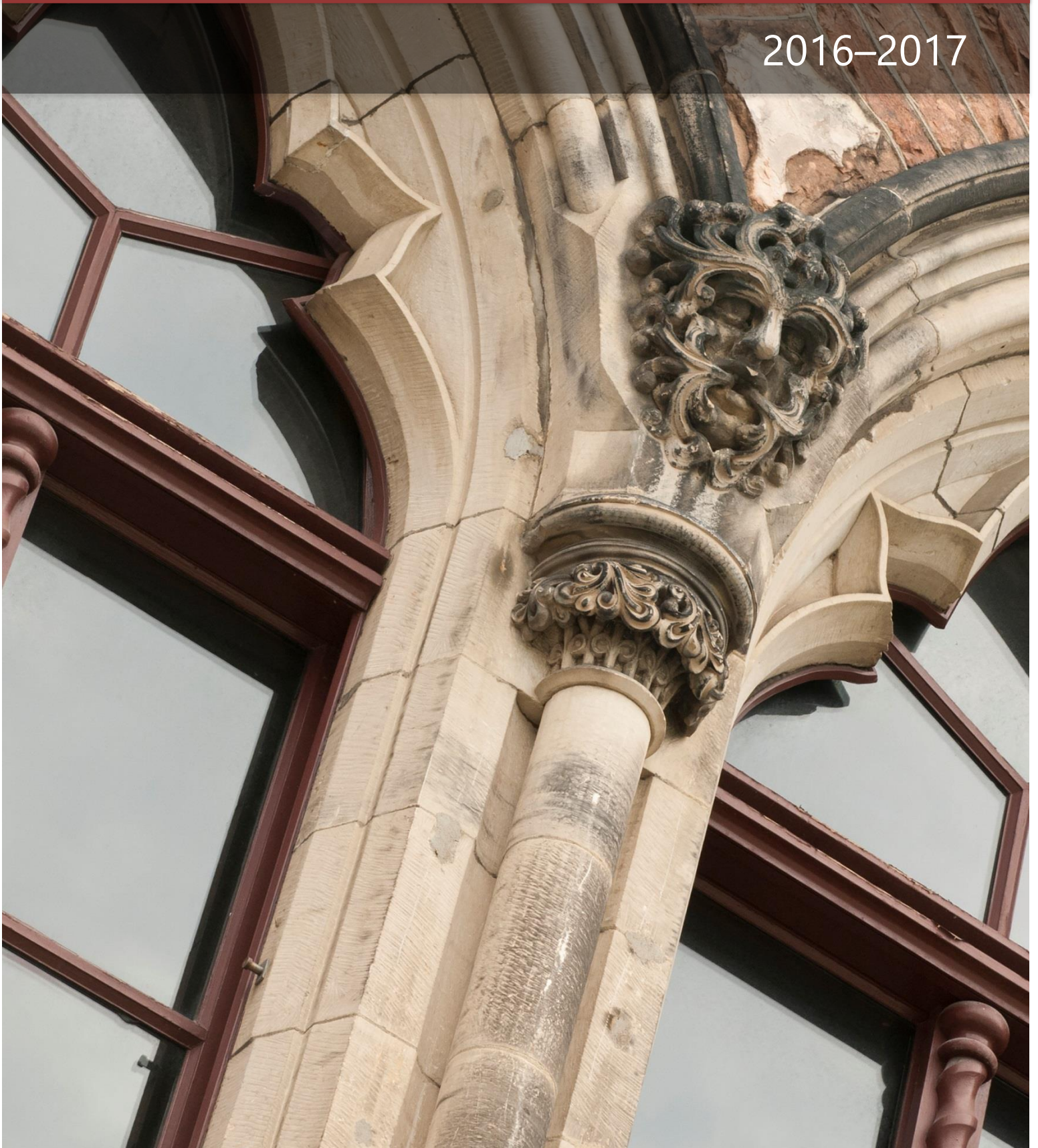




Senate Committees Directorate **Activities and Expenditures** **Annual Report**

2016–2017



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 procedural and administrative support required to help senators to achieve their committee objectives.

Activity levels in 2016–2017 reflect the effect of having a fiscal year uninterrupted by a dissolution. 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 2016–2017.

Of particular note for this past fiscal year, the Senate found unique ways in which to account for a growing cohort of independent senators without disrupting studies and work already in progress. With the adoption of a sessional order in December 2016, the Senate allowed for greater representation of members of the Independent Senators Group (ISG) on committees by adding 3 seats to each committee and realigning proportions for the ISG, Conservative Party of Canada and Senate Liberals memberships in a 40-40-20 ratio, respectively. This accommodation necessarily increased each senator's respective committee assignments and respective workloads. In addition to realigning proportionality in membership, the ISG was afforded formal status as a parliamentary group in the *Rules of the Senate* and the capacity to manage committee membership within their group similar to political caucuses.

Work continues apace since the end of the 2016–2017 fiscal year and Senate committees are taking in stride the evolution the Senate is experiencing.

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.

Clerks, Administrative Assistants and Support Staff 2016–2017

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Louise Martel

Mireille LaForge (since November 2016)

Diane McMartin

Lynn Gordon

Lori Meldrum

Max Hollins

Annie Trudel

Gaëtane Lemay

Benjamin Sparkes

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Part I – General Information

Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Operating Expenditures*

During fiscal year 2016–2017, the directorate provided administrative, procedural, informational and other support to Senate committees, which include:

- ✧ 16 standing committees (and 3 subcommittees);
- ✧ 2 standing joint committees (composed of members of the Senate and of the House of Commons);
- ✧ 1 special committee;
- ✧ 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*.

Pursuant to the orders of the Senate of December 7 and December 12, 2016, the Committee of Selection adopted a report on December 14, 2016 increasing the size of committees by three senators.

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.

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| Committees Directorate | |
| 28.8 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) | |
| Operating Expenditures | |
| Directorate: | \$8,762 |
| Committees: | \$903,558 |
| Witnesses: | \$360,857 |
| Working Meals: | \$34,929 |
| Other: | \$66,987 |

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

* 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.

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.

Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal years since 2012–2013.

| Activity Indicators | 2016–2017 | 2015–2016 | 2014–2015 | 2013–2014 | 2012–2013 | 5-year average |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Meetings | 601 | 336 | 586 | 422 | 513 | 492 |
| Reports | 98 | 98 | 126 | 119 | 108 | 110 |
| Hours in committee | 999.8 | 493.4 | 937.8 | 637.8 | 815.8 | 777 |
| Witnesses | 1,937 | 1,023 | 2,116 | 1,277 | 1,760 | 1623 |
| Bills | 54 | 20 | 71 | 44 | 47 | 47 |
| Fact-Finding Hours | 280.5 | 3.5 | 287.7 | 134.7 | 243.5 | 190 |
| Pre-Studies/Subject Matter | 9 | 7 | 18 | 10 | 15 | 12 |
| Special Studies Undertaken | 67 | 41 | 57 | 85 | 63 | 63 |
| Trips | 19 | 1 | 19 | 8 | 18 | 13 |

The following table illustrates the various orders of reference received by Senate committees in the fiscal year 2016–2017.

| Orders of Reference | No. of Meetings | % of Total Meetings | No. of Hours | % of Total Hours |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Bills and Subject Matter of Bills | 126 | 21% | 182.4 | 18% |
| Special Studies | 421 | 70% | 645 | 65% |
| Permanent (Internal, Rules, Conflict of Interest, Selection, Scrutiny, Library) | 64 | 11% | 86.3 | 9% |
| Total* | 611 | 100% | 913.7 | 92% |

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.

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

Aboriginal Peoples (Study on Northern Housing)

Fact-finding mission:

- ✧ Iqaluit, Sanikiluaq and Igloolik, Nunavut; Kuujuaq and Inukjuaq, Quebec; Nain, Newfoundland and Labrador (April 18 to 22, 2016)

Agriculture and Forestry (Study on Market Access)

Public hearing and fact-finding mission:

- ✧ Calgary, Alberta (May 17 to 20, 2016)

Fact-finding mission:

- ✧ Beijing and Shanghai, China (November 1 to 9, 2016)

Banking, Trade and Commerce (Study on Internal Barriers to Trade)

Fact-finding mission:

- ✧ Vancouver, British Columbia and Calgary, Alberta (May 8 to 10, 2016)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (Study on a Low Carbon Economy)

Fact-finding missions:

- ✧ Vancouver, Kitimat and Prince George, British Columbia; Calgary, Alberta; Estevan, Saskatchewan (October 2 to 7, 2016)
- ✧ Sarnia and Hamilton, Ontario (November 14 to 17, 2016)
- ✧ Montreal, Quebec (February 7 to 8, 2017)

Fisheries and Oceans (Study on Maritime Search and Rescue)

Fact-finding mission and public hearings:

- ✧ Halifax, Dartmouth, Sydney, Sambro and Greenwood, Nova Scotia (October 23 to 28, 2016)
- ✧ St. John's, Goose Bay and Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador (March 5 to 9, 2017)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Fact-finding mission (Study on Argentina):

- ✧ Buenos Aires, Argentina (September 17 to 25, 2016)

Fact-finding mission (Study on Mexico):

- ✧ Mexico City, Mexico (March 7 to 9, 2017)

Human Rights (Study on Syrian Refugees)

Fact-finding mission and public hearing:

- ✧ Toronto, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec (May 30 to 31, 2016)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (Study on Delays in the Criminal Justice System)

Fact-finding mission and public hearings:

- ✧ Halifax, Nova Scotia (May 5 to 6, 2016)
- ✧ Vancouver, British Columbia; Calgary, Alberta; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (September 26 to 29, 2016)
- ✧ Montreal, Quebec (October 27 to 28, 2016)

National Security and Defence (Study on the Defence Policy Review)

Fact-finding mission:

- ✧ New York City, United States of America (October 23 to 25, 2016)

Official Languages (Study on French education in British Columbia)

Fact-finding mission and public hearing:

- ✧ Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia (October 2 to 7, 2016)

Transport and Communications (Study on the Transportation of Crude Oil)

Fact-finding mission and public hearings:

- ✧ Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta; Vancouver, British Columbia (September 18 to 23, 2016)
- ✧ Montreal, Quebec; Saint John, New Brunswick; Halifax and Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia (October 16 to 22, 2016)

Senate of Canada Website

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the Senate of Canada website (www.sencanada.ca) to ensure that it provides useful information and is user-friendly. We value the effectiveness of this medium for giving Canadians access to the work of Senate committees.

All committee reports, press releases, and appropriate directorate documents are converted into HTML and/or PDF 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.

Contributions to Public Policy Development: Special Study Reports

The following list highlights the major 2016–2017 reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Aboriginal Peoples

- ✧ *Border Crossing Issues and the Jay Treaty* (June 2016)
- ✧ *We can do better: Housing in Inuit Nunangat* (March 2017)

Agriculture and Forestry

- ✧ *Outbreak of Bovine Tuberculosis in Alberta* (December 2016)

Banking, Trade and Commerce

- ✧ *Tear down these walls: Dismantling Canada's internal trade barriers* (June 2016)
- ✧ *Copyright Board: A rationale for urgent review* (November 2016)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

- ✧ *Positioning Canada's Electricity Sector in a Carbon Constrained Future* (March 2017)

Fisheries and Oceans

- ✧ *Report on Aquaculture* (June 2016)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade

- ✧ *Perspectives on the Situation in Venezuela* (June 2016)
- ✧ *Free Trade Agreements: A Tool for Economic Prosperity* (February 2017)

Human Rights

- ✦ *The Forgotten Many: Human Rights and North Korean Defectors (June 2016)*
- ✦ *Finding Refuge in Canada: A Syrian Resettlement Story (December 2016)*

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

- ✦ *Delaying Justice is Denying Justice: An Urgent Need to Address Lengthy Court Delays in Canada (August 2016)*

National Finance

- ✦ *Smarter Planning, Smarter Spending: Achieving infrastructure success (February 2017)*

National Security and Defence

- ✦ *UN Deployment: Prioritizing commitments at home and abroad (November 2016)*

Senate Modernization

- ✦ *Senate Modernization: Moving Forward (October 2016)*

Social Affairs, Science and Technology

- ✦ *Dementia in Canada: A National Strategy for Dementia-friendly Communities (November 2016)*

Transport and Communications

- ✦ *Pipelines for Oil: Protecting our Economy, Respecting our Environment (December 2016)*

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

Border Crossing Issues and the Jay Treaty

(Third Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 22, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-394S)

Since well before Confederation and the establishment of the Canada-U.S. border, First Nations in Canada have maintained close cultural and family ties with Native American communities in the United States. However, the border and, more specifically, the formalities involved in crossing it make it difficult to maintain these ties. As well, for some First Nations communities straddling the Canada-U.S. border, crossing the border has become a daily activity required to go to work, school, or buy groceries.

