for this study.

The committee also commenced a study on the policies, practices, and collaborative efforts of Canada Border Services Agency in determining admissibility and inadmissibility into Canada.

### B. **Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\***

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Tenth	The national security and defence policies of Canada	2013-04-18	-	Budget
Eleventh	State of operational readiness of Canadian Forces bases	2013-04-18	-	Budget
Twelfth	Services and benefits provided to veterans and their families	2013-04-23	-	Budget
Thirteenth	Bill C-42 (Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act)	2013-05-07	23	Bill reported without amendment, but with observations
Fourteenth	Harassment in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police	2013-06-18	21	Final report entitled: <i>Conduct Becoming: Why the Royal Canadian Mounted Police must Transform its Culture</i>

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-07	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Status of Canada's international security and defence relations	2014-02-06	-	Budget

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	18	45.9	15.5	73	7
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

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$27,696
Witness Expenses	\$9,530
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,226</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Daniel Lang (Conservative)

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 Buth, Campbell, Cordy, Duffy, Moore and White

Committee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Martin Auger and Holly Porteous (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Daniel Lang (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Roméo Dallaire (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Dallaire, Day, Lang, Manning, Mitchell, Nolin, Plett, Segal and Wells

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Black, Boisvenu, Campbell, Dagenais, Doyle, Ngo, Stewart Olsen, Watt and White

Committee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Wolfgang Koerner and Holly Porteous (Library of Parliament)

Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

## Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

### A. General Information

During the 2013-2014 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. The subcommittee heard from the Veterans Ombudsman, and the Ombudsman for the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces, to be informed and updated on several issues related to its responsibilities. The subcommittee has continued to review its draft report for the study on transition to civilian life.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

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, 2009-2014

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2013-2014	8	8.2	-	11
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

### D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$196
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$196</b>

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**E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 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

Subcommittee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

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

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Roméo Dallaire (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator David M. Wells (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Dallaire, Day, Lang, Nolin and Wells

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Doyle, Rivard, Stewart Olsen and White

Subcommittee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Martin Auger (Library of Parliament)

Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Official Languages

### A. General Information

During 2013-2014, the Standing Committee on Official Languages simultaneously continued a number of studies that it began during the previous year. It concluded its hearings on CBC/Radio-Canada's obligations under the *Official Languages Act* and some aspects of the *Broadcasting Act* and adopted a final report, which was tabled on April 8, 2014.

The Senate renewed the committee's orders of reference to examine the best practices for language policies and second-language learning in a context of linguistic duality or plurality and the impacts of recent changes to the immigration system on official language minority communities. The committee held several meetings on each topic and considering that the subject matters overlap, on three occasions asked witnesses to address both subjects during their appearances.

Under the order of reference to study the application of the *Official Languages Act*, it invited the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages and the Commissioner of Official Languages to address the findings contained in their annual reports.

Finally, the committee was tasked to review Bill C-419, An Act respecting language skills. It held two meetings and reported the bill without amendment.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Bill C-419 (Language skills)	2013-06-17	5	Bill reported without amendment
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-07	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	CBC/Radio-Canada under the Official Languages Act and the Broadcasting Act	2012-02-06	-	Budget

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	19	30.2	7.5	57	3
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

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$5,070
Witness Expenses	<u>\$8,782</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,852</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

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 Boisvenu, Dawson, Demers, Jaffer, McInnis, McIntyre, Ringuette and Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)  
Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Claudette Tardif (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 Beyak, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Champagne, P.C., Chaput, Charette-Poulin, \*Cowan (or Fraser), Fortin-Duplessis, McIntyre, Poirier, Tardif and White

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Oh, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

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 2013-2014, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament submitted four substantive reports. The eighth report presented during the First Session of the Forty-first Parliament dealt with a case of privilege concerning a witness who was to appear before the Standing Committee on National Security and Defence. Three reports have been presented in the Second Session of the Forty-first Parliament proposing amendments to the *Rules of the Senate* on various subjects: to remove a rule specifically dealing with an alleged breach of privilege in the media; to allow for the sitting to be suspended when the Senate awaits Royal Assent by written declaration; to limit the number of times a debate can be adjourned by a senator who has started to speak; 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 a clarification of time limits for speakers.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	Case of privilege concerning a witness	2013-06-20	14	Report on a case of privilege
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-26	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Rule 12-7(2)	2014-02-11	-	Revised <i>Rules of the Senate</i>
Third	Rule 12-7(2)	2014-02-11	-	Revised <i>Rules of the Senate</i>
Fourth	Rule 12-7(2)	2014-02-11	-	Revised <i>Rules of the Senate</i>

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**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	11	14.6	-	14	5
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

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$2,051
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,051</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David P. Smith, P.C. (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 Batters, Enverga, Jr., Manning, Martin, Meredith, Mitchell, Mockler, Ringuette, Runciman, Wallace, Wells and White

Committee Clerk:

Charles Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Andre Barnes and Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Katy Quinn (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Vernon White (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators Batters, Beyak, Braley, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Comeau, P.C., Cools,\*Cowan (or Fraser), Enverga, Jr., Furey, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., Martin, McCoy, Nolin, Smith, P.C. (*Cobourg*), Tannas and Wallace

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Fortin-Duplessis, McIntyre, Unger and White

Committee Clerk:

Charles Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Eric Pelot and Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Katy Quinn (Administrative Assistant)

## 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. The committee may also propose from time to time changes in the membership of a committee.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
Third	Rule 12-2(2)	2013-05-21	-	Membership changes
Fourth	Rule 12-2(2)	2013-05-28	-	Membership changes
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 12-2(2)	2013-10-24	-	Speaker <i>pro tempore</i>
Second	Rule 12-2(2)	2013-10-24	-	Nomination of senators to serve on committees
Third	Rule 12-2(2)	2013-11-20	-	Speaker <i>pro tempore</i>

### C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2009-2014

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	4	0.5	-	5
2012-2013	-	-	-	-
2011-2012	1	0.2	-	2
2010-2011	-	-	-	-
2009-2010	2	0.4	-	3

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

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

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

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.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cordy and Mercer

Committee Clerk:

Heather Lank

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 16, 2013)

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 \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Frum, Greene,  
Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Marshall, Martin, Munson, Robichaud, P.C. and Tardif

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Comeau, P.C., Housakos and Moore

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 2013, the committee finished its hearings for the third phase of its study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada on the off-label use of prescription pharmaceuticals, tabling its report in January 2014. The committee also examined the subject matter of Bill C-314, Breast Density Awareness Act during the spring. In new session of Parliament in the fall of 2013, the committee held hearings on the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 5, 10 and 11 of Part 3 Bill C-4, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 21, 2013 and other measures. The committee then began hearings in the winter of 2014 on the nature of unintended consequences of the use of prescription pharmaceuticals for its ongoing study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada.

The committee also studied the following bills during the 2013-2014 fiscal year:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament

(Until September 13, 2013)

- Bill C-43, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- Bill S-202, An Act to establish and maintain a national registry of medical devices

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

- Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Museums Act in order to establish the Canadian Museum of History and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

### B. **Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\***

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twenty-First	Study on social inclusion and cohesion in Canada	2013-04-23	-	Budget
Twenty-Second	Study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada	2013-04-23	-	Budget
Twenty-Third	Bill S-202 (National registry of medical devices)	2013-04-30	8	Recommendation that this bill not be proceeded with further in the Senate
Twenty-Fourth	Bill C-43 (Immigration and Refugee Protection Act)	2013-05-09	17	Bill reported without amendment

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2013-2014, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
Twenty-Fifth	Subject matter of Bill C-314 (Awareness of screening among women with dense breast tissue)	2013-06-11	14	Report on the subject matter of Bill C-314
Twenty-Sixth	Study on social inclusion and cohesion in Canada	2013-06-18	54	Final report entitled: <i>In From the Margins, Part II: Reducing Barriers to Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-08	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Subject matter of Divisions 5, 10 and 11 of Part 3 of Bill C-4, Second Budget Implementation Act	2013-11-28	13	Review
Third	Bill C-7 (Establish the Canadian Museum of History)	2013-12-05	10	Bill reported without amendment
Fourth	Study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada	2013-12-12	-	Budget
Fifth	Study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada	2013-01-30	22	Interim report entitled: <i>Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Off-Label Use</i>

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	34	49.8	-	97	11
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

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$11,642
Witness Expenses	\$26,766
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,408</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

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 Black, Dagenais, Eaton, Enverga, Jr., Harb, Hubley, Jaffer, Johnson, Maltais, Mercer, Munson, Patterson, Raine, Seth, Tannas and Verner, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

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 Bellemare, \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Chaput, Cordy, \*Cowan (or Fraser), Dyck, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C., Enverga, Jr., Ogilvie, Segal, Seidman, Seth and Stewart Olsen

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Day, Dallaire, Doyle, Joyal, P.C., Maltais, Moore, Nancy Ruth, Rivard, Tannas and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

### A. General Information

To begin the year, the Transport and Communications Committee completed its review of the Canadian airline industry with the tabling of its final report entitled *One Size Doesn't Fit All: The Future Growth and Competitiveness of Canadian Air Travel*. It then moved to a review of two pieces of legislation, Bill C-321, Canada Post Corporation Act – library materials, and Bill C-52, Canada Transportation Act.

During this time period, the committee also held one meeting on funding cuts to Radio-Canada International. After hearing from the leadership of the CBC, the committee reported to the Senate that it was satisfied with the explanations provided regarding the cuts in service. The committee also conducted another short study into the subject matter of Division 8 of Part 3 of Bill C-4 that authorizes the amalgamation of four Crown corporations that own or operate international bridges and gives the resulting corporation certain powers. It reported its support for the provisions in the bill to the Senate.

The vast majority of the committee's time was dedicated to a comprehensive review of the challenges faced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation relating to the changing broadcasting environment. It conducted a preliminary fact-finding mission to Western and Northern Canada to visit CBC and Radio-Canada installations and to meet with local stakeholders. The study will continue and a final report is anticipated before June 2015.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	Emerging issues related to the Canadian airline industry	2013-04-17	57	Final report entitled: <i>One Size Doesn't Fit All: The Future Growth and Competitiveness of Canadian Air Travel</i>
Ninth	Bill C-321 (Canada Post Corporation Act – library materials)	2013-04-23	3	Bill reported without amendment
Tenth	Funding cuts to Radio-Canada International services	2013-05-07	2	Review
Eleventh	Bill C-52 (Canada Transportation Act)	2013-06-13	15	Bill reported without amendment

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>				
<b>Report Number</b>	<b>Order of Reference</b>	<b>Date Y-M-D</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Content</b>
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-07	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Subject matter of Division 8 of Part 3 Of Bill C-4, Second Budget Implementation Act	2013-11-28	2	Review
Third	Challenges faced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	2014-02-06	-	Budget

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2013-2014	19	18.2	23.5	37	7
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

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$31,455
Witness Expenses:	\$3,223
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,678</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(\*Ex officio members)

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 2013)

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, Doyle, Eggleton, P.C., Fortin-Duplessis, Housakos, Mockler, Plett, Unger and Verner, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

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

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant) (until April 2013)

Artour Sogomonian (Administrative Assistant) (since April 2013)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators \*Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), \*Cowan (or Fraser), Dawson, Demers, Eggleton, P.C., Greene, Housakos, MacDonald, Manning, McInnis, Mercer, Merchant, Plett and Verner, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Lang, Maltais, Mockler, Tardif and White

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Alexandre Lavoie, Dillian Theckedath and Terrence Thomas (Library of Parliament)

Anita Vinette (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.

### B. **Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\***

2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Permanent	2013-11-07	-	Committee's quorum and mandate

### C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2013-2014	2	1.8	-	1
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

### D. **Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

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

\* In the individual committee profiles:

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**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 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 Atallahjan, Carstairs, P.C., Eaton, Poy and Rivard

Joint Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

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

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 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 Champagne, P.C., Charette-Poulin, Cools, Mercer and Rivard

Other senator who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Eaton

Joint Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon and Sonya Norris, Laura Barnett and Tanya Dupuis (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations

### A. General Information

The joint committee's mandate is defined by the *Statutory Instruments Act*, which authorizes it to review and scrutinize certain statutory instruments made after December 31, 1971. 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 2013-2014 fiscal year, 11 meetings were held. No witnesses were called.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2013-2014\*

2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Rule 12-26(2)	2013-11-07	-	Expenses from previous session
Second	Review of Statutory Instruments	2014-03-05	-	Report No. 87 – Fees

### C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2013-2014	10	12.4	-	2
2012-2013	11	12.1	-	-
2011-2012	11	10.5	-	1
2010-2011	16	18.8	1	1
2009-2010	11	15	1	4

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2009-2014) 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 2013-2014.

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$1,100
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

**1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(Until September 13, 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, Fraser, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Housakos, Marshall, Moore and Runciman

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)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Batters, Campbell, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Moore, Nancy Ruth, Runciman, Tannas and Unger

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Smith, P.C. (*Cobourg*)

Joint Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Peter Bernhardt and Jacques Rousseau (Library of Parliament)

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

## Part III – Committee Expenditures

### Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2013-2014

Senate committees may apply for a budget, for example to engage the services of writers/editors or communications advisors, or to travel. Budgets must be approved 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, 2009-2014

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses (B)	Other Expenses (C)	Total Expenditures (A+B+C)
2013-14	422	\$303,431	\$212,433	\$103,393	<b>\$619,257</b>
2012-13	513	\$757,711	\$298,733	\$129,818	<b>\$1,186,262</b>
2011-12	401	\$486,556	\$249,807	\$107,138	<b>\$843,501</b>
2010-11	581	\$687,050	\$302,448	\$197,025	<b>\$1,186,523</b>
2009-10	514	\$1,332,551	\$223,920	\$178,424	<b>\$1,734,895</b>

#### 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 2013-2014

Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>						
<b>Special Study - Agricultural Sector</b>	<b>152,793</b>					
➤ 2012-2013 – Eastern Canada		-	-	434	-	<b>434*</b>
➤ 2012-2013 – St. John's, NL		-	-	4,202	26	<b>4,228*</b>
➤ Activity 1: British Columbia		130,563	-	26,165	519	<b>26,685</b>
➤ Activity 2: Ontario		22,230	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>152,793</b>	<b>152,793</b>	-	<b>30,802</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>31,347</b>
<b>Banking, Trade and Commerce</b>						
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>7,300</b>					
➤ General Expenses		7,300	-	-	5,800	<b>5,800</b>
➤ 2012-2013 – Washington, D.C.		-	-	326	-	<b>326*</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>7,300</b>	-	<b>326</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>6,126</b>
<b>Conflict of Interest for Senators</b>						
<b>Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</b>	<b>50,000</b>					
➤ General Expenses		50,000	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources</b>						
<b>Special Study - Hydrocarbon Transportation</b>	<b>296,118</b>					
➤ 2012-2013 – Calgary, Alberta		-	-	4,516	-	<b>4,516*</b>
➤ General Expenses		15,000	11,475	512	-	<b>11,987</b>
➤ Activity 1: Washington, D.C. ( <b>Cancelled</b> )		-	-	-	-	-
➤ Activity 2: Halifax, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick		141,558	-	30,850	778	<b>31,628</b>
➤ Activity 3: Vancouver, British Columbia; Washington State and Alaska		139,560	-	46,203	-	<b>46,203</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>296,118</b>	<b>296,118</b>	<b>11,475</b>	<b>82,080</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>94,334</b>
<b>Fisheries and Oceans</b>						
<b>Special Study – Lobster</b>	<b>146,897</b>					
➤ Activity 1: Newfoundland & Labrador		146,897	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>146,897</b>	<b>146,897</b>	-	-	-	-

\* Unused airfare credits

Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
<b>Human Rights</b>						
<b>Special Study – Off-Reserve First Nations</b>	-					
➤ 2012-2013 – Western Canada		-	-	2,531	-	2,531*
<b>Special Study – Cyberbullying</b>	<b>5,000</b>					
➤ General Expenses		5,000	-	-	1,455	1,455
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>3,985</b>
<b>National Security and Defence</b>						
<b>Special Study – Relationships with the United States</b>	<b>38,020</b>					
➤ Activity 1: Washington, D.C.		38,020	-	-	-	-
<b>Special Study - Canadian Forces Bases</b>	<b>21,660</b>					
➤ Activity 1: Kingston, Ontario		10,830	-	-	-	-
➤ Activity 2: Trenton, Ontario		10,830	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59,680</b>	<b>59,680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs</b>						
<b>Special Study – Veterans Affairs</b>	<b>24,470</b>					
➤ General Expenses		700	-	-	-	-
➤ Activity 1: Sainte-Anne de Bellevue, Quebec		3,990	-	-	-	-
➤ Activity 2: Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island		19,780	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,470</b>	<b>24,470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint) **</b>						
<b>Joint Committee</b>	<b>3,000</b>					
➤ General Expenses		3,000	190	-	207	397
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>397</b>
<b>Social Affairs, Science and Technology</b>						
<b>Special Study – Prescription Pharmaceuticals</b>	<b>30,600</b>					
➤ General Expenses		30,600	-	-	-	-
<b>Special Study – Social Inclusion and Cohesion</b>	<b>12,550</b>					
➤ General Expenses		12,550	4,500	-	722	5,222
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,150</b>	<b>43,150</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>5,222</b>
<b>TOTAL 1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>	<b>788,408</b>	<b>788,408</b>	<b>16,165</b>	<b>115,739</b>	<b>9,506</b>	<b>141,410</b>

\* Unused airfare credits

\*\* 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.

Committee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>						
<b>Special Study – Innovation in the agricultural sector</b>	<b>22,556</b>					
➤ Activity 1: Niagara-on-the-Lake, Guelph and Mississauga, Ontario		22,556	-	5,648	-	5,648
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,556</b>	<b>22,556</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,648</b>
<b>Conflict of Interest for Senators</b>						
<b>Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</b>	<b>50,000</b>					
➤ General Expenses		50,000	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fisheries and Oceans</b>						
<b>Special Study – Aquaculture</b>	<b>172,017</b>					
➤ Activity 1: Vancouver, Vancouver Island and Nanaimo, British Columbia		172,017	3,753	70,112	5,953	79,817
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172,017</b>	<b>172,017</b>	<b>3,753</b>	<b>70,112</b>	<b>5,953</b>	<b>79,817</b>
<b>Human Rights</b>						
<b>Special Study – Cyberbullying</b>	<b>5,200</b>					
➤ General Expenses		5,200	-	-	3,573	3,573
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,573</b>	<b>3,573</b>
<b>Legal and Constitutional Affairs</b>						
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>7,894</b>					
➤ General Expenses		3,500	-	30	896	925
➤ Activity 1: Brockville, Ontario		4,394	-	715	-	715
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,894</b>	<b>7,894</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>1,640</b>
<b>National Security and Defence</b>						
<b>Special Study – International Security &amp; Defence Relations</b>	<b>65,120</b>					
➤ Activity 1: Colorado Springs, Colorado		65,120	495	27,201	-	27,696
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65,120</b>	<b>65,120</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>27,201</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,696</b>
<b>Official Languages</b>						
<b>Special Study – CBC/Radio-Canada</b>	<b>9,500</b>					
➤ General Expenses		9,500	5,070	-	-	5,070
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>5,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,070</b>

Name of Committee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
<b>Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint) **</b>						
<b>Joint Committee</b>	<b>3,000</b>					
➤ General Expenses		3,000	328	-	375	703
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>703</b>
<b>Social Affairs, Science and Technology</b>						
<b>Special Study – Prescription Pharmaceuticals</b>	<b>15,300</b>					
➤ General Expenses		15,300	5,945	-	475	6,420
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>5,945</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>6,420</b>
<b>Transport and Communications</b>						
<b>Special Study – Canadian Broadcasting Corporation</b>	<b>80,597</b>					
➤ Activity 1: Toronto, Ontario and Buffalo, New York		80,597		29,541	1,915	31,455
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,597</b>	<b>80,597</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,541</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>31,455</b>
<b>TOTAL 41-2</b>	<b>431,184</b>	<b>431,184</b>	<b>15,590</b>	<b>133,245</b>	<b>13,186</b>	<b>162,021</b>

\*\* 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.

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

## Witness and Videoconference Expense Breakdown 2013-2014

Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> Session, 41 <sup>st</sup> Parliament	TOTAL	AMOUNT
<b>Aboriginal Peoples</b>	<b>2,505</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		2,505
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>11,757</b>	
<i>Special Study – Agricultural Sector</i>		11,757
<b>Anti-Terrorism</b>	<b>80</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		80*
<b>Banking, Trade and Commerce</b>	<b>11,066</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		11,066
<b>Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources</b>	<b>5,550</b>	
<i>Special Study – Hydrocarbon</i>		5,550
<b>Foreign Affairs and International Trade</b>	<b>5,882</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		2,658
<i>Special Study – Turkey</i>		1,079
<i>Special Study – Asia - Pacific</i>		2,146
<b>Human Rights</b>	<b>9,153</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		6,135
<i>Special Study – Canada’s Human Rights Obligations</i>		2,115
<i>Special Study – Federal Public Service</i>		903
<b>Legal and Constitutional Affairs</b>	<b>9,770</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		9,770
<b>National Finance</b>	<b>3,056</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		3,056
<b>National Security and Defence</b>	<b>3,689</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		200
<i>Special Study – Harassment RCMP</i>		3,489
<b>Official Languages</b>	<b>7,248</b>	
<i>Special Study – CBC/Radio-Canada</i>		435
<i>Special Study – Immigration system</i>		1,316
<i>Special Study – Second-language learning</i>		5,497
<b>Rules, Procedure and Rights of Parliament</b>	<b>2,051</b>	
		2,051
<b>Social Affairs, Science and Technology</b>	<b>16,527</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		16,527
<b>Transport and Communications</b>	<b>1,299</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,299
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89,633</b>	<b>89,633</b>

\* Witness expense, 1<sup>st</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament (2012-2013)

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<b>Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Aboriginal Peoples</b>	<b>8,252</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		2,143
<i>Special Study – General Matters</i>		3,833
<i>Special Study – First Nations Infrastructure</i>		2,275
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>42,852</b>	
<i>Special Study – Agricultural Sector</i>		117
<i>Special Study – Bee Health</i>		42,735
<b>Banking, Trade and Commerce</b>	<b>6,111</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,100
<i>Special Study – Registered Disability Savings Plan</i>		5,011
<b>Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources</b>	<b>21,230</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		19,660
<i>Special Study – Special Study - One Call</i>		1,570
<b>Fisheries &amp; Ocean</b>	<b>411</b>	
<i>Special Study – Aquaculture</i>		411
<b>Foreign Affairs and International Trade</b>	<b>7,601</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,584
<i>Special Study – Asia - Pacific</i>		6,017
<b>Human Rights</b>	<b>6,483</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,335
<i>Special Study – Canada’s Human Rights Obligations</i>		2,589
<i>Special Study – Hague Abductions Convention</i>		2,558
<b>Legal and Constitutional Affairs</b>	<b>8,825</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		8,825
<b>National Finance</b>	<b>1,301</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,301
<b>National Security and Defence</b>	<b>5,841</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		412
<i>Special Study – International Relations</i>		5,429
<b>Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs</b>	<b>196</b>	
<i>Special Study – Services and benefits provided to members of the Canadian Forces</i>		196
<b>Official Languages</b>	<b>1,534</b>	
<i>Special Study – Immigration system</i>		1,534
<b>Social Affairs, Science and Technology</b>	<b>10,239</b>	
<i>Legislation</i>		2,860
<i>Special Study – Prescription-Pharmaceuticals</i>		7,380
<b>Transport and Communications</b>	<b>1,924</b>	
<i>Special Study – Canadian Broadcasting Corporation</i>		1,924
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122,800</b>	<b>122,800</b>

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