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INTRODUCTION

This report on committee activities and expenditures for fiscal year 2008-2009 is tabled pursuant to Standing Order 121(4) and includes a five-year historical framework.

Statistics for the last five fiscal years reveal that the level of committee activity is slightly lower than average, though this can be explained by the election held in October 2008. The level of expenditures is higher than last year, but in line with the levels for 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Committee expenditures totalled **\$1,669,172** (excluding printing costs). The breakdown of expenditures is as follows:

- 68.3% (**\$1,139,618**) was spent on committee hearings outside of Ottawa, site visits and travel abroad;
- 24.3% (**\$404,961**) on the reimbursement of witness expenses;
- 0.4% (**\$7,173**) on additional expenditures relating to the production of committee reports;
- 4.8% (**\$79,920**) was attributable to miscellaneous expenditures.
- 2.2% (**\$37,500**) was attributable to contracting costs.

The base funding for standing and standing joint committees was **\$5 million**, with an additional **\$250,000** fund for the purpose of financing committee requests for forensic, e-consultation and other specialized experts. One legislative and one special committee were also created and their budgets amounted to \$256,548. During the period covered by this report, a total of 911 meetings were held (of which 128 were televised), 2,618 witnesses were heard and 136 reports were presented to the House.

For further information, please contact the Committees Directorate, at 992-3150.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

The tables below outline committee activities and expenditures over the last five years. Although each standing committee has a specific budget for printing, the major costs related to printing are paid from a separate central budget allocation. To better reflect committee expenditures, these printing costs have been included. Please note that all subcommittee expenditures have been added to the expenditures of the standing committees.

Type	Number of Meetings				
	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Standing	883	917	1,340	1,062	892
Legislative	0	24	54	25	8
Special	0	0	0	0	11
Total	883	941	1,394	1,087	911

Type	Expenditures				
	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Standing	963,073	1,530,183	1,711,404	1,333,407	1,633,610
Legislative	0	36,918	27,182	14,020	5,862
Special	0	0	0	0	29,700
Sub-total	963,073	1,567,101	1,738,586	1,347,427	1,669,172
Printing Costs	103,680	85,264	48,449	90,583	54,562
Total	1,066,753	1,652,365	1,787,035	1,438,010	1,723,734

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS BY TYPE OF ORDER OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS
(2004-2005 TO 2008-2009)**

REFERENCE TYPE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS BY TYPE					% OF MEETINGS BY TYPE				
	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09
House Orders of Reference	19	49	60	7	23	1.7	4.1	3.3	0.5	1.8
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	520	417	750	620	559	46.6	34.9	41.7	42.8	44.7
Reports and Returns	5	15	5	3	3	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Estimates	58	46	54	49	56	5.2	3.8	3.0	3.4	4.5
Order in Council Appointments	15	23	13	13	3	1.3	1.9	0.7	0.9	0.2
Legislation	138	185	206	186	84	12.4	15.5	11.5	12.8	6.7
Pre-budget Consultations	25	67	33	17	0	2.2	5.6	1.8	1.2	0
Written Questions	3	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0
Responses to Petitions	1	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0
Committee Business	284	334	610	513	486	25.5	28.0	33.9	35.4	38.9
Election of Chairs	33	28	68	34	36	3.0	2.3	3.8	2.3	2.9
Striking of Committee Membership*	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	0.1
Others	14	30	0	7	0	1.3	2.5	0	0.5	0
TOTAL**	1,115	1,195	1,799	1,449	1,251	100	100	100	100	100

* New category added to this report in 2008-2009

** Meetings where more than one order of reference is considered are tabulated as a meeting for each type. Consequently, the total number of meetings by type may be greater than the total number of meetings held.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS BY TYPE OF ORDER OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS
(2004-2005 TO 2008-2009)**

REFERENCE TYPE	NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE					% OF REPORTS BY TYPE				
	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09
House Orders of Reference	4	4	3	0	4	2.8	2.5	1.3	0	2.9
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	58	69	108	77	73	41.1	43.4	46.8	40.5	53.7
Reports and Returns	4	1	1	0	0	2.8	0.6	0.4	0	0
Estimates	19	16	14	21	20	13.5	10.1	6.0	11.1	14.7
Order in Council Appointments	8	8	7	6	0	5.7	5.0	3.0	3.2	
Legislation	28	47	38	44	20	19.9	29.6	16.5	23.2	14.7
Pre-budget Consultations	1	0	2	1	0	0.7	0	0.9	0.5	0
Written Questions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Responses to Petitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Committee Business *	--	--	--	32	9	--	--	--	16.8	6.6
Striking of Committee Membership **	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	7.4
Others	19	14	58	9	0	13.5	8.8	25.1	4.7	0
TOTAL	141	159	231	190	136	100	100	100	100	100