In undertaking this work, the Committee recognizes that border crossing issues are highly complex and involve issues such as citizenship, international sovereignty and security. With this study, the Committee encourages the federal government and First Nations to work together to find practical solutions to the border crossing issue that will make it possible to maintain cultural and family ties between First Nations communities in Canada and Native American communities in the United States.

We can do better: Housing in Inuit Nunangat

(Fifth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on March 1, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-908S)

For over 60 years, beginning with the first permanent settlements, Inuit have struggled with inadequate and unsafe housing conditions. Across Inuit Nunangat, meaning “the place where Inuit live” in Inuktitut, Inuit face an acute housing crisis which threatens their health and safety. High rates of overcrowding, long wait lists for subsidized housing, and the number of homes in need of major repairs across Inuit Nunangat represent one of the most persistent and critical public health issues in this country.

Between February and June 2016, the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples undertook a study examining the best practices and ongoing challenges relating to housing in First Nations and Inuit communities, with a particular focus on Nunatsiavut, Nunavik, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. The Committee heard from over 50 witnesses and, in April 2016, travelled to communities in Nunavik and Nunavut to see first-hand the challenges and best practices relating to housing in the North. The Committee’s report provides 13 recommendations that could begin to alleviate the housing situation in Inuit Nunangat, such as the development of a federal funding strategy for housing in Inuit Nunangat.

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Outbreak of Bovine Tuberculosis in Alberta

(Fifth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on December 7, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-836S)

In November 2016, six cases of bovine tuberculosis were detected in south eastern Alberta and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency placed more than 35 sites under quarantine. At least five of these sites, located in Saskatchewan, were also placed under quarantine due to their contact with the infected herd.

In order to keep the Senate abreast of this outbreak, the Committee invited officials from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to appear to find out what actions the government undertook to control the outbreak. An interim report was then tabled containing a summary of the information provided to the Committee.

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

Tear down these walls: Dismantling Canada's internal trade barriers

(Fifth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 13, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-360S)

On February 16, 2016, the Senate authorized the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce to study Canada's internal trade barriers with a view to identifying the actions that the federal and provincial/territorial governments must take—on a priority basis—to tear down the walls created by internal trade barriers. The committee's inspiration for the study is best described by the following quote from the report: "Let Canada's 150th year end as the country began a century and a half ago: free of interprovincial/interterritorial trade barriers. It will make our great nation richer, both spiritually and financially. That is the best 150th birthday present that Canadians could receive."

The committee heard from a variety of stakeholders both in Ottawa and in Vancouver and Calgary (May 2016). The report, released in June 2016, contained seven recommendations for the federal government.

Copyright Board: A rationale for urgent review

(Seventh Report [final] tabled in the Senate on November 30, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-812S)

In advance of the 2017 statutory review of the Copyright Act by a committee of the Senate or of the House of Commons or of both, the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce was authorized by the Senate, on September 28, 2016, to undertake a brief study on the Copyright Board's operations and practices. The purpose of the study was to identify topics the committee noted should be the subject of further examination during the upcoming statutory review. On November 2 and 3, 2016, the committee studied selected aspects of the Board's operations and practices and hear from witnesses from the Board, collective societies, the cultural sector and academia. The witnesses' comments convinced the committee and a recommendation was included in their report, tabled on December 1, 2016.

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

Positioning Canada's Electricity Sector in a Carbon Constrained Future

(Fifth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on March 7, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-946S)

The committee is examining the effect Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets will have on five sectors of the Canadian economy: electricity, oil and gas, transportation, buildings, and emission-intensive, trade-exposed industries that are mostly heavy industries that compete in international markets such as steel and cement manufacturing.

This first interim report addresses the electricity sector. At the time of its release, the committee had held 35 hearings and heard from 91 witnesses.

As a means to achieve deep decarbonization, governments are turning to electricity to play a greater role in the economy through electrification of vehicles, buildings and industrial processing, but in some cases the technology is not yet cost-effective. Governments are also looking to increases in energy efficiency and smart grid applications and expansion of interprovincial/interterritorial electricity trade. However, this is constrained by the high cost of transmission infrastructure. The report raises questions and discusses federal policy options, which range from using stringent regulatory measures, carbon pricing, incentives and technology funding programs.

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

Report on Aquaculture

(Fourth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 21, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-389S)

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 aquaculture-raised 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 missions and that asserts the full extent of federal jurisdiction.

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Perspectives on the Situation in Venezuela

(Fifth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 8, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-354S)

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade heard testimony on May 11, 2016 from several members of the National Assembly of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela about the political situation and growing economic crisis in that country. It also heard testimony from officials from Global Affairs Canada about Canada's bilateral relations with Venezuela.

Attempting to put in place political and economic reforms in Venezuela, the National Assembly has been facing considerable judicial and government obstruction. The Committee was informed of how the ongoing political strife in Venezuela is hampering efforts to address the country's increasingly fragile economy. In its report, the Committee encouraged all branches of the Venezuelan political system to undertake dialogue and to reach a compromise on responsible, effective governance for the benefit of the Venezuelan people. The Committee emphasized the importance of the rule of law in democratic societies. It underscored that any country that imprisons political opponents or politicizes its judicial process undermines democratic principles and the trust of its people. The Committee reiterated the need to release all political prisoners. It also called upon the Government of Canada to continue its engagement with the Venezuelan government and all relevant stakeholders.

