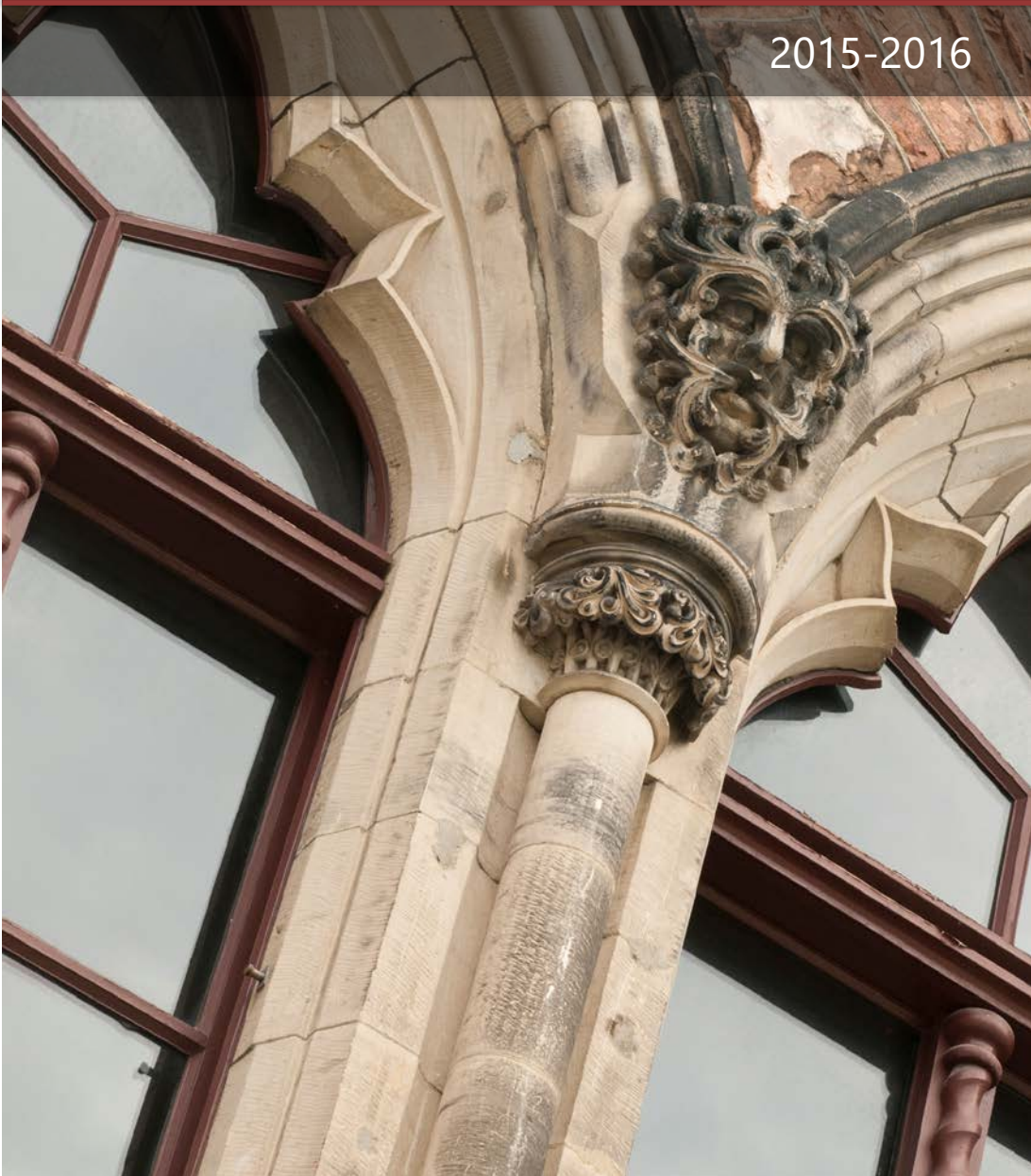




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2015-2016



Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees



Committees are at the core of the legislative and policy review 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 outside of the sittings of the Senate itself, and the Committees Directorate is very proud to provide the administrative and procedural support required to achieve committee objectives.

Activity levels in 2015-2016 reflect the effect of having a fiscal year interrupted by a dissolution. The new parliamentary calendar began again in earnest at the end of January. Nonetheless, as can be seen in the numbers of meetings held, witnesses heard, and hours spent in meetings, senators and their committees were quite busy. The individual committee summaries included in this annual report demonstrate that a great deal of valuable work was conducted by committees in the course of 2015-2016.

Of note with respect to the workload for senators and the staff of the Directorate, the Senate and House of Commons agreed to the creation of the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying which conducted extensive preliminary hearings into the issue and reported its recommendations immediately prior to the presentation of related legislation. The Senate itself created a Special Committee on Senate Modernization, and the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA) created a number of sub-committees in order to manage its workload.

During the summer of 2015 and the months leading up to the Speech From the Throne in December, Committees Directorate personnel were actively updating financial policy manuals, procedural documents, background material and public documents. In addition, a number of clerks were assigned to special projects with the Law Clerk's Office, CIBA, Strategic Planning and Audit Office, and the Working Group on Senators' Services, where much of the groundwork was laid to create a portal to services for senators' offices available within the procedural sector. Expected to be rolled out in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the Parliamentary Business Portal is intended to match the success and utility of the Office Portal by making the services and information from the procedural sector easy to access and easy to understand.

With full work plans, active orders of reference and a number of new voices in the Senate, there is no doubt 2016-2017 will be a busy one for committees.

Blair Armitage
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 2015-2016, the directorate provided administrative, procedural, informational and other support to Senate committees, which include:

- ✧ 15 standing committees (and 1 subcommittee);
- ✧ 2 standing joint committees (composed of members of the Senate and of the House of Commons);
- ✧ 1 special committee;
- ✧ 1 special joint committee (composed of members of the Senate and of the House of Commons); and
- ✧ 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*.

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament are administered through other offices.

Committees Directorate	
31.8 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)	
Operating Expenditures	
Directorate:	\$15,464
Committees:	\$85,566
Witnesses:	\$169,531
Other:	\$58,225

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 2011-2012.

Activity Indicators	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	5-year average
Meetings	336	586	422	513	401	452
Reports	98	126	119	108	80	106
Hours in committee	493.4	937.8	637.8	815.8	702.4	717
Witnesses	1,023	2,116	1,277	1,760	1,334	1502
Bills	20	71	44	47	21	41
Fact-Finding Hours	3.5	287.7	134.7	243.5	161	166
Pre-Studies/Subject Matter	7	18	10	15	2	10
Special Studies Undertaken	41	57	85	63	41	57
Trips	1	19	8	18	8	11

The following table illustrates the various orders of reference received by Senate committees in the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Orders of Reference	No. of Meetings	% of Total Meetings	No. of Hours	% of Total Hours
Bills and Subject Matter of Bills	77	22.9%	49.9	10.1%
Special Studies	60	17.9%	93.5	19%
Permanent (Internal, Rules, Conflict of Interest, Selection, Scrutiny, Library)	45	13.4%	45.6	9.2%
Total	182	54.2%	189	38.3%

Consultations

Every year, a number of trips are undertaken to gather testimony at 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 of Canada to inquire into matters, the meetings are called fact-finding missions, meaning 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 Market Access)

Fact-finding missions:

- ✦ Moncton, New Brunswick (March 14 to 16, 2016)

Parliamentary Website

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the parliamentary website (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.

Field Code Changed

All committee reports, press releases, and appropriate directorate documents are converted into HTML and/or PDF 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 the *Guide to Participating in a Senate Committee Study* are also available online.

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Contributions to Public Policy Development: Special Study Reports

The following list highlights the major 2015-2016 reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Aboriginal Peoples

- ✦ *On-Reserve Housing and Infrastructure: Recommendations for Change* (June 2015)

Agriculture and Forestry

- ✦ *The Importance of Bee Health to Sustainable Food Production in Canada* (May 2015)

Banking, Trade and Commerce

- ✦ *You can't flip this coin!* (June 2015)
- ✦ *Fluctuating Canadian Dollar: What it means for Canadians* (March 2016)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

- ✦ *Powering Canada's Territories* (June 2015)

Fisheries and Oceans

- ✦ *Report on Aquaculture* (July 2015)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade

- ✦ *North American Neighbours: Maximizing Opportunities and Strengthening Cooperation for a more Prosperous Future* (June 2015)
- ✦ *Expanding Canadian Businesses' Engagement in Foreign Markets: the Role of Federal Trade Promotion Services* (June 2015)
- ✦ *Securing Canada's Place in Asia-Pacific: a Focus on Southeast Asia* (June 2015)
- ✦ *Taking Action Against Human Rights Violators in Russia* (March 2016)

Human Rights

- ✦ *Alert: Challenges and International Mechanisms to Address Cross-Border Child Abduction* (July 2015)
- ✦ *Protecting a Generation: Are UNICEF and UNHCR Mandates Meeting the Needs of Syrian Children* (July 2015)
- ✦ *Fast Fashion: Working Conditions in the Garment Industry* (July 2015)

National Security and Defence

- ✦ *Vigilance, Accountability and Security at Canada's Borders* (June 2015)
- ✦ *Interim Report on the Operational Stress Injuries of Canada's Veterans* (June 2015)
- ✦ *Countering the terrorist threat in Canada: an interim report* (July 2015)

Official Languages

- ✦ *Aiming Higher: Increasing bilingualism of our Canadian Youth* (June 2015)

Physician-Assisted Dying

- ✦ *Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach* (February 2016)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology

- ✦ *Obesity in Canada: A Whole-of-Society Approach for a Healthier Canada* (March 2016)

Transport and Communications

- ✦ *Time for Change: The CBC/Radio-Canada in the Twenty-First Century* (July 2015)

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

On-Reserve Housing and Infrastructure: Recommendations for Change

(Twelfth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 23, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41- 1300S)

Infrastructure is not just about bricks and mortar. Aging, inadequate and poor infrastructure can have significant negative effects on the social and economic outcomes of communities. In this respect, infrastructure is about meeting the most basic needs of individuals, families and communities – putting a roof over a family's head and making sure that they have clean drinking water. The Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples (the committee) began hearing from witnesses about housing and infrastructure needs on reserves in November 2013. The study included visits to communities from coast to coast to see first-hand the challenges and best practices relating to housing and infrastructure.