* New category added to this report in 2007-2008

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ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (2008-2009)

STANDING COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANO)	27	10	42h46m	1h55m	117	3
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)	38	6	100h10m	2h06m	84	8
Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI)	34	0	63h50m	5h53m	143	4
Canadian Heritage (CHPC)	28	5	45h47m	5h39m	76	3
Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM)	42	4	93h22m	0h37m	234	9
Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)	29	3	54h01m	3h44m	73	6
Finance (FINA)	37	22	67h29m	3h38m	190	4
Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO)	37	1	73h23m	0	188	6
Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE)	32	1	59h03m	7h56m	74	10
Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)	31	8	55h06m	0	106	4
Health (HESA)	32	4	56h50m	5h21m	160	4
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)	31	7	51h33m	5h39m	97	8
Industry, Science and Technology (INDU)	32	0	56h56m	7h48m	136	4
International Trade (CIIT)	28	0	49h30m	5h32m	119	3
Justice and Human Rights (JUST)	17	3	21h07m	0	46	3
Liaison (LIAI)	1	0	0h20m	0	0	0
National Defence (NDDN)	25	1	42h40m	0	77	3
Natural Resources (RNNR)	30	2	52h04m	1h53m	79	3
Official Languages (LANG)	31	8	52h00	0	77	2
Procedure and House Affairs (PROC)	13	0	13h49m	0	18	14
Public Accounts (PACP)	32	8	58h06m	2h05m	127	14
Public Safety and National Security (SECU)	62	4	52h02m	0	89	2
Status of Women (FEWO)	29	1	52h16m	4h07m	66	9
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (TRAN)	26	3	34h59m	2h59m	69	3
Veterans Affairs (ACVA)	25	1	40h20m	10h07m	38	1
TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES	749	102	1,291h34m	77h07m	2,483	130

* Number of televised meetings

** Number of hours of videoconferencing

Note: On December 19, 2008 the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities was renamed the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE – 2008-2009 (cont'd)

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Library of Parliament (BILI)	5	0	5h54m	0	8	2
Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)	10	0	12h04m	0	3	3
TOTAL STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	15	0	17h58m	0	11	5
SUBCOMMITTEES ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (SAAN)	5	0	2h59m	0	0	
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (SETH)	2	0	1h47m	0	0	
Agriculture and Agri-Food (SAGR)	2	0	2h17m	0	0	
Canadian Mission in Afghanistan (SAFG)	6	0	3h48m	0	0	
Citizenship and Immigration (SCIM)	4	0	2h55m	0	0	
Environment and Sustainable Development (SENV)	4	0	4h12m	0	0	
Finance (SFIN)	2	0	0h41m	0	0	
Fisheries and Oceans (SFOP)	2	0	3h00m	0	0	
Foreign Affairs and International Development (SFAA)	8	0	6h16m	0	0	
Government Operations and Estimates (SOGG)	2	0	0h55m	0	0	
Health (SHES)	1	0	0h18m	0	0	
Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (SHUM)	3	0	1h36m	0	0	
Industry, Science and Technology (SIND)	6	0	5h51m	0	0	
International Trade (SCII)	0	0	0	0	0	
Justice and Human Rights (SJUS)	3	0	2h02m	0	0	
Library of Parliament (SBIL)	1	0	1h00m	0	0	
Legislative (C-20)	1	0	0h07m	0	0	
National Defence (SNDD)	4	0	3h03m	0	0	
Official Languages (SLAN)	0	0	0	0	0	
Procedure and House Affairs (SPRO)	2	0	1h59m	0	0	
Public Accounts (SPAC)	13	0	7h29m	0	0	
Scrutiny of Regulations (SREG)	0	0	0	0	0	
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (STRA)	2	0	1h21m	0	0	
Veterans Affairs (SACV)	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEES ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE	73	0	53h45m	0	0	

Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committee.

* Number of televised meetings
 ** Number of hours of videoconferencing

ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE – 2008-2009 (cont'd)

OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Automotive Industry in Canada (SAIA)	6	4	24h24m	0	28	Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committee.
Canadian Industrial Sectors (SSIS)	4	0	6h35m	0	11	
Committee Budgets (SBLI)	8	0	3h30m	0	0	
Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons (SCOD)	2	0	2h37m	0	3	
Food Safety (SFSA)	2	0	2h41m	0	0	
International Human Rights (SDIR)	29	10	31h50m	0	44	
Oil and Gas and Other Energy Prices (SENG)	2	1	4h10m	1h59m	7	
Private Members' Business (SMEM)	2	0	1h36m	0	0	
TOTAL OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES	55	15	77h26m	1h59m	93	

SPECIAL COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Canadian Mission in Afghanistan (AFGH)	11	6	15h19m	0	13	1
TOTAL SPECIAL COMMITTEES	11	6	15h19m	0	13	1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Bill C-20 (CC20)	8	5	13h19m	3h42m	18	0
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	8	5	13h19m	3h42m	18	0

ALL COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
TOTAL ALL COMMITTEES	911	128	1,469h24m	82h49m	2,618	136

* Number of televised meetings
 ** Number of videoconferences

DETAILED COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE REPORT (2008-2009)

Standing and standing joint committees are funded from a **\$5 million** envelope and an additional **\$250,000** fund for the purpose of financing committee requests for forensic, e-consultation and other specialized experts. This envelope is managed by the Liaison Committee. Special, special joint and legislative committees are funded directly by the Board of Internal Economy. Joint committees are funded by both the House of Commons (70%) and the Senate (30%); the figures provided in this report reflect the House of Commons portion.

The following tables provide a detailed account of each committee's budget and actual expenditures according to five standard categories. Please note that all subcommittee expenditures are included with those of their standing committees.

1. STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development	186,138	0	0	37,880	2,365	64,901	105,146
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics	74,300	540	0	18,475	5,362	0	24,377
Agriculture and Agri-Food	157,788	586	37,500	39,137	2,153	0	79,376
Canadian Heritage	60,600	0	0	13,696	1,836	0	15,532
Citizenship and Immigration	423,178	0	0	13,535	4,834	239,960	258,329
Environment and Sustainable Development	17,700	0	0	0	1,382	0	1,382
Finance	641,069	0	0	26,937	4,810	0	31,747
Fisheries and Oceans	648,615	0	0	14,708	242	327,930	342,880
Foreign Affairs and International Development	161,700	0	0	20,791	5,102	0	25,893
Government Operations and Estimates	10,000	500	0	0	0	0	500
Health	128,550	214	0	41,469	3,324	0	45,007
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities	94,800	1,085	0	13,953	5,594	0	20,632
Industry, Science and Technology	422,684	1,922	0	20,888	10,690	100,065	133,565
International Trade	183,152	172	0	6,635	3,593	113,545	123,945
Justice and Human Rights	64,650	0	0	16,286	3,923	0	20,209
Liaison	10,000	0	0	0	1,714	0	1,714
National Defence	433,408	0	0	21,256	1,160	206,932	229,348
Natural Resources	98,800	150	0	17,115	1,587	0	18,852
Official Languages	81,550	130	0	33,097	968	0	34,195
Procedure and House Affairs	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Accounts	46,177	0	0	2,738	3,717	108	6,563
Public Safety and National Security	235,165	662	0	16,134	1,914	40,708	59,418
Status of Women	70,000	340	0	14,662	3,840	0	18,842
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities	14,000	0	0	6,490	375	0	6,865
Veterans Affairs	74,584	100	0	2,626	1,845	21,401	25,972
SUB-TOTAL	4,348,608	6,401	37,500	398,508	72,330	1,115,550	1,630,289

Note: On December 19, 2008 the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities was renamed the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

DETAILED COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE REPORT (2008-2009) (cont'd)

2. STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Library of Parliament	7,000	0	0	0	725	0	725
Scrutiny of Regulations	28,210	0	0	0	2,596	0	2,596
SUB-TOTAL	35,210	0	0	0	3,321	0	3,321

TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES	4,383,818	6,401	37,500	398,508	75,651	1,115,550	1,633,610
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3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Bill C-20	84,750	0	0	5,158	704	0	5,862
SUB-TOTAL	84,750	0	0	5,158	704	0	5,862

4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Canadian Mission in Afghanistan	171,798	772	0	1,295	3,565	24,068	29,700
SUB-TOTAL	171,798	772	0	1,295	3,565	24,068	29,700

5. SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
SUB-TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL SPECIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	256,548	772	0	6,453	4,269	24,068	35,562
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ALL COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
GRAND TOTAL	4,640,366	7,173	37,500	404,961	79,920	1,139,618	1,669,172