Free Trade Agreements: A Tool for Economic Prosperity
(Seventh Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on February 7, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-875S)

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade undertook a broad study on free trade agreements (FTAs). Over the course of 18 hearings, the Committee heard from 53 witnesses providing a wide variety of perspectives. Witnesses included representatives of business associations, economists, academics, and federal officials involved in trade policy issues.

With this study, the Committee sought to contribute to the debates about FTAs that have been occurring during recent trade negotiations. The report stressed the importance of international trade to Canada's economy, and underscored that FTAs are critical tools for Canadian businesses to compete and succeed globally. The report also emphasized that FTAs are useful to businesses in taking advantage of global economic developments, including the rise of global value chains. Although the report focused on FTAs as a tool for economic prosperity, it underscored that FTAs should be seen only as one of a variety of policy tools available to promote economic prosperity in Canada.

In addition, the report highlighted that helping Canadians and Canadian businesses maximize the opportunities resulting from FTAs, and responding appropriately to the challenges resulting from these agreements, are two approaches that should—together—increase the benefits of trade for Canada, as well as build public confidence in the importance of international trade for the country's prosperity.

Standing Committee on Human Rights

The Forgotten Many: Human Rights and North Korean Defectors
(Fourth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 20, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-387S)

On 9 March 2016, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights undertook to study the human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) and the treatment of North Korean defectors, 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".

The Committee held two meetings hearing from ten witnesses, and received written submissions. It heard from the federal government, non-governmental organizations, advocacy groups, a church and defectors. This report outlines their testimony on the state of human rights in North Korea with particular attention to the situation of defectors.

Finding Refuge in Canada: A Syrian Resettlement Story
(Fifth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on December 6, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-833S)

Given the large number of Syrian refugees arriving in Canada through the #WelcomeRefugees initiative, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights was compelled to examine the resettlement process and the progress of this cohort's integration into Canadian society. On 14 April 2016, the Senate tasked the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights with studying and reporting on steps being taken to facilitate the integration of newly-arrived Syrian refugees and to address the challenges faced by refugees, the various levels of government, private sponsors and non-governmental organizations.

The Committee held several hearings in Ottawa and travelled to Montreal and Toronto and was moved by the willingness of Canadians to welcome Syrian refugees and the eagerness of Syrian refugees to become contributing members of Canadian society. It was concerned, however, that the Government of Canada is not allocating enough resources to help refugees integrate and this report makes several recommendations to address these issues.

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

***Delaying Justice is Denying Justice:
An Urgent Need to Address Lengthy Court Delays in Canada***
(Eighth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on August 12, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-607S)

Delays in criminal proceedings have become a significant problem in Canada as many criminal cases are taking too long to reach a final disposition. When courts find that an accused's constitutional right to a trial within a reasonable time has been breached (as guaranteed by section 11(b) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*), they may order a stay of proceedings. A stay ends the process without a completed trial on the merits of the case, which affects Canadians' confidence in our justice system and can be very hard on victims.

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs began studying ways to improve the fairness and efficiency of Canada's criminal justice system in February 2016 and in August released its interim report, *Delaying Justice is Denying Justice: An Urgent Need to Address Lengthy Court Delays in Canada*. This report presented the committee's initial findings and focused on four areas that required improvement: case and case flow management by the judiciary; judicial appointments by the Government of Canada; better procedures with regard to mega-trials and alternatives to the traditional criminal justice system model, including restorative justice programs, integrated service models, courtroom scheduling and therapeutic courts; and the development of better technological solutions to modernize court operations.

Standing Committee on National Finance

Smarter Planning, Smarter Spending: Achieving infrastructure success
(Twelfth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on February 28, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-902S)

While investments in public infrastructure are important, it is essential that we make the right ones, not only to ensure value-for-money in the use of public funds, but also because we want to make sure that they lead to long-term economic benefits by providing economic stimulus and increasing productivity, and to a better quality of life for all Canadians. This report examines what has worked well with previous infrastructure programs, what needs to be improved, and provides six recommendations to the Government of Canada for study and consideration as it moves forward with its infrastructure plan. As part of this study, the committee met with 34 witnesses over 15 meetings, including experts from various think tanks, the Parliamentary Budget Officer, the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, academics, as well as mayors and officials from nine Canadian cities.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

UN Deployment: Prioritizing commitments at home and abroad

(Seventh Report [final] tabled in the Senate on November 28, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-808S)

In the context of a study into the federal government's Defence Policy Review, the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence undertook an investigation into Canada's planned re-engagement with United Nations (UN) peace support operations. The committee's report identifies areas in which Canada can make a significant contribution, while highlighting the changing nature of peacekeeping missions and the increasingly complex and hostile environments in which they take place.

In its assessment of the possibilities for Canada's re-engagement, the report examines the country's current national and international defence commitments, focusing on capacity gaps within its armed forces, continental defence through the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) and engagements as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The report also explores ways to optimize Canada's support to UN operations, looking primarily at personnel contributions, equipment and capacity building. The misallocation of resources and alleged corruption in UN peace operations, as well as needed reforms related to allegation of sexual misconduct by UN troops, are also discussed. Finally, the report reviews Canada's long history of engagement with UN peacekeeping, from the Cold War period to modern-day operations.

With its findings, the committee made eight recommendations, including that the Government of Canada table a 'Statement of Justification' in both Houses of Parliament outlining the specifics of a UN mission whenever Canadian troops are deployed.

Special Senate Committee on Senate Modernization

Senate Modernization: Moving Forward

(First Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on October 4, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-688S)

On December 11, 2015, the Senate adopted a motion to create a Special Committee to study methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework. After hearing from constitutional scholars, academics and international experts on second chambers in fall 2016, the Special Committee tabled its first interim report entitled *Senate Modernization: Moving Forward* which made 21 recommendations to change some aspects of how the Senate operates. The recommendations are intended to strengthen the institution's ability to play its vital roles as a voice for minorities and regions, a determined investigator and Parliament's provider of sober second thought.

In order to allow for Senators to debate and discuss the recommendations contained in the first report, the Special Committee decided to present additional reports highlighting 9 of the 21 key recommendations contained in the original interim report. These reports focused on omnibus bills, committees, the Order Paper, caucuses, the role of the Speaker, regional interests, broadcasting, Question Period, and the nature of a Senator's constitutional role. Of these nine reports, three were adopted and referred to the Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, as well as the Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament.