Since the autumn of 2014, the focus of the committee has been on community infrastructure – roads, water systems, schools, bridges, and community facilities. Infrastructure deficits are not unique to First Nations communities, but the magnitude of this deficit on reserve is particularly striking. Visiting First Nations communities, the committee saw first-hand overflowing sewage lagoons and communities with boil-water advisories which had been in place for over a decade.

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

The Importance of Bee Health to Sustainable Food Production in Canada

(Ninth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on May 27, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1213S)

It has been predicted that by 2050, nine billion people will need to be fed and crop yields must rise to feed the world's ever-increasing population. Yet it has been said that some current farming practices can be harmful to the very same pollinators that are needed to pollinate the crops we need and therein lies the dilemma.

It was this issue that the committee wished to address when it began its study on bee health and the end result of its work is the report entitled *The Importance of Bee Health to Sustainable Food Production in Canada*.

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

Digital Currency: You Can't Flip this Coin!

(Twelfth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 18, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1281S)

On 25 March 2014, the Senate authorized the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce (the committee) to study digital currencies, with a particular focus on the potential risks, threats and advantages of these electronic forms of exchange. The committee's interest in the topic was partially motivated by media reports about bitcoin being used to make and receive payments over the

Internet, and comments by witnesses during the then statutory review of the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act about trends in the use of the Internet to launder money.

Throughout the study, the committee was reminded that identifying the types of technology that will succeed or fail is difficult – if not impossible – to predict with any accuracy.

Fluctuating Canadian Dollar: What it means for Canadians

(Third Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on March 25, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-216S)

The Canadian dollar's exchange rate has a variety of effects on Canadian households and businesses, and on the country's economy. To better understand the types and scope of some of these effects, the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce undertook a brief study of the exchange rate in order to hear from experts about reasons for the fluctuations and the implications for Canadians.

The committee heard that while a low exchange rate may lead to Canadian households and businesses paying higher prices for imported goods and services, not all of the consequences of a decrease in the Canadian dollar's exchange rate are negative, and some Canadian households and businesses may benefit. On balance, the value of the Canadian dollar at the time of the committee's hearings was below what witnesses characterized as the "fair value" for the currency in the long term and based on more normal oil prices.

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

Powering Canada's Territories

(Fourteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 17, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1273S)

The report examined existing territorial energy systems and identified obstacles and opportunities facing each territory in making energy affordable, reliable and sustainable for its residents and businesses. A focus was placed on electricity systems.

As a whole, the committee found electricity systems aging, underperforming and at capacity. Also, the committee observed that territorial communities were highly dependent on diesel generation. The committee also found a lack of financial capacity among utilities and territorial governments to advance major projects due to small rate and tax bases. Utilities face high costs associated with servicing many small remote communities which predominantly rely on diesel generation. Also, energy options are constrained as the territories are not connected to the North American electricity and natural gas grids.

The report makes five recommendations to the federal government to help improve the energy circumstances of the territories.

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

Volume One – Aquaculture Industry and Governance in Canada
Volume Two – Aquaculture Industry and Governance in Norway and Scotland
Volume Three – An Ocean of Opportunities: Aquaculture in Canada
(Fourteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on July 30, 2015)

The central message of the report is that there is an ocean of opportunities for aquaculture in Canada. This country has the world's longest marine coastline, the largest number of freshwater lakes, a diversified aquaculture industry, a rigorous regulatory regime and world-class aquaculture-related research. Canada is, therefore, well positioned to help supply the growing global demand for fish and seafood and to do so in a sustainable manner – environmentally, economically and socially.

The committee supports the goal of doubling Canadian aquaculture production within the next decade. To help achieve this sustainable growth, the committee proposed a set of ten recommendations articulated in five main themes: legislative and regulatory framework; healthy aquacultured fish; healthy and productive ecosystems; research and development; and social licence and public reporting. The most significant recommendation is for Fisheries and Oceans Canada to introduce a Federal Aquaculture Act that responds to the concerns voiced during the committee's hearings and fact-finding and that asserts the full extent of federal jurisdiction.

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

North American Neighbours: Maximizing Opportunities and Strengthening Cooperation for a more Prosperous Future
(Tenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 11, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1256S)

This report presents the views of witnesses and, from the committee's parliamentary perspective, makes recommendations that – once implemented – will assist Canada in maximizing opportunities and strengthening cooperation within North America. Chapter One provides a brief retrospective on the foundations of the relationship among Canada, the United States and Mexico, while Chapter Two focuses on what the committee believes could be an important focus of future efforts to maximize opportunities for Canada; our relationship with Mexico. Recognizing the past, present and – no doubt – future importance of the United States to Canada, Chapter Three explores aspects of the relationship that Canada and Mexico have with the United States, our common neighbour, while Chapter Four identifies additional actions that might be needed as the three countries work towards a new North American relationship.

Expanding Canadian Businesses' Engagement in Foreign Markets: the Role of Federal Trade Promotion Services
(Eleventh Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 17, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1274S)

Canadian businesses, products and services continue to meet success in markets around the world. In an increasingly competitive global economy, however, it is critical that the Government of Canada and others continue to offer services that help our companies invest more confidently in foreign markets, connect with new opportunities and partners, and gain access to financing. These services are particularly important to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), for which the costs and risks associated with doing

business abroad, could ignore projects showing promise for their exportation potential.

Informed by the input of 28 witnesses from business, finance, industry associations, academia, Canadian crown corporations, the federal government and province-level initiatives, the present report suggests ways in which federal trade promotion initiatives can be implemented in new and innovative ways to better serve the needs of Canadian businesses, and to reinforce the global competitiveness of Canadian products and services.

Securing Canada's Place in Asia-Pacific: a Focus on Southeast Asia

(Twelfth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 29, 2015

Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1304S)

The committee examined the rise of China and India in its reports tabled in 2010. The present report finds that the conclusions of those earlier studies continue to hold true, then orients its focus on a region offering further opportunities for Canadian commercial and foreign policy interests. The committee finds that, while Canada must continue to strengthen its relations in India and China, we must also seize emerging opportunities to develop common interests and partnerships in Southeast Asia.

Supported by the testimony of over 90 witnesses heard in over 30 meetings, the analysis, suggestions and more targeted recommendations that follow offer a roadmap towards that end. The overarching message of this report is unambiguous; The Asia-Pacific region is of growing global importance, and Canada cannot afford to miss out.

Taking Action Against Human Rights Violators in Russia

(Second Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on March 25, 2016;

Sessional Paper No. 1/42-217S)

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (the "committee") heard testimony on 10 March 2016 from three witnesses about the state of democracy in Russia. Each of the witnesses testified about how his or her particular case demonstrates Russia's weak rule of law and poor record of human rights.

The committee is concerned that there has been no positive movement in strengthening democracy, the rule of law and human rights in Russia and that any investigation into these three cases in particular has not resulted in justice for the victims. After considering these matters, the committee confirms the ongoing validity and urgency of the Senate's 2015 motion. The committee calls on the Government of Canada to condemn all foreign nationals implicated in the *Magnitsky Case* and to impose sanctions against those individuals and others responsible for violations of internationally recognized human rights in a foreign country, particularly when authorities in that country are unable or unwilling to conduct a thorough, independent and objective investigation of the violations.

Standing Committee on Human Rights

Alert: Challenges and International Mechanisms to Address Cross-Border Child Abduction

(Thirteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on July 24, 2015)

In light of the ongoing challenges faced by parents in having their children returned to Canada and enforcing access rights, on 2 December 2013, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights agreed to study the issue of international child abductions and the role of The Hague Abduction Convention and

other international mechanisms in resolving these disputes. The committee held seven meetings on this topic in the spring and fall of 2014. It heard from a variety of stakeholders who spoke about the many dimensions of this complex problem.

The report begins by explaining The Hague Abduction Convention, as well as, complementary international treaties and processes. Later sections outline Canada's response to international child abduction and issues and options for Canadian parents faced with such a situation. Finally, the report makes several recommendations that the committee hopes will help to deter parents from abducting their children across international borders and facilitate the return of a child to the state of habitual residence, as well as access rights.

Protecting a Generation: Are UNICEF and UNHCR Mandates Meeting the Needs of Syrian Children?

(Fourteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on July 24, 2015)

The conflict in Syria has forced an almost unprecedented number of people to flee their homes and seek refuge in neighbouring communities or countries. The committee received permission from the Senate to examine the evolution of the UNHCR and UNICEF's mandates to assess these two organizations' ability to address the needs of children displaced by conflict. Between 26 May 2014 and 7 May 2015, the committee received testimony from approximately 20 witnesses including representatives of the Canadian government, United Nations (UN) organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (IRCRCM) and academia. The report highlights the committee's observations and recommendations for the Canadian government based on this testimony.

Few witnesses identified a need to change the mandates of these two organizations and most saw their evolution as a natural adaptation to the constantly evolving reality of modern conflicts. Much of the testimony focused on UNHCR, so the committee's report does as well to a certain extent.

Fast Fashion: Working Conditions in the Garment Industry

(Fifteenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on July 24, 2015)

On 12 May 2014, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights (the committee) began studying the ready-made garment industry in developing countries under its general order of reference to: Monitor issues relating to human rights and, inter alia, to review the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations. At the time of writing, the committee had held three meetings and heard from 13 witnesses from the federal government, the International Labour Organization (ILO), business, academia and non-governmental organizations. This interim report provides a brief overview of their testimony.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

Vigilance, Accountability and Security at Canada's Borders

(Sixteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 18, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1279S)

Following the ten-year anniversary of the establishment of the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), the Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defence commenced a study on how the CBSA performs its responsibilities in identifying and denying entry to inadmissible persons, as well as removing those who have subsequently been found inadmissible after having gained entry to Canada.

To better understand and assess how Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) and the CBSA execute their respective Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) responsibilities pertaining to admissibility, the report examines the issue of oversight and accountability of the process of identifying and denying entry to inadmissible persons to Canada. It also examines the CBSA's current approach to the screening and removal of inadmissible persons. The report considers how CBSA obtains, evaluates, shares and acts upon information and intelligence concerning the arrival and departure of people to and from Canada. And finally, it addresses the increasing use of biometric information and the potential utility in detecting inadmissible individuals seeking to gain entry to Canada.

With its findings, the committee made ten recommendations.

Interim Report on the Operational Stress Injuries of Canada's Veterans

(Seventeenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 18, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1280S)

In the 2nd Session of the 41st Parliament, the Subcommittee initiated a study on the Operational Stress Injuries (OSIs) of Canada's veterans, which includes Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD). The aim of the study is to examine existing public and private sector programs and services available to serving members and veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) suffering from OSIs as well as to explore new technologies and treatments that are emerging to help those individuals recover from their mental health conditions.

This interim report provides an overview of what the Subcommittee has learned to date (up to and including its meeting on 13 May 2015) as part of its ongoing study and offers some preliminary thoughts on the issue. The report is subdivided into three main sections. The first section summarizes what the Subcommittee has heard about OSIs and their prevalence among Canada's veterans. It provides a description of OSIs, clinical treatments and psychosocial support, resiliency and recovery, as well as research in this field. The second section provides a brief overview of the various programs and services offered by the CAF and the Department of National Defence (DND), the RCMP, and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) to serving members and veterans of the CAF as well as RCMP members suffering from OSIs. The last section highlights some areas of concern identified by witnesses thus far in the course of this study.

Countering the terrorist threat in Canada: an interim report

(Eighteenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 19, 2015)

On June 19, 2014, the Senate authorized the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence "to study and report on security threats facing Canada." In its interim report, the committee examines terrorist recruitment, operations, financing, prosecutions and other aspects of the security threats Canadians face. At a future time, the committee will report on cyberespionage and threats to Canada's critical infrastructure.

The Standing Senate Committee has heard from many witnesses, among them some of the foremost experts on terrorism, radicalization and violent extremism, as well as many individuals with first-hand experience of radicalization in Canada. Over the course of its hearings, the committee undertook a fact-finding mission to Toronto to meet with security and intelligence officials, members of the Toronto Police Service and some representatives of Toronto's ethno-cultural community who are concerned about terrorism and radicalization.

While all members of the committee share a belief in the importance of protecting Canadians against threats of terrorism, differences in how to approach this became clear. Despite great efforts to arrive at a consensus, ultimately, the report contains the conclusions of the majority of members, and Senator Mitchell, Senator Day, and Senator Kenny dissent from the report.

Standing Committee on Official Languages

Aiming Higher: Increasing bilingualism of our Canadian Youth

(Sixth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 16, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1270S)

In the spring of 2013, members of the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages adopted the terms of reference for a study on the best practices for language policies and second-language learning. This first report of a two-part study is the result of more than two years of study, during which the committee also addressed other important topics, such as examining the language obligations of CBC/Radio-Canada and the recent changes to the immigration system. This report concludes the Canadian part of the study and presents an overview of the practices in place in Canada.

For the Canadian portion of this study, no fewer than 19 meetings were held in Ottawa, at which the committee heard from 51 witnesses. In the report, the committee identifies the primary issues raised by witnesses and draws attention to a series of good practices in place across the country. The committee believes it is important to learn from best practices and to strengthen second-language learning and language policies.

Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying

Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach

(First Report [final] tabled in the Senate on February 25, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-187S)

In February 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada concluded in *Carter v. Canada (Attorney General)* that in certain circumstances, the provisions of the *Criminal Code* that prohibit medical assistance in dying violate the rights of individuals that are protected by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

On December 11, 2015, the Senate and the House of Commons passed motions to establish a special joint committee whose mandate was to:

Review the report of the *External Panel on Options for a Legislative Response to Carter v. Canada* and other recent relevant consultation activities and studies, to consult with Canadians, experts and stakeholders, and make recommendations on the framework of a federal response on physician-assisted dying that respects the Constitution, the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, and the priorities of Canadians.

Guided by the Court's decision, the committee worked diligently to respond as requested, tabling its final report before its deadline on February 25, 2016. In the short timeframe that was prescribed in its mandate, the committee received testimony from more than 60 witnesses during more than 20 hours of public hearings and received over 100 written briefs. The committee's deliberations were also informed by all of the Canadian research and consultations that had already taken place on this complex issue.

In its report, the committee made 21 recommendations, including:

- "That medical assistance in dying be available to individuals with terminal and non-terminal grievous and irremediable medical conditions that cause enduring suffering that is intolerable to the individual in the circumstances of his or her condition";
- "That the capacity of a person requesting medical assistance in dying to provide informed consent should be assessed using existing medical practices, emphasizing the need to pay particular attention to vulnerabilities in end-of-life circumstances";
- "That the permission to use advance requests for medical assistance in dying be allowed any time after one is diagnosed with a condition that is reasonably likely to cause loss of competence or after a diagnosis of a grievous or irremediable condition but before the suffering becomes intolerable"; and
- "That physicians, nurse practitioners and registered nurses working under the direction of a physician to provide medical assistance in dying be exempted from sections 14 and section 241(b) of the *Criminal Code*.
- Pharmacists and other health care practitioners who provide services relating to medical assistance in dying, should also be exempted from sections 14 and section 241(b) of the *Criminal Code*."

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Obesity in Canada: A Whole-of-Society Approach for a Healthier Canada

(Second Report [final] tabled in the Senate on March 1, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-195S)

An extensive study conducted by the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology charts a course to a leaner, healthier future. Over the course of nearly two dozen meetings, the committee heard expert testimony from a range of Canadian and international stakeholders including individuals representing health and exercise professions, diet and health research sectors, food and beverage industries, Aboriginal groups, health charities, as well as the federal government.

The committee's findings show the vast scope of this epidemic:

- Each year 48,000 to 66,000 Canadians die from conditions linked to excess weight;
- Nearly two thirds of adults and one third of children are obese or overweight; and
- Obesity costs Canada between \$4.6 billion and \$7.1 billion annually in health care and lost productivity.

The report describes an innovative, whole-of-society approach to address this important issue — and urges bold but practical steps that can and must be taken to help Canadians achieve and maintain healthy weights.

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

Time for Change: The CBC/Radio-Canada in the Twenty-First Century

(Fourteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on July 20, 2015)

In December 2013, the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications received an Order of Reference to examine the challenges facing the CBC/Radio-Canada in the changing broadcasting and communications environment.

Over the course of more than 40 hearings, site visits, and fact-finding missions, the committee met with

numerous witnesses and stakeholders, who provided insight into this complex subject. This report reflects what the committee learned and provides recommendations for both the public broadcaster and the government to address some of these challenges.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2015-2016

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

A. General Information

In fiscal year 2015-2016, the committee continued its work on a specific order of reference focusing on housing and infrastructure on reserves, spending the majority of its time on this study. In June 2015, the committee tabled its final report entitled *On-Reserve Housing and Infrastructure: Recommendations for Change*. At the beginning of the 42nd Parliament, the committee began a study on best practices and ongoing challenges relating to housing in First Nation and Inuit communities in Nunavut, Nunavik, Nunatsiavut and the Northwest Territories. This study is ongoing.

- ✦ The committee also studied two bills during the 2015-2016 fiscal year: Bill C-59 (an Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015) and Bill C-63 (An Act to give effect to the Déline Final Self-Government Agreement and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts).

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Ninth	Study on challenges relating to First Nations infrastructure on reserves	2015-04-23	-	Budget
Tenth	Elements contained in Division 16 of Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015	2015-05-08	7	Bill
Eleventh	Bill C-63	2015-06-11	11	Bill reported without amendment
Twelfth	Study on challenges relating to First Nations infrastructure on reserves	2015-06-23	12	Final Report entitled: <i>On-Reserve Housing and Infrastructure: Recommendations for Change</i>

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	2016-01-28	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Second	Study on best practices and ongoing challenges relating to housing in First Nation and Inuit communities in Nunavut, Nunavik, Nunatsiavut and the Northwest Territories	2016-03-24	14	Budget

C. Activities of the committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016^{*}

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	19	29.9	-	56	6
2014-2015	44	79.4	59.5	135	6
2013-2014	30	49.3	-	72	4
2012-2013	45	73.9	38.5	130	7
2011-2012	31	51.5	-	111	4

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	\$7,838
Witness Expenses	<u>\$6,054</u>
TOTAL	\$13,892

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

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 Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Baker, P.C., Boisvenu, Cordy, Enverga, McIntyre, Moore, Oh, Runciman, Wallace and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson (as of April 7, 2015)

Marcy Zlotnick (until April 7, 2015)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Martha Butler, Brittany Collier, Julie Cool, Wren Nasr (Library of Parliament)

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lillian Eva Dyck (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Beyak, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Dyck, Enverga, Lovelace Nicholas, Moore, Patterson, Plett, Raine, Sibbeston, Tannas and Wells

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Maltais, Marshall, Smith (Coburg) and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Mark Palmer

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brittany Collier and Alexandre Lavoie (Library of Parliament)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

A. General Information

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

Health Canada's User Fee Proposal respecting pesticide cost recovery, pursuant to the User Fees Act, was referred to the committee and approved.

The committee continued its study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector, and held public hearings in Ottawa. As part of this same study, the committee travelled to Moncton, New Brunswick from March 13 to 16, 2016 to conduct public hearings and a fact-finding mission.

The committee tabled its report on bees and bee health in the production of honey, food and seed in Canada and requested a government response.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	Copy of Health Canada's User Fee Proposal, dated March 19, 2015, respecting pesticide cost recovery, pursuant to the User Fees Act, S.C. 2004, c. 6, sbs. 4(2)	15-04-23	2	Health Canada's User Fee Proposal, dated March 19, 2015, respecting pesticide cost recovery
Ninth	Study on the importance of bees and bee health in the production of honey, food and seed in Canada	15-05-27	86	Final report: <i>The Importance of Bee Health to Sustainable Food Production in Canada</i>

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	16-01-27	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Second	Study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector	16-02-18	-	Budget
Third	Study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector	16-03-24	-	Budget

C. Activities of the committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	25	44.3	3.5	99	5
2014-2015	45	73.6	20.7	175	5
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

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	\$30,693
Witness Expenses	<u>\$42,664</u>
TOTAL	\$73,357

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Claudette Tardif (Liberal) (since February 26, 2015)

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer (Liberal) (until February 25, 2015)

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 Ataullahjan, Bellemare, Beyak, Chaput, Enverga, Fortin-Duplessis, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Hubley, Johnson, Lang, McIntyre, Moore, Munson, Patterson, Plett, Poirier, Robichaud, P.C., Seth, Smith (*Saurel*), Tannas, Tkachuk and Unger

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jed Chong and Aïcha Coulibaly (Library of Parliament)
Mélanie Moore (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Ghislain Maltais (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Beyak, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Dagenais, Maltais, Mercer, Merchant, Ogilvie, Oh, Plett, Tardif and Unger.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Day, Enverga, Fortin-Duplessis, Hubley, Mockler, Moore, Patterson, Poirier, Raine, Smith, and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Aïcha Coulibaly, Danièle Lafrance (since January 2016), and Khamla Heminthavong (until January 2016) (Library of Parliament)
Jed Chong (Library of Parliament) (until January 2016)
Mélanie Moore (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, the committee considered one bill and the subject matter of a budget bill. It also engaged in two special studies and studied general matters related to the domestic financial system.

The committee held several meetings and heard from 27 witnesses in total as part of its study of Bill S-202, An Act to amend the Payment Card Networks Act (credit card acceptance fees). In their April 2015 report, the committee recommended that the bill not be further considered.

In May 2015, the committee studied the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 14 and 19 Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures. The committee held three meetings and concluded in its June report that, in light of witnesses' testimony, it accepted certain observations and had no objections to the proposed amendments in Divisions 14 and 19 of Part 3 of Bill C-59 becoming law.

In June 2015, after 14 months of study and consideration, the committee released their report on the use of digital currency. The committee held 19 meetings on the matter and received presentations from 55 witnesses at Ottawa committee meetings and a fact-finding trip to New York City. "Digital Currency : You Can't Flip This Coin!" contained eight recommendations, including a recommendation that the Government should require digital currency exchanges to meet the same requirements as other money services businesses in relation to Canada's anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing regimes.

As part of its general study regarding the present state of the domestic and international financial system, the committee undertook a brief study of the exchange rate in order to hear from experts about reasons for the fluctuations in the dollar and the implications for Canadians. Their report, "The Fluctuating Canadian Dollar: What it means for Canadians", was released in March 2016. Again, as part of its general study, the committee heard from the Governor of the Bank of Canada and the Parliamentary Budget Officer, in two separate meetings, in the Spring of 2016.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Ninth	Bill S-202, An Act to amend the Payment Card Networks Act (credit card acceptance fees)	15-04-21	27	Bill S-202, report recommending bill not be further considered
Tenth	Study on the use of digital	15-05-14	-	Budget

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	currency			
Eleventh	Subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 14 and 19 Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures	15-06-04	8	Bill C-59
Twelfth	Study on the use of digital currency	15-06-18	55	Special Study Final Report entitled <i>You Can't Flip this Coin!</i>

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	16-02-02	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Second	Study on the issues pertaining to internal barriers to trade	16-03-10	-	Budget
Third	Study on the present state of the domestic and international financial system	16-03-24	4	Interim Report entitled <i>The Fluctuating Canadian Dollar: What it means for Canadians</i>

C. Activities of the committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016^{*}

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witness	No. of Reports
2015-2016	24	27.9	-	45	7
2014-2015	40	58.2	19.5	169	5
2013-2014	31	42	-	113	6
2012-2013	44	65.4	15.8	159	8
2011-2012	32	50.8	-	117	2

^{*} In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	\$18,397
Witnesses Expenses	<u>\$ 7,572</u>
TOTAL	\$25,969

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st 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: Andreychuk, Bellemare, Beyak, Campbell, Day, Doyle, Eaton, Lang, MacDonald, Manning, Martin, Meredith, Mockler, Ngo, Patterson, Poirier, Raine, Tannas, Unger and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michaël Lambert-Racine, Brett Stuckey and Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)
Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (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, Bellemare, Campbell, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Day, Enverga, Greene, Massicotte, Ringuette, Smith, Tannas and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators: Beyak, Day, Gerstein, Maltais, Marshall, and Wallin

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Dylan Gowans and Brett Stuckey (Library of Parliament)

Julie Flannery (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators

A. General Information

The committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators is established under the *Rules of the Senate* to be responsible for all matters relating to the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* and to exercise general direction over the Senate Ethics Officer. The committee's responsibilities are further detailed in the Code. The Code was adopted by the Senate in 2005, and was amended since on four occasions: May 2008, May 2012, and April and June 2014. All those amendments resulted from recommendations made by the committee.

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. The members of the committee are constituted as an Intersessional Authority during prorogation and dissolution periods and until a new committee is appointed in the new parliamentary session.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	Consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Senators	15-05-05	-	Budget

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	-	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)

* In the individual committee profiles:

➤ Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	6	4.3	2	1
2014-2015	14	15.7	9	3
2013-2014	14	16.9	6	4
2012-2013	3	1.8	4	1
2011-2012	9	9.5	2	3

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

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

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

2nd Session, 41st 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

* In the individual committee profiles:

➤ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Dara Lithwick (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage (since March 2016)

Catherine Piccinin (until March 2016)

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**

During the fiscal year, the committee considered four bills and engaged in two special studies.

The committee held several meetings and heard from 16 witnesses in total, including the Minister of Natural Resources, as part of its study of Bill C-46, An Act to amend the *National Energy Board Act* and the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act*. In June 2015 the committee reported the bill without amendment.

In June 2015, after 17 months of study and consideration, the committee released their report on non-renewable and renewable energy development including energy storage, distribution, transmission, consumption and other emerging technologies in Canada's three northern territories. During the course of the study, the committee held 18 hearings and heard from 46 witnesses consisting of federal, territorial and municipal officials, the Alaskan Energy Authority, industry representatives, energy associations, aboriginal governments, territorial electric utilities, energy experts, business leaders and environmental groups. The committee also travelled for a week in the territories visiting each of the capitals and also smaller communities such as Kimmirut and Rankin Inlet in Nunavut and Whati in NWT to listen to community leaders.

["Powering Canada's Territories"](#) contained five recommendations to the federal government to help improve the energy circumstances of the territories. The recommendations aimed at improving energy efficiency and conservation, enhancing community-based energy solutions and coordinating federal resources under a central hub.

Field Code Changed

Bill C-61, An Act to amend the Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act, Bill C-64, An Act to amend the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act and Bill C-72, An Act to amend the Canada National Parks Act were considered and all three were reported without amendment.

In April 2016, the committee began a new study to examine the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy. The committee continues their public hearings and fact-finding meetings on this pivotal issue, with the intention of making recommendations to assist the federal government in meeting its carbon reduction objectives by no later than September 30, 2017.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twelfth	Study on non-renewable and renewable energy	15-04-23	-	Budget – Northern Energy
Thirteenth	Bill C-46, An Act to amend the National Energy Board Act and the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act	15-06-04	16	Bill without amendment
Fourteenth	Study on non-renewable and renewable energy	15-06-17	46	Special Study report entitled <i>Powering Canada's Territories</i>
Fifteenth	Bill C-61, An Act to amend the Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act	15-06-22	4	Bill C-61
Sixteenth	Bill C-64, An Act to amend the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act	15-06-22	4	Bill C-64
Seventeenth	Bill C-72, An Act to amend the Canada National Parks Act	15-06-22	4	Bill C-72

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	16-01-27	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Second	Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy	-	-	Budget

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	16	20.3	-	52	7
2014-2015	38	53.5	40.7	128	8
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

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	\$9,056
Witness Expenses	<u>\$7,070</u>
TOTAL	\$16,126

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Richard Neufeld (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Paul J. Massicotte (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 Ataullahjan, Bellemare, Beyak, Day, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C., Enverga, Greene, Lang, McIntyre, Nolin, Plett Rivard, Tannas, Tkachuk, Verner, P.C., and White

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

^{*} In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sam Banks and Marc LeBlanc (Library of Parliament)
Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

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 Bellemare, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Frum, Johnson, MacDonald, Massicotte, McCoy, Mitchell, Mockler, Neufeld, Patterson, Ringuette and Seidman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Marshall, Rivard and Eaton

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sam Banks and Marc LeBlanc (Library of Parliament)
Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant) (until December 2015)
Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant) (since January 2016)

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

A. General Information

The Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans was authorized on December 9, 2013, to examine the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada. Hearings for the study began in January 2014 and continued until June 2015. During the course of the study, fact-finding missions were conducted in British Columbia, the East coast of Canada and in Scotland and Norway. The committee also held public hearings in Nanaimo, BC, Gander, NL, Halifax, NS, and Moncton, NB. The committee's final report on aquaculture, comprising three volumes, was tabled with the Clerk of the Senate on July 30, 2015.

On June 3, 2015, the committee examined Bill S-224, An Act respecting National Seal and Seafood Products Day, and reported on it to the Senate with five amendments. The amendments had the effect of changing the title to National Seal Products Day. On June 10, 2015, the committee examined Bill C-555, An Act respecting the Marine Mammal Regulations, and reported on it to the Senate without amendment. On March 10, 2016, as Bill S-224 was not passed prior to the dissolution of the previous Session of Parliament, it was re-introduced in the current Session as Bill S-208, An Act respecting National Seal Products Day. The committee examined Bill S-208 and reported on it with an amendment to substitute the word "Indigenous" for the word "Aboriginal" in four instances in the English version.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016^(a)

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Ninth	Study on the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada	15-05-05	-	Budget 2015-2016
Tenth	Bill S-224, An Act respecting National Seal and Seafood Products Day	15-06-03	1	Bill S-224 reported with 5 amendments
Eleventh	Bill C-555, An Act respecting the Marine Mammal Regulations (seal fishery observation licence)	15-06-10	-	Bill C-555, reported without amendment
Twelfth	Study on the regulation of aquaculture, current	15-07-30	134	Final report entitled <i>An Ocean of Opportunities</i> :

^a In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada			<i>Aquaculture in Canada</i>
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2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	16-02-03	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Second	Bill S-208, An Act respecting National Seal Products Day	16-03-10	1	Bill S-208 with amendment

C. Activities of the committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016^{*}

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	10	8.8	-	2	6
2014-2015	27	49.3	69.0	113	5
2013-2014	15	20.5	15.5	39	5
2012-2013	22	40.8	-	57	3
2011-2012	17	28.4	-	53	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$16,743
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$16,743

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Chair:

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

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 Ataullahjan, Batters, Enverga, Lang, McIntyre, Mercer, Meredith, Mockler, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Tannas, Tkachuk and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Maxwell Hollins

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As December 3, 2015)

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 *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Enverga, Hubley, Lovelace Nicholas, Manning, Martin, McInnis, Munson, Poirier, Raine, Stewart Olsen, Watt and Wells

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

Cordy, Fortin-Duplessis, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Meredith, Oh, Tkachuk and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Maxwell Hollins

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

A. General Information

During the first part of the fiscal year (end of the 2nd Session of the 41st Parliament), the committee completed its hearings on the topic of trade promotion. It also held meetings where it received updates and information on the situation in various countries and regions with a goal to monitor issues, better understand major challenges and assess potential impacts on regional and global dynamics, including on Canadian policy, interests and programs.

During the second part of the fiscal year (beginning of the 1st Session of the 42nd Parliament), the committee held hearings on the topic of trade agreements, and, as part of its study on recent political and economic developments in Argentina. The committee also held meetings where it received updates and information on the situation in Russia, Venezuela and Crimea.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Tenth	Examine the potential for increased Canada-United States-Mexico trade investment	15-06-11	22	Final report entitled <i>North American Neighbours: Maximizing Opportunities and Strengthening Cooperation for a more Prosperous Future</i>
Eleventh	Examine such issues as may arise from time to time relating to foreign relations and international trade generally (Topic: Trade Promotion)	15-06-17	48	Interim report <i>Expanding Canadian Businesses' Engagement in Foreign Markets: the Role of Federal Trade Promotion Services</i>
Twelfth	Study on the security conditions and economic developments in the Asia-Pacific region, the implications for Canadian policy and interests in the region, and other related matters	15-06-29	73	Final Report entitled <i>Securing Canada's Place in Asia-Pacific: a Focus on Southeast Asia</i>

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	16-02-04	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Second	Study on foreign relations and international trade generally	16-03-24	64	Interim Report: Taking Action Against Human Rights Violators in Russia

C. Activities of the committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	21	25.3	-	49	5
2014-2015	40	50.9	30.0	125	6
2013-2014	29	38.2	-	77	5
2012-2013	32	45.2	36.2	93	9
2011-2012	23	30.9	66	57	2

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$4,644</u>
TOTAL	\$4,644

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

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, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Doyle, Eaton, Enverga, Greene, Macdonald, Meredith, Mockler, Neufeld, Patterson, Rivard, Tkachuk and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Mark Palmer

Analysts and Administrative Support:

James Lee and Pascal Tremblay (Library of Parliament)
Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

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), Cordy, *Cowan (or Fraser), Dawson, Downe, Housakos, Johnson, Ngo, Oh, Poirier, Rivard and Smith, P.C. (*Cobourg*)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Eaton, Lang, Maltais, Marshall, Martin, Neufeld, Raine, Tannas, Wells and Unger

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn and Pascal Tremblay (Library of Parliament)
Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Human Rights

A. General Information

The Standing Committee on Human Rights continued and finished several studies in the 2nd session of the 41st Parliament. In particular, the committee reported on the Hague Abductions Convention, and also reported on how the mandates and practices of the UNHCR and UNICEF have evolved to meet the needs of displaced children in modern conflict situations, with particular attention to the current crisis in Syria. At the beginning of the 42nd parliament, the committee began by studying Bill S-201 and followed up by studying topics under its general order of reference.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twelfth	Study on the international mechanisms toward improving cooperation in the settlement of cross-border family disputes, including Canada's actions to encourage universal adherence to and compliance with The Hague Abduction Convention	15-06-11	-	Budget: Study on The Hague Convention
Thirteenth	Study on the international mechanisms toward improving cooperation in the settlement of cross-border family disputes, including Canada's actions to encourage universal adherence to and compliance with The Hague Abduction Convention	15-07-24	42	Final Report entitled <i>Alert: Challenges and International Mechanisms to Address Cross-Border Child Abduction</i>
Fourteenth	Examine and report on how the mandates and practices of the UNHCR and UNICEF have evolved to meet the needs of displaced children in modern conflict	15-07-24	24	Final report entitled <i>Protecting a Generation: Are UNICEF and UNHCR Mandates Meeting the Needs of Syrian Children?</i>

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Witness Expenses	\$5,616
TOTAL	\$5,616

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

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. *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 Black, Boisvenu, Cowan, Eaton, Fortin-Duplessis, Frum, Martin, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Raine, Smith (*Saurel*), Tannas and Unger

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson (until May 2015)

Mark Palmer (since May 2015)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Julia Nicol and Shauna Troniak (Library of Parliament)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (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, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Gagné, Hubley, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Ngo and Omnidvar

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Black, Boisvenu, Cowan, Eaton, Fortin-Duplessis, Frum, Martin, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Raine, Smith (*Saurel*), Tannas and Unger

Committee Clerk:

Mark Palmer

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Julia Nicol and Jean-Philippe Duguay (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 2015-2016²

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourteenth	Administrative matters	15-04-23	-	Committee Budgets 2015-2016
Fifteenth	Elements contained in Division 10 of Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures	15-06-04	2	Elements contained in Division 10 of Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	16-01-26	-	Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for 2014-15
Second	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative	16-02-18	-	Committee budget – legislation

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	matters			
Third	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	16-02-25	-	Senate budget for 2016-2017

C. Activities of the committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016^{*}

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	18	22.4	2	5
2014-2015	25	32.9	19	10
2013-2014	21	34.7	30	11
2012-2013	23	24.7	17	10
2011-2012	18	20.9	3	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

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

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Chair:

- The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative) (since April 2015)
- The Honourable Senator Pierre Claude Nolin (Conservative) (until April 2015)

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 Martin), Cordy, Comeau, P.C., *Cowan (or

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

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 Batters, Fraser, Frum, Greene, Housakos, Hubley, McInnis, Neufeld, Nolin, Plett, Poirier, Raine, Rivard, Tannas, Wells and White

Committee Clerk:

Nicole Proulx (Chief Corporate Services Officer and Clerk of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration) (since January 2015)
Gary W. O'Brien (Clerk of the Senate) (until January 2015)

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Lucie Lavoie (Chief of Staff to the Clerk of the Senate and Recording Secretary) (until July 2015)
Jodi Turner (Procedural clerk and Recording Secretary) (since July 2015)
Victoria Deng (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jane Cordy (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Batters, Campbell, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Cordy, *Cowan (or Fraser), Downe, Housakos, Jaffer, Lang, Manning, Marshall, Munson, Smith, Tannas, Tkachuk, Wallace and Wells

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cools, Cowan, Dawson, Doyle, Frum, Joyal, P.C., Lankin, P.C., Mercer, McCoy, Mitchell, Mockler, Ngo, Plett, Pratte and Seidman

Committee Clerk:

Nicole Proulx (Chief Corporate Services Officer and Clerk of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration)

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Jodi Turner (Procedural Clerk and Recording Secretary)
Victoria Deng and Karine Déquier (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, during the second session of the 41st Parliament, the committee studied and reported on six government bills and one private members' bill. During the first session of the 42nd Parliament, the committee began a special study on delays in Canada's criminal justice system holding 10 meetings and hearing from 41 witnesses on the subject during this fiscal year.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2nd Session, 41st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twenty-sixth	Bill C-32, An Act to enact the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights and to amend certain Acts	15-04-02	25	Bill C-32 reported without amendment
Twenty-seventh	Bill C-377, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (requirement for labour organizations)	15-05-14	23	Bill C-377 reported without amendment
Twenty-eighth	Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	15-05-28	21	Bill C-2 reported without amendment
Twenty-ninth	Bill C-26, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Canada Evidence Act and the Sex Offender Information Registration Act, to enact the High Risk Child Sex Offender Database Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	15-06-04	22	Bill C-26 reported without amendment
Thirtieth	Bill C-12, An Act to amend	15-06-11	12	Bill C-12 reported

* In the individual committee profiles:

➤ Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	the Corrections and Conditional Release Act			without amendment
Thirty-first	Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Firearms Act and the Criminal Code and to make a related amendment and a consequential amendment to other Acts	15-06-15	15	Bill C-42 reported without amendment
Thirty-second	Bill C-35, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (law enforcement animals, military animals and service animals)	15-06-18	9	Bill C-35 reported without amendment

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization Meeting	16-02-18	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Second	Study on matters pertaining to delays in Canada's criminal justice system	16-03-24	-	Budget

C. Activities of the committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016^{*}

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	30	51.2	-	168	9
2014-2015	53	104.1	-	269	21
2013-2014	31	56.1	5.2	120	11
2012-2013	40	66.1	-	144	13
2011-2012	38	116.6	-	220	10

^{*} In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	\$2,043
Witness Expenses	<u>\$36,218</u>
TOTAL	\$38,261

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

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 Bellemare, Beyak, Black, Cordy, Cowan, Doyle, Fraser, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Lang, LeBreton, P.C., MacDonald, Manning, McCoy, McInnis, Meredith, Mitchell, Mockler, Moore, Munson, Ngo, Patterson, Plett, Raine, Ringuette, Rivard, Tannas, Tkachuk, Unger and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Robin Mackay and Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)
Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Mobina S.B. Jaffer (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Batters, Boisvenu, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Dagenais, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., McInnis, McIntyre, Plett, Runciman, Sinclair and White

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cowan, Fraser, MacDonald

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Maxime Charron-Tousignant and Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

Special Committee on Senate Modernization

A. General Information

The Special Committee on Senate Modernization was created following the adoption of a motion on December 12, 2015 to consider methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework.

This new committee began hearing from witnesses at the end of 2015-2016 and plans to table a series of reports with recommendations to improve and modernize the functioning of the Senate.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016

There were no reports in this period.

C. Activities of the committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	3	5.1	-	3	-

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

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

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Thomas Johnson McInnis (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators Cools, Eggleton, P.C., Greene, Joyal, P.C., Massicotte, McCoy, McInnis, Stewart Olsen and Tannas

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jean-Rodrigue Paré and Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Lyne Héroux (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:

- the public accounts and the reports of the Auditor General; and
- 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 focused 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 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, including the Main Estimates 2015-2016, Supplementary Estimates (A), 2015-2016, Supplementary Estimates (B), 2015-2016, and Supplementary Estimates (C), 2015-2016. In March 2016, the committee also undertook a preliminary examination of the Main Estimates 2016-2017 and tabled an interim report to the Senate by which a range of issues were brought to the attention of the Senate by the committee.

Two bills were also reported by the committee:

- Bill C-21, An Act to control the administrative burden that regulations impose on businesses, without amendment; and
- Bill C-59, Economic Action Plan 2015 Act, No. 1, without amendment.

Field Code Changed

With respect to Bill C-59, the committee undertook the study of its subject matter before it was introduced in the Senate. This allowed the committee to hear witnesses on the bill prior to its being read for the first time in the Senate. The committee tabled a report providing a summary of the testimony heard during the pre-study and then proceeded directly to clause-by-clause consideration when the bill was referred to it.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2nd Session, 41st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Nineteenth	Bill C-21, An Act to control the administrative burden that regulations impose on businesses	2015-04-02	7	Bill C-21 reported without amendment
Twentieth	Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016	2015-06-09	14	Final on the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2015-2016
Twenty-first	The expenditures set out in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016	2015-06-09	46	Second Interim Report on the 2015-2016 Main Estimates
Twenty-second	Subject matter of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures	2015-06-11	55	Report on the subject matter of Bill C-59
Twenty-third	Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures	2015-06-18	-	Bill C-59 reported without amendment

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016	2015-12-10	10	Final report on the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2015-2016
Second	Organization meeting	2016-02-03	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Third	Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year	2016-03-22	23	Final report on the Supplementary Estimates

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	ending March 31, 2016			(C), 2015-16
Fourth	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017	2016-03-22	39	First interim report on Main Estimates, 2016-17

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	33	47.3	-	161	9
2014-2015	56	88.0	-	302	11
2013-2014	50	81.7	-	267	12
2012-2013	63	108.9	-	312	11
2011-2012	35	61.6	-	200	8

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$1,045
TOTAL	\$1,045

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

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 on October 24, 2013):

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

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Black, Eaton, Maltais, McIntyre, Massicotte, Nancy Ruth, Ogilvie, Oh, Rivard, Unger and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Jodi Turner

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Raphaëlle Deraspe and Sylvain Fleury (Library of Parliament)
Louise Martel (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Larry Smith (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Larry Campbell

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Senate on December 8, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Carignan, P.C., (or Martin), Chaput, Cowan (or Fraser), Day, Eaton, Gerstein, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Mockler, Rivard, Smith (*Saurel*) and Wallace

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Campbell, Cowan, Eaton, Gerstein, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Manning, Marshall, Mitchell, Mockler, Neufeld and Smith (*Saurel*)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Lang, Patterson, Pratte, Raine and Rivard

Committee Clerks:

Jodi Turner (until November 2015)
Shaila Anwar (December 2015)
Gaëtane Lemay (since January 2016)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Raphaëlle Deraspe (until November 2015)
Sylvain Fleury
Alex Smith (since December 2015)
Louise Martel (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

A. General Information

The Senate 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 June 2015, the committee tabled a report concluding its study on the policies, practices, and collaborative efforts of the Canada Border Services Agency in determining admissibility and inadmissibility into Canada. The committee learned of several policy and operational challenges facing the CBSA and other government actors involved in the process. The committee believes it is necessary that relevant departments and agencies involved in the process of identifying and denying entry to inadmissible persons to Canada have access to timely, accurate and relevant information through clear information sharing arrangements and improved coordination. With its findings, the committee made ten recommendations to enhance Canada's border security.

In July 2015, the committee tabled a report in relation to its study of security threats to Canada. In its interim report, the committee examined terrorist recruitment, operations, financing, prosecutions and other aspects of the security threats facing Canada. The committee made a series of recommendations relating to terrorist groups, extremism, working with community groups, programs to support families who report radicalization; funding of terrorism; etc.

Finally, the committee conducted legislative work, including Bill C-51, the Anti-terrorism Act, 2015, which was reported back without amendment but with observations, as well as the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 2 and 17 of Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2nd Session, 41st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourteenth	Bill C-51, An Act to enact the Security of Canada Information Sharing Act and the Secure Air Travel Act, to amend the Criminal Code, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act	2015-05-27	20	Bill reported without amendment but with observations

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts			
Fifteenth	Subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 2 and 17 of Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures	2015-06-03	8	Subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 2 and 17 of Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures, without amendment
Sixteenth	Study on the policies, practices, and collaborative efforts of Canada Border Services Agency in determining admissibility to Canada and removal of inadmissible individuals	2015-06-18	28	Final report entitled: <i>Vigilance, Accountability and Security at Canada's Borders</i>
Seventeenth	Study on the medical, social, and operational impacts of mental health issues affecting serving and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces, including operational stress injuries (OSIs) such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)	2015-06-18	24	Interim report entitled: <i>Interim Report on the Operational Stress Injuries of Canada's Veterans</i>
Eighteenth	Study and report on security threats facing Canada	2015-07-08	58	<i>Countering the terrorist threat in Canada: an interim report</i>

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization Meeting	2016-01-26	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Second	Study on security threats facing Canada, including but not limited to:(a) Cyber	2016-03-24	16	Budget report on Security Threats

	espionage; (b) Threats to critical infrastructure; (c) Terrorist recruitment and financing; (d) Terrorist operations and prosecutions			
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	18	48	-	105	7
2014-2015	22	66.6	11.5	113	11
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

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$16,579
TOTAL	\$16,579

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Daniel Lang (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Grant Mitchell (Liberal)

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

* In the individual committee profiles:

➤ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

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 Baker, P.C., Beyak, Campbell, Charette-Poulin, Dagenais, Enverga, Fortin-Duplessis, Frum, Kenny, LeBreton, P.C., McIntyre, Neufeld, Ngo, Oh, Ringuette, Stewart Olsen, Tkachuk, Wallace and White

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Wolfgang Koerner and Holly Porteous (Library of Parliament)
Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Daniel Lang (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina Jaffer (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Beyak, Dagenais, Jaffer, Kenny, Lang, McCoy, Meredith and White

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Manning, Ngo, Runciman, Smith and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Wolfgang Koerner, Dominique Valiquet and Katherine Simonds (Library of Parliament)
Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

A. General Information

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 also completed the first phase of a study on the medical, social, and operational impacts of mental health issues affecting serving and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces, including operational stress injuries (OSIs) such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This interim report provided an overview of what the subcommittee learned to date as part of its ongoing study and offers some preliminary thoughts on the issue.

In addition to its special study work, the subcommittee was delegated certain legislative business from the Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defence, including a pre-study of certain elements of the 2015 Budget Implementation Act.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

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, 2011-2016*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2015-2016	11	10.5	-	28
2014-2015	18	17.1	-	31
2013-2014	8	8.2	-	11
2012-2013	15	14.8	9	28
2011-2012	10	10.8	6.5	22

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures NIL

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

Witness Expenses	<u>\$257</u>
TOTAL	\$257

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Carolyn Stewart Olsen (Conservative)

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

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

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Campbell, Enverga, Frum, Jaffer, Mitchell, Mockler, Neufeld, Plett, Wallace and White

Subcommittee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Martin Auger (Library of Parliament)
Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Senate Liberals)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Dagenais, Day, Jaffer, Lang and White

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Manning, Beyak, Runciman and Mitchell

Subcommittee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Isabelle Lafontaine-Emond (Library of Parliament)
Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Official Languages

A. General Information

During 2015-2016, the Standing Committee on Official Languages completed a study on best practices for language policies and second-language learning in a context of linguistic duality or plurality. The committee tabled its final report, entitled *Aiming Higher: Increasing bilingualism of our Canadian Youth*, in the Senate on June 16, 2015.

Also during this time, the committee held four meetings on Bill S-205, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act (communications with and services to the public).

Finally, the committee convened three meetings to hear from witnesses under its order of reference to study the application of the *Official Languages Act*.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Study on best practices for language policies and second-language learning in a context of linguistic duality or plurality	2015-05-26	-	Special Study Budget
Sixth	Study on best practices for language policies and second-language learning in a context of linguistic duality or plurality	2015-06-16	37	Second-language learning

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization Meeting	2016-01-28	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	12	15.9	-	41	4
2014-2015	23	39	-	72	3
2013-2014	19	30.2	7.5	57	3
2012-2013	24	41	-	101	2
2011-2012	19	29.7	-	84	3

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$26,538</u>
TOTAL	\$26,538

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Claudette Tardif (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Suzanne Fortin-Duplessis (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 Boisvenu, Jaffer, Maltais, Marshall, McInnis, Meredith, Mockler, Oh, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., Seidman and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

Analyst and Administrative Support:

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

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Claudette Tardif (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Rose-May Poirier (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Jaffer, Maltais, McIntyre, Poirier, Rivard, Seidman, Tardif and Wells.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Dagenais and Oh.

Committee Clerk:

Maxwell Hollins

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)
Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant)

Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying

A. General Information

In February 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada concluded in *Carter v. Canada (Attorney General)* that in certain circumstances, the provisions of the *Criminal Code* that prohibit medical assistance in dying violate the rights of individuals that are protected by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

On December 11, 2015, the Senate and the House of Commons passed motions to establish a special joint committee whose mandate was to:

Review the report of the *External Panel on Options for a Legislative Response to Carter v. Canada* and other recent relevant consultation activities and studies, to consult with Canadians, experts and stakeholders, and make recommendations on the framework of a federal response on physician-assisted dying that respects the Constitution, the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, and the priorities of Canadians.

Between January and February 2016, the special joint committee held 16 meetings and heard from 61 witnesses. It also received over 120 written submissions. Guided by the Court's decision, the committee worked diligently to respond as requested, and tabled its final report in February 2016, making 21 recommendations designed to assist the government in formulating a legislative framework. The committee's recommendations identified amendments to the *Criminal Code*, proposed eligibility criteria for medical assistance in dying, and included a number of substantive and procedural safeguards and oversight provisions.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Review the report of the External Panel on Options for a Legislative Response to <i>Carter v. Canada</i> and other recent relevant consultation activities and studies, to consult with Canadians, experts and stakeholders, and make recommendations on the framework of a federal response on physician-assisted dying that respects the Constitution, the <i>Charter of Rights and</i>	16-02-25	61	Report entitled <i>Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach</i>

	Freedoms, and the priorities of Canadians			
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C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	16	36.1	-	61	1

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	\$9,581
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$9,581

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Kelvin Kenneth Ogilvie (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as appointed by the Senate on Friday, December 11, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Cowan, Joyal, P.C., Nancy Ruth, Ogilvie and Seidman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Doyle, Enverga and Unger

Joint Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Julia Nicol, Marlisa Tiedemann and Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

A. General Information

In 2015-2016, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament completed three substantive reports. The seventh report during the second session of the 41st Parliament dealt with parliamentary privilege in Canada in the 21st century, and marked the first time a parliamentary body in Canada had completed a comprehensive study of the topic. The committee also reported two bills: C-586 (without amendment) and C-518 (with amendments). A case of privilege relating to leaks of the Auditor General's report on the audit of senators' expenses was also referred to the committee. Work on this study was interrupted by dissolution. The Senate referred the matter back to the committee at the start of the 42nd Parliament, and hearings resumed during 2016-2017.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	Consideration of a report of the Subcommittee on Parliamentary Privilege	15-06-02	-	Interim report entitled <i>A Matter of Privilege: A Discussion Paper on Canadian Parliamentary Privilege in the 21st Century</i>
Eighth	Bill C-586, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Parliament of Canada Act (candidacy and caucus reforms)	15-06-02	5	Bill C-586 reported without amendment
Ninth	Bill C-518, An Act to amend the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act (withdrawal allowance)	15-06-25	5	Bill C-518, An Act to amend the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act (withdrawal allowance), with amendments

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	16-03-22	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2011-2016²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	13	13.2	-	13	4
2014-2015	10	8.5	-	3	2
2013-2014	11	14.6	-	14	5
2012-2013	8	5	-	9	5
2011-2012	11	13.2	-	-	2

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$277</u>
TOTAL	\$277

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

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):

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

The Honourable Senators Batters, Beyak, Braley, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Comeau, P.C., Cools, *Cowan (or Fraser), Enverga, 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 Andreychuk, Dagenais, Day, Doyle, Fortin-Duplessis, Fraser, Frum, Gerstein, Housakos, Manning, McIntyre, Moore, Runciman, Tkachuk, Unger, Verner, P.C., Wells and White

Committee Clerk:

Charles Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Dara Lithwick and Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)
Ross Ryan (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Vernon White (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Batters, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Cowan (or Fraser), Fraser, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., Martin, McInnis, Ogilvie, Seidman, Wells and White

Other senator who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Hervieux-Payette, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Charles Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Dara Lithwick and Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)
Safa Abdel Rahman (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 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Pursuant to rule 12-2(1)(a) of the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>	2015-05-28	-	Nomination of a Speaker <i>pro tempore</i>

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Pursuant to rule 12-2(1)(a) of the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>	2015-12-09	-	Nomination of a Speaker <i>pro tempore</i>
Second	Pursuant to rule 12-2(2) of the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>	2015-12-09	-	Nomination of senators to serve on committees
Third	Pursuant to the order of the Senate respecting the creation of the Special Committee on Senate Modernization	2016-02-17	-	Nomination of senators to serve on the Special Committee on Senate Modernization

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2011-2016*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	3	0.6	-	4

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

2014-2015	1	0.1	-	1
2013-2014	4	0.5	-	5
2012-2013	-	-	-	-
2011-2012	1	0.2	-	2

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(For more details, see Part III of this report)

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

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

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 Poirier and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:
Blair Armitage

Administrative Support:
Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament
(As of December 3, 2015)

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), Fraser, Frum, Hubley, Marshall, Martin, Munson, Plett, and Wells

Other senator who participated in the work of the committee:
The Honourable Senator Mitchell

Committee Clerk:
Blair Armitage

Administrative Support:
Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

A. General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology has the mandate to examine legislation and to study issues related to cultural affairs and the arts, social and labour matters, health and welfare, pensions and housing. It is also responsible for considering fitness and amateur sport, employment and immigration, consumer affairs, and youth affairs.

During the spring of 2015, the committee completed public hearings on its study on the increasing incidence of obesity in Canada. The committee also examined and reported on 3 bills (See Chart B) and studied and reported on the subject matter of Division 15 of Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures, which amended certain provisions in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Shortly after resuming its activities in January 2016 in the new Parliament, the committee tabled its final report on obesity in Canada. The report entitled: *Obesity in Canada: A Whole-of-Society Approach for a Healthier Canada*, contained 22 recommendations. The committee then began a new study on the effects of dementia in our society, holding several public hearings on the subject.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Nineteenth	Bill S-208, An Act to establish the Canadian Commission on Mental Health and Justice	15-04-01	15	Report recommending bill not be further considered
Twentieth	Bill C-247, An Act to provide that the Department of Employment and Social Development is the main point of contact with the Government of Canada in respect of the death of a Canadian citizen or resident	15-04-23	6	Bill reported without amendment
Twenty-first	Bill C-591, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan and the Old Age Security Act (pension and benefits)	15-04-23	3	Bill reported without amendment

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Twenty-second	Subject matter of those elements contained in Division 15 of Part 3 of Bill C-59, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 21, 2015 and other measures	15-06-03	8	Review
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1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization Meeting	2016-01-28	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Second	Study on increasing incidence of obesity in Canada	2016-03-01	0*	Report entitled <i>Obesity in Canada : A Whole-of-Society Approach for a Healthier Canada</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	24	32.2	-	62	6
2014-2015	47	69.2	-	171	13
2013-2014	34	49.8	-	97	11
2012-2013	46	79	-	169	13
2011-2012	32	53.4	-	104	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures NIL

* This order of reference includes the papers and evidence received and taken and work accomplished by the committee on this subject during the Second Session of the Forty-First Parliament.

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

Witness Expenses	<u>\$12,267</u>
TOTAL	\$12,267

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

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, Ogilvie, Segal, Seidman, Seth and Stewart Olsen

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Beyak, Cowan, Demers, Frum, Hubley, Lang, MacDonald, Manning, Merchant, Meredith, Moore, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Ngo, Oh, Patterson, Raine, Smith, P.C. (*Cobourg*), Tkachuk, Wallace and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)
Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Cowan, Eggleton, P.C., Frum, Martin, Merchant, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Ogilvie, Raine, Seidman and Stewart Olsen.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Martin, Munson and Patterson.

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

A. General Information

The Standing Committee on Transport and Communications commenced 2015-2016 by drafting and subsequently tabling a report on the challenges faced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in relation to the changing environment of broadcasting and communications. In July 2015, it tabled *Time for Change: The CBC/Radio-Canada in the Twenty-first Century* with 22 recommendations dealing with programming, funding, governance and the crown corporation's general mandate. During this time, the committee also held meetings and reported on three items referred to it by the Senate: Bill C-52 and Bill C-627 and a user fee on fixed-satellite services and broadcasting-satellite services spectrum.

Following the Forty-Second general election, the committee was reconstituted in December 2015 and obtained from the Senate the authorization to hear from three ministers whose departments fall within the scope of the committee's jurisdiction regarding their ministerial mandates letters. Since the publishing of these letters from the Prime Minister is a new development, the committee invited the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Canadian Heritage to appear on February 17, 2016, to speak about their upcoming plans to fulfil their assigned responsibilities.

At the end of the year, the committee received an order of reference to study the transportation of crude oil in Canada and hearings were scheduled to begin in April 2016.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	Industry Canada's User Fee Proposal, dated April 2015, for Fixed-Satellite Services and Broadcasting-Satellite Services Spectrum in Canada, pursuant to the User Fees Act, S.C. 2004, c. 6, sbs. 4(2)	2015-05-25	2	<i>User Fees Act</i>
Twelfth	Bill C-52, An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act and the Railway Safety Act	2015-06-18	18	Bill C-52, An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act and the Railway Safety Act, without amendment
Thirteenth	Bill C-627, An Act to amend	2015-06-18	1	Bill C-627, An Act to

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	the Railway Safety Act (safety of persons and property)			amend the Railway Safety Act (safety of persons and property), without amendment
Fourteenth	Examine the challenges faced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in relation to the changing environment of broadcasting and communications	2015-07-20	107	Time for Change: The CBC Radio-Canada in the Twenty-First Century

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	2016-01-26	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)
Second	Study on the regulatory and technical issues related to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles	2016-03-24	2	Budget - Conference on automated vehicles

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-2016

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	14	16.2	-	26	6
2014-2015	47	72.5	36.7	160	7
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

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$1,469</u>
TOTAL	\$1,469

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Donald Neil Plett (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, Charette-Poulin, Cordy, Dagenais, Fortin-Duplessis, Furey, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Joyal, P.C., Maltais, Martin, Massicotte, Merchant, Mockler, Munson, Oh, Seidman, Unger and White

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Alexandre Lavoie, Dillan Theckedath and Terrence Thomas (Library of Parliament)
Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael MacDonald (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators *Carginan, P.C. (or Martin), Black, Boisvenu, Dawson, Doyle, Eggleton, P.C., Greene, MacDonald, Mercer, Plett, Runciman and Unger

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Merchant, Oh and Poirier

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jed Chong, Allison Padova and Dillian Theckedath (Library of Parliament)

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament

A. General Information

The Standing 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 2015-2016

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	1	0.08	-	-
2014-2015	2	1.3	2	-
2013-2014	2	1.8	-	1
2012-2013	4	3.1	5	1
2011-2012	1	0.7	-	1

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

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

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Liberal) (since May 7, 2015)

The Honourable Senator Marie-P. Charette-Poulin (Liberal) (until May 7, 2015)

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

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

The Honourable Senators Champagne, P.C., Charette-Poulin, Cools, Mercer and Rivard

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Eaton and Fortin-Duplessis

Joint Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Tanya Dupuis and Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Mélanie Moore (Administrative Assistant) (since October 2014)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant) (until October 2014)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Joint Chair:

There is presently no Joint Chair from the Senate

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

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Eaton, Mercer, Merchant and Rivard

Joint Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Alex Smith and Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Mélanie Moore (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations

A. General Information

The mandate of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations 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 inquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

In the 2015-2016 fiscal year, 4 meetings were held. Two witnesses were called.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	16-03-22	-	Expenses incurred during 41-2- (rule 12-26)

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2015-2016	4	5.0	-	1
2014-2015	13	14.7	-	2
2013-2014	10	12.4	-	2
2012-2013	11	12.1	-	-
2011-2012	11	10.5	-	1

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

Budget Expenditures \$432

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2015-2016) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2015-2016, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2011-2016) 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 2015-2016.

Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$432

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (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 Senators Charette-Poulin, Fortin-Duplessis, McInnis, Meredith, Rivard, Smith, P.C. (*Cobourg*) and Stewart Olsen

Joint Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick (until April 2015)
Jodi Turner (until December 2015)
Adam Thompson (since December 2015)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Shawn Abel, Peter Bernhardt, Evelyne Borkowski-Parent and Cynthia Kirkby (Library of Parliament)
Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

(As of December 3, 2015)

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pana Merchant (Senate Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators McCoy, Merchant, Moore and Runciman

Joint Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Shawn Abel, Peter Bernhardt, Evelyne Borkowski-Parent and Cynthia Kirkby (Library of Parliament)
Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2015-2016

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 video conferencing 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, 2011-2016

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses (B)	Other Expenses (C)	Total Expenditures (A+B+C)
2015-16	336	\$85,566	\$169,531	\$58,225	\$313,322
2014-15	586	\$866,924	\$404,067	\$139,504	\$1,410,495
2013-14	422	\$303,431	\$212,433	\$103,393	\$619,257
2012-13	513	\$757,711	\$298,733	\$129,818	\$1,186,262
2011-12	401	\$486,556	\$249,807	\$107,138	\$843,501

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 outside of Ottawa and ground transportation)
3. **All Other Expenditures** (including courier charges, rental of meeting rooms, reporting and interpretation equipment and printing)

Committee Budgets and Expenditures Report for 2015-2016

Name of Committee	BUDGET			EXPENDITURES		
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transport, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Session 41-2						
Aboriginal Peoples						
Special Study - First Nations Infrastructure on Reserves	16,250					
<i>General Expenses</i>		16,250	6,313	-	1,525	7,838
TOTAL	16,250	16,250	6,313	-	1,525	7,838
Banking, Trade and Commerce						
Legislation	7,165					
<i>General Expenses</i>		7,165	6,795	-	-	6,795
Special Study - Digital Currency	16,700					
<i>Activity 1: New York, NY</i>		16,700	10,000	1,257	346	11,602
TOTAL	23,865	23,865	16,795	1,257	346	18,397
Conflict of Interest for Senators						
<i>General Expenses</i>	50,000					
		50,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-
Energy, The Environment and Natural Resources						
Special Study - Northern Energy	14,500					
<i>General Expenses</i>		14,500	7,880	1,176	-	9,056
	14,500	14,500	7,880	1,176	-	9,056
Fisheries and Oceans						
Special Study - Aquaculture						

	24,625					
<i>General Expenses</i>		24,625	15,750	-	984	16,734
<i>St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador (2014-2015)</i>		-	-	9	-	9
TOTAL	24,625	24,625	15,750	9	984	16,743
Human Rights						
Special Study - Hague Abduction						
<i>General Expenses</i>	1,000					
		1,000	-	-	-	-
Special Study - Children in Syria (UNHCR & UNICEF)						
<i>Activity 1: Beirut and Aman (CANCELED)</i>	-					
		-	-	-	-	-
	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
Official Languages						
Special Study - SS7 2nd Language Learning						
	500					
<i>General Expenses</i>		200	-	-	464	464
TOTAL	500	200	-	-	464	464
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)						
Joint Committee						
	3,000					
<i>General Expenses</i>		3,000	231	-	172	403
TOTAL	3,000	3,000	231	-	172	403
TOTAL 41-2	133,740	133,440	46,968	2,442	3,491	52,901

Name of Committee	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transport, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Session 42-1						
Agriculture and Forestry						
Special Study - Market Access	84,137					
<i>Activity 1: Moncton, NB</i>		84,137	4,163	23,246	3,285	30,693
TOTAL	84,137	84,137	4,163	23,246	3,285	30,693
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal and Constitutional Affairs						
Legislation	2,300					
<i>General Expenses</i>		2,300	-	-	2,043	-
TOTAL	2,300	2,300	-	-	2,043	2,043
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)						
Joint Committee	300					
<i>General Expenses</i>		300	15	-	13	29
TOTAL	300	300	15	-	13	29
TOTAL 42-1	86,737	86,737	4,178	23,246	5,341	32,765

* 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.

Witness and Video conference Expense Breakdown 2015-2016

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	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	5,728	
<i>Special Study - First Nations Infrastructure</i>		5,728
Agriculture and Forestry	6,358	
<i>Special Study - Agriculture Sector</i>		122
<i>Special Study - Market Access</i>		6,236
Banking, Trade and Commerce	2,906	
<i>Legislation</i>		2,257
<i>Special Study - Digital Currency</i>		649
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources	6,884	
<i>Legislation</i>		691
<i>Special Study - Northern Energy</i>		6,193
Foreign Affairs	2,906	
<i>Special Study - International Trade</i>		2,906
Human Rights	2,668	
<i>Legislation</i>		427
<i>Special Study - Obligations</i>		763
<i>Special Study - Children in Syria</i>		1,104
<i>Special Study - Discrimination</i>		375
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	25,577	
<i>Legislation</i>		25,577
National Finance	1,045	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,045
National Security and Defence	15,931	
<i>Legislation</i>		13,620
<i>Special Study - Security Threats</i>		2,311

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	257	
<i>Special Study - Mental Health</i>		257
Official Languages	4,626	
<i>Legislation</i>		2,897
<i>Special Study - Immigration System</i>		872
<i>Special Study - SS7 2nd Language Learning</i>		858
Rules Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	277	
<i>Legislation</i>		277
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	10,050	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,456
<i>Special Study - Obesity</i>		8,594
Transport & Communication	1,469	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,469
TOTAL 41-2	86,680	86,680

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	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	326	
<i>Legislation</i>		137
<i>Special Study - First Nations Infrastructure</i>		188
Agriculture and Forestry	36,306	
<i>Legislation</i>		642
<i>Special Study - Market Access</i>		35,664
Banking, Trade and Commerce	4,666	
<i>Special Study - Financial System</i>		3,292
<i>Special Study - International Barriers</i>		1,374
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources	186	
<i>Special Study - Emerging Issues</i>		186
Foreign Affairs	1,738	

<i>Special Study - Foreign Relations</i>		1,738
Human Rights	2,948	
<i>Special Study - Obligations</i>		2,948
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	10,641	
<i>Legislation</i>		564
<i>Special Study - Delays Criminal Justice</i>		10,077
National Security and Defence	648	
<i>Legislation</i>		648
Physician- Assisted Dying (joint)	22,292	
<i>Legislation</i>		22,292
Senate Modernization (Special)	885	
<i>Legislation</i>		885
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	2,217	
<i>Special Study - Dementia</i>		2,217
TOTAL 42-1	82,851	82,851

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