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Dementia in Canada: A National Strategy for Dementia-friendly Communities

(Sixth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on November 15, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-791S)

The report cites Alzheimer Society of Canada figures showing that the toll dementia takes on Canada's population and its economy will double over the next 15 years as the country's aging population grows and the costs associated with supporting them increase.

It was within this context that the committee undertook this study to determine the actions that should be taken to most effectively and efficiently meet the challenge of the disease and its treatment. The committee report notes that by 2031 the number of Canadians with some form of dementia will be 1.4 million, nearly twice as many as those who suffered from the disease in 2011.

The committee's report makes 29 recommendations aimed at helping the growing number of Canadians who will develop some form of dementia. Senators urge the government to immediately establish the Canadian Partnership to Address Dementia with a mandate to create and implement a National Dementia Strategy. The partnership would include representatives from all levels of government as well as health-related organizations, caregivers, people affected by dementia, researchers and members of the Indigenous community.

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

Pipelines for Oil: Protecting our Economy, Respecting our Environment

(Sixth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on December 7, 2016;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-834S)

In early 2016 the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications began a study on the development of a strategy to facilitate the transport of crude oil to eastern Canadian refineries and to ports on the east and west coasts. The committee heard from 110 witnesses representing a wide cross section of stakeholders including industry and business leaders, First Nations, government officials, academics and environmental groups. In addition, the committee travelled to both coasts, holding public hearings and visiting refineries and ports.

Canada has the world's third-largest proven oil reserves, but insufficient energy infrastructure has left the country dependent on foreign oil producers and limited to selling domestic product at a steep discount to a glutted American market. A strategy to facilitate the transport of crude oil to Canada's east and west coasts is an economic imperative, and the committee believes expanding Canada's pipeline infrastructure is the optimal approach.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2016–2017

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

A. General Information

In fiscal year 2016–2017, the committee carried out work on a specific order of reference focusing on housing and infrastructure in the North. In March 2017, the committee tabled its final report entitled *We can do better: Housing in Inuit Nunangat*. At the end of the fiscal year, the committee began a study exploring what a new relationship between the Government and First Nations, Inuit and Métis people could look like.

- ✧ The committee studied Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Indian Act (elimination of sex-based inequities in registration). The committee held several hearings on this bill but the bill was still before the committee at the completion of the fiscal year.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------------|---|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Third | Study on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples | 2016-06-22 | 30 | Special study leading to interim report: <i>Border Crossing Issues and the Jay Treaty</i> |
| Fourth | Study on best practices and on-going challenges relating to housing in First Nation and Inuit communities in Nunavut, Nunavik, Nunatsiavut and the Northwest Territories | 2017-02-09 | - | Budget |
| Fifth | Study on best practices and on-going challenges relating to housing in First Nation and Inuit communities in Nunavut, Nunavik, | 2017-03-01 | 49 | Special study leading to final report: <i>We can do better: Housing in Inuit Nunangat</i> |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

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| | Nunatsiavut and the Northwest Territories | | | |
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 33 | 59.4 | 31.5 | 105 | 3 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

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| Budget Expenditures | \$135,725 |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$26,308</u> |
| TOTAL | \$162,033 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Beyak, *Carignan, P.C., Dyck, Enverga, Lovelace Nicholas, Moore, Patterson, Plett, Raine, Sibbeston, Tannas and Wells

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Boniface, *Carignan, P.C., Dyck, Enverga, *Harder, Lovelace Nicholas,

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (“Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017”) 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 2016–2017.

McCoy, McPhedran, Meredith, Moore, Raine, Tannas, Oh, Pate and Patterson

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Brazeau, Christmas, Martin, Maltais, McIntyre, Mégie, Ngo, Tkachuk and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Mark Palmer

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brittany Collier and Sara Fryer (Library of Parliament)

Elda Donnelly (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

A. General Information

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

The Government response to the Ninth Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, entitled: *The Importance of Bee Health to Sustainable Food Production in Canada*, tabled and adopted in the Senate on May 28, 2015.

A study on the acquisition of farmland in Canada and its potential impact on the farming sector.

The Committee was also tasked with examining and reporting on the bovine tuberculosis outbreak in southeastern Alberta, the quarantine that farms in Alberta and Saskatchewan were under, and the movement controls in place for cattle.

A study on the potential impact of the effects of climate change on the agriculture, agri-food and forestry sectors.

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 Calgary, Alberta from May 17 to 20, 2016 to conduct public hearings and a fact-finding mission as well as a fact-finding mission to Beijing and Shanghai, in the People's Republic of China from November 1 to 9, 2016.

The committee tabled an interim report on the outbreak of Bovine Tuberculosis in Alberta.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
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| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Fourth | Study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector | 2016-06-20 | - | Budget |
| Fifth | Examine and report on the current situation involving the bovine tuberculosis outbreak in southeastern Alberta, the quarantine that farms in Alberta and | 2016-12-07 | 2 | Special study leading to interim report: <i>Outbreak of Bovine Tuberculosis in Alberta</i> |

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- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

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| | Saskatchewan are under, and the movement controls in place for cattle | | | |
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 39 | 69.7 | 29.5 | 105 | 2 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

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| Budget Expenditures | \$119,059 |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$49,522</u> |
| TOTAL | \$168,581 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Beyak, *Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, Maltais, McIntyre, Mercer, Merchant, Moore, Ogilvie, Oh, Plett, Tardif and Unger

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

Beyak, Bernard, *Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, Gagné, *Harder, Maltais, McCoy, Mercer, Merchant, Ogilvie, Oh, Petitclerc, Plett, Pratte, Smith, Tardif and Woo

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (“Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017”) 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 2016–2017.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Boisvenu, Duffy, Enverga, Galvez, Omidvar, Martin, Raine, Runciman, Tannas, Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Aïcha Coulibaly (Library of Parliament)

Danièle Lafrance (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

A. General Information

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

The committee held one meeting and heard from eight witnesses, including the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, as part of its study of Bill C-11, An Act to amend the Copyright Act (access to copyrighted works or other subject-matter for persons with perceptual disabilities). In their June 2016 report, the committee adopted the legislation with no amendments.

The committee held one meeting and heard from three witnesses, including the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, as part of its study of Bill S-4, An Act to implement a Convention and an Arrangement for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and to amend an Act in respect of a similar Agreement. In their eighth report, the committee adopted the legislation with no amendments.

In June 2016, the committee studied the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 of Part 4 of Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures. The committee held three meetings and heard from 13 witnesses, consisting of officials from a federal department and other federal entities, and representatives from the financial services sector. In its June report the committee highlighted the testimony related to the various divisions it examined.

In December 2016, the committee studied the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Part 4 of Bill C-29, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures. The committee held two meetings during which it heard from nine officials from two federal departments, as well as representatives from the academic and financial services sectors. In its June report the committee highlighted the testimony related to the various divisions it examined. The committee also commented that the financial consumer protection framework proposed in Division 5 be comprehensively examined as part of the 2019 review of the Act.

In February 2017 the committee examined the user fee proposals entitled “Canadian Intellectual Property Office’s User Fee Proposal, dated September 2016, for changes to patent fees, pursuant to the User Fees Act, S.C. 2004, c. 6, sbs. 4(2)” and “Canadian Intellectual Property Office’s User Fee Proposal, dated September 2016, for changes to trademark fees, pursuant to the User Fees Act, S.C. 2004, c. 6, sbs. 4(2)” during one meeting with three witnesses. The committee recommended that both user fees be approved.

On September 28, 2016, the committee was authorized by the Senate to conduct a brief examination on the operations and practices of the Copyright Board of Canada. With testimony from 16 witnesses in two meetings, the committee studied selected aspects of the Board’s operations and practices. Witnesses from the Board, collective societies, the cultural sector and academia spoke about the following topics in relation to the Board: the timeline for its decisions, the unpredictability of its decisions, problems with its practices and, other bodies that it could emulate or from which it could seek assistance. The witnesses’ comments about these topics convinced the committee to recommend, in its final report released on November 30, 2016, that it is urgent to include the Board in the 2017 statutory review of the Copyright Act.

In June 2016, after four months of study and consideration, the committee released their report on Canada's internal trade barriers. The committee heard from government and non-government stakeholders throughout Canada affected by or with views about internal trade barriers. In Ottawa 42 witnesses testified and, during its fact-finding mission to Vancouver and Calgary, 10 groups and individuals spoke to the delegation of committee members. *Tear down these walls: Dismantling Canada's internal trade barriers* contained seven recommendations underscoring the actions needed to make progress and stressing the urgency for Canada's governments to act without further delay.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------------|---|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Fourth | The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 of Part 4 of Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures | 2016-06-09 | 13 | Bill C-15 subject matter study |
| Fifth | Study on the issues pertaining to internal barriers to trade | 2016-06-13 | 41 | Special study leading to final report: <i>Tear down these walls: Dismantling Canada's internal trade barriers</i> |
| Sixth | Bill C-11, An Act to amend the Copyright Act (access to copyrighted works or other subject-matter for persons with perceptual disabilities) | 2016-06-16 | 7 | Bill C-11 |
| Seventh | Study, and make recommendations on, the operation and practices of the Copyright Board of Canada | 2016-11-30 | 16 | Special study leading to final report: <i>Copyright Board: A rationale for urgent review</i> |
| Eighth | Bill S-4, An Act to implement a Convention and an Arrangement for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and to | 2016-12-05 | 3 | Bill S-4 |

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| | amend an Act in respect of a similar Agreement | | | |
| Ninth | The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Part 4 of Bill C-29, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures | 2016-12-05 | 18 | Bill C-29 subject matter study |
| Tenth | Canadian Intellectual Property Office's User Fee Proposal, dated September 2016, for changes to patent fees, pursuant to the User Fees Act, S.C. 2004, c. 6, sbs. 4(2) | 2016-02-07 | - | Special study |
| Eleventh | Canadian Intellectual Property Office's User Fee Proposal, dated September 2016, for changes to patent fees, pursuant to the User Fees Act, S.C. 2004, c. 6, sbs. 4(2) | 2016-02-07 | 3 | Special study |

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017***

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witness | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 43 | 63.8 | 11.8 | 157 | 8 |
| 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 |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

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| Budget Expenditures | \$24,227 |
| Witnesses Expenses | <u>\$26,325</u> |
| TOTAL | \$50,552 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Black, Campbell, *Carignan, P.C., *Cowan, Day, Gerstein, Greene, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Maltais, Massicotte, Ringuette, Smith, Tannas and Tkachuk

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Black, Campbell, *Carignan, P.C., Day, Enverga, Greene, *Harder, Massicotte, Moncion, Plett, Ringuette, Smith, Tannas, Tardif, Tkachuk, Wallin and Wetston

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Doyle, Galvez, Gold, Lang, MacDonald, Manning, Marshall, McIntyre, Mockler, Oh, Patterson and Unger

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Dylan Gowans (Library of Parliament)
Brett Stuckey (Library of Parliament)
Michaël Lambert-Racine (Library of Parliament)
Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)
Julie Flannery (Administrative Assistant)
Lori Meldrum (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 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|----------------------|------------|------------------|--|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| First | Organization meeting | 2016-12-15 | - | Expenses incurred during 41-2 (rule 12-26) |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 4 | 5.8 | - | 1 |
| 2015–2016 | 6 | 4.3 | 2 | 1 |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

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| 2014–2015 | 14 | 15.7 | 9 | 3 |
| 2013–2014 | 14 | 16.9 | 6 | 4 |
| 2012–2013 | 3 | 1.8 | 4 | 1 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

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

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017**1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

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, Joyal, P.C., Patterson, Sinclair, Wetston

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Dara Lithwick (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 engaged in one special study and started consideration on one bill.

In April 2016, the committee began a new study to examine the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy. The committee continues its 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.

For this special study, the committee held 38 meetings and heard from 96 witnesses in total, consisting of government officials, electricity utilities, industry representatives, energy experts, university students, major energy users and environmental organizations. On March 7, 2017, the committee released a first interim report on the electricity sector in Canada. The committee hopes to release four other interim reports and a final report that will contain recommendations to the federal government.

As part of this study on the transition to a low carbon economy, the committee participated in three fact-finding missions during the fiscal year. From October 2 to 7, 2016, the committee conducted site visits and held fact-finding meetings in Western Canada, visiting Vancouver, Kitimat and Prince George, British Columbia, as well as Calgary, Alberta and Estevan, Saskatchewan. From November 14 to 17, 2016, the committee travelled to Sarnia and Hamilton in Ontario and on February 7 and 8, 2017, committee members travelled to Montreal and Varennes, Quebec.

In February 2017, the committee began its consideration of Bill S-229, An Act respecting underground infrastructure safety. It heard from two witnesses and held one meeting on the subject.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|---|------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Second | Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy | 2016-06-16 | - | Budget |
| Third | Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy | 2016-10-27 | - | Budget – additional funds |
| Fourth | Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy | 2016-12-08 | - | Budget – additional funds |

* In the individual committee profiles:

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| Fifth | Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy | 2017-03-07 | 91 | Special study leading to interim report: <i>Positioning Canada's Electricity Sector in a Carbon Constrained Future</i> |
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 38 | 60.8 | 76.3 | 95 | 4 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Budget Expenditures | \$83,699 |
| Witness Expenses | \$17,788 |
| TOTAL | \$101,487 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd 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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, *Carignan, P.C., Frum, Johnson, MacDonald, Massicotte, McCoy, Mitchell, Mockler, Neufeld, Patterson, Ringuette and Seidman

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

The Honourable Senators Black, *Carignan, P.C., Day, Fraser, Griffin, *Harder, P.C., Lang, MacDonald, Massicotte, McCoy, Meredith, Mockler, Neufeld, Omidvar, Patterson, Seidman and Wetston

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Black, Dean, Doyle, Duffy, Enverga, Frum, Galvez, Greene, Martin, McIntyre, Mitchell, Raine, Runciman and Tannas

Committee Clerk:

Maxime Fortin

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sam Banks (Library of Parliament)

Jesse Good (Library of Parliament) (since March 2017)

Marc LeBlanc (Library of Parliament)

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

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 initially tabled with the Clerk of the Senate on July 30, 2015. The report was brought back in the First Session of the Forty Second Parliament and tabled in the Senate on June 21, 2016, in order to request a Government Response, which was tabled on November 1, 2016.

On March 8, 2016, the committee examined Bill S-208, An Act respecting National Seal Products Day, and reported it to the Senate with one amendment. The amendment had the effect of replacing the word "Aboriginal" with the word "Indigenous" in four instances in the English version of the bill. It was adopted at Third Reading in the Senate on May 3, 2016, and then sent to the House of Commons. The House Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans reported the bill to that chamber without amendment on February 23, 2017.

Bill S-203, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and other Acts (ending the captivity of whales and dolphins), was referred to the Fisheries and Oceans Committee on November 23, 2016. The committee began its consideration of the bill on February 28, 2017, hearing from former Senator Wilfred Moore, who had been the sponsor prior to his retirement from the Senate. The committee heard from several other witnesses up to March 31, 2017, and expected to hear from a number of others before proceeding further with the bill.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------------|---|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Third | Study on Maritime Search and Rescue activities, including current challenges and opportunities | 2016-06-20 | - | Budget |
| Fourth | Study on the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada | 2016-06-21 | - | Special study leading to final report: <i>Report on Aquaculture</i> |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

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| Fifth | Study on Maritime Search and Rescue activities, including current challenges and opportunities | 2016-11-01 | - | Budget – additional funds |
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 27 | 46.9 | 33 | 90 | 3 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Budget Expenditures | \$85,755 |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$14,092</u> |
| TOTAL | \$99,847 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators *Carignan, P.C., Enverga, Hubley, Lovelace Nicholas, Manning, Martin, McInnis, Munson, Poirier, Raine, Stewart Olsen, Watt and Wells

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators *Carignan, P.C., Enverga, Forest, Gold, *Harder, P.C., Hartling, Hubley, Manning, McInnis, McCoy, Munson, Omidvar, Poirier, Raine, Sinclair, Stewart Olsen and Watt

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (“Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017”) 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 2016–2017.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Baker, P.C., Black, Christmas, Doyle, Eaton, Frum, Lang, Marshall, Plett, Runciman, Tannas, Tkachuk and Unger

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, the committee continued its hearings on the benefits and challenges resulting from the negotiation and implementation of free trade agreements, on the situation in Venezuela, on recent political and economic developments in Argentina and on Canada—Mexico bilateral cooperation in the context of a changing North American neighborhood. 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.

In June 2016, the committee released an interim report entitled *Perspectives on the Situation in Venezuela* after hearing from several members of the National Assembly of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela about the political situation and growing economic crisis in that country. As part of its study on recent political and economic developments in Argentina, the committee travelled to Buenos Aires, Argentina, from September 17 to 24, 2016 to conduct a fact-finding mission. Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act, the Hazardous Products Act, the Radiation Emitting Devices Act, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Pest Control Products Act and the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act and to make related amendments to another Act, and Bill S-226, An Act to provide for the taking of restrictive measures in respect of foreign nationals responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights and to make related amendments to the Special Economic Measures Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, were also considered and both were reported without amendment.

During the second part of the fiscal year, the committee studied Bill S-219, An Act to deter Iran-sponsored terrorism, incitement to hatred, and human rights violations, Bill C-30, An Act to implement the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union and its Member States and to provide for certain other measures, and Bill C-31, An Act to implement the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Ukraine.

In February 2017, after 10 months of study and consideration, the committee released its report entitled *Free Trade Agreements: A Tool for Economic Prosperity*. During the course of the study, the committee held 18 hearings and heard from 53 witnesses consisting of representatives of business associations, economists, academics, and federal officials involved in trade policy issues. The report made nine recommendations aimed at—among other things—strengthening the economy through trade and bringing increased transparency to the country's pursuit of international agreements. As part of its study on Canada and Mexico Cooperation, the committee also travelled to Mexico City, Mexico, from March 7 to 9, 2017 to conduct a fact-finding mission.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------------|---|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Third | Study on opportunities for strengthening cooperation with Mexico since the tabling, in June 2015, of the committee report entitled <i>North American Neighbours: Maximizing Opportunities and Strengthening Cooperation for a more Prosperous Future</i> | 2016-04-14 | - | Budget |
| Fourth | Study on recent political and economic developments in Argentina in the context of their potential impact on regional and global dynamics, including on Canadian policy and interests, and other related matters | 2016-04-14 | - | Budget |
| Fifth | Study on foreign relations and international trade generally | 2016-06-08 | 7 | Special study leading to interim report: <i>Perspectives on the Situation in Venezuela</i> |
| Sixth | Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act, the Hazardous Products Act, the Radiation Emitting Devices Act, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Pest Control Products Act and the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act and to make related amendments to another Act | 2016-11-24 | 11 | Bill C-13 |
| Seventh | Study on foreign relations and international trade generally | 2017-02-07 | 53 | Special study leading to interim report: <i>Free Trade Agreements: A Tool for Economic Prosperity</i> |

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- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

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| Eighth | Bill S-226, An Act to provide for the taking of restrictive measures in respect of foreign nationals responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights and to make related amendments to the Special Economic Measures Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act | 2017-02-07 | 8 | Bill S-226 |
| Ninth | Study on opportunities for strengthening cooperation with Mexico since the tabling, in June 2015, of the committee report entitled <i>North American Neighbours: Maximizing Opportunities and Strengthening Cooperation for a more Prosperous Future</i> | 2017-03-28 | - | Budget – additional funds |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 38 | 46.6 | 36.8 | 104 | 7 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Budget Expenditures: | \$124,355 |
| Witness Expenses: | <u>\$9,805</u> |
| TOTAL | \$134,160 |

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- Chart C (“Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017”) 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 2016–2017.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, *Carignan, P.C., Cordy, Dawson, Downe, Housakos, Johnson, Ngo, Oh, Poirier, Rivard and Smith, P.C.

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Bovey, *Carignan, P.C. Cools, Cordy, Dawson, Downe, Eaton, Gold, Harder, P.C., Housakos, Marwah, Ngo, Oh, Saint-Germain, and Woo

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Duffy, Lankin, P.C., Maltais, Marshall, Martin, Munson, Patterson, Raine, Unger and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Marie-Ève Belzile

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn (Library of Parliament)

Pascal Tremblay (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Human Rights

A. General Information

The Standing Committee on Human Rights continued and finished a number of studies in the 2016–2017 fiscal year. In particular, the committee reported on North Korean Defectors and on the resettlement of Syrian refugees. The committee began a study looking at the human rights of prisoners in federal institutions and that study continues.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|---|------------|------------------|---|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Third | Study on steps being taken to facilitate the integration of newly-arrived Syrian refugees and to address the challenges they are facing, including by the various levels of government, private sponsors and non-governmental organizations | 2016-05-12 | - | Budget |
| Fourth | Issues relating to human rights and, inter alia, to review the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations | 2016-06-20 | 10 | Special study leading to interim report: <i>The Forgotten Many: Human Rights and North Korean Defectors</i> |
| Fifth | Study on steps being taken to facilitate the integration of newly-arrived Syrian refugees and to address the challenges they are facing, including by the various levels of government, private sponsors and non-governmental organizations | 2016-12-06 | 31 | Special study leading to final report: <i>Finding Refuge in Canada: A Syrian Resettlement Story</i> |

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 25 | 47.3 | 9 | 90 | 3 |
| 2015–2016 | 15 | 26.6 | - | 49 | 6 |
| 2014–2015 | 21 | 43.3 | - | 120 | 7 |
| 2013–2014 | 15 | 28.8 | - | 81 | 8 |
| 2012–2013 | 20 | 48.9 | 7.5 | 164 | 6 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Budget Expenditures | \$18,839 |
| Witness Expenses | \$12,764 |
| TOTAL | \$31,603 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017**(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, *Carignan, P.C., Cordy, Frum, Hubley, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Ngo and Plett

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Bernard, *Carignan, P.C., *Harder, Hartling, Hubley, Ngo, Martin, McPhedran, Munson, Omidvar, Pate and Unger

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Fraser, Gagné, Maltais, Mockler, Poirier and Oh

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

Committee Clerk:
Mark Palmer

Analysts and Administrative Support:
Julia Nicol (Library of Parliament)
Jean-Philippe Duguay (Library of Parliament)
Elda Donnelly (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 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|---|------------|------------------|---|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Fourth | Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters | 2016-04-14 | - | <i>Annual Report on Parliamentary Associations' Activities and Expenditures for 2014–15</i> |
| Fifth | Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters | 2016-04-14 | - | International Travel Report |
| Sixth | Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters | 2016-05-17 | - | Committee Budget - Legislation |
| Seventh | Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters | 2016-09-29 | - | <i>Post-activity Expenditure Reports of Senate Committees for 2014–15</i> |
| Eighth | Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters | 2016-11-01 | - | <i>Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ended March 31, 2016</i> |
| Ninth | Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial | 2016-11-01 | - | <i>Annual Report on Parliamentary</i> |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

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| | and administrative matters | | | <i>Associations' Activities and Expenditures for 2015–16</i> |
| Tenth | Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters | 2016-12-12 | - | <i>Senate budget 2017–2018</i> |
| Eleventh | Approve funding for the Independent Senators Group for the current fiscal year and for the fiscal year 2017–18 | 2017-02-09 | - | <i>Revised Senate Budget 2017–2018</i> |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2016–2017 | 24 | 33.3 | 24 | 8 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(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 2016–2017
(*Ex officio members)**

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative)

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (“Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017”) 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 2016–2017.

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jane Cordy (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Batters, Campbell, *Carignan, P.C., Cordy, Downe, Doyle, Housakos, Jaffer, Lang, Manning, Marshall, Munson, Smith, Tannas, Tkachuk and Wells

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Batters, Campbell, *Carignan, P.C., Cordy, Downe, Dupuis, *Harder, Housakos, Jaffer, Lankin, P.C., Marshall, Marwah, McCoy, Mitchell, Munson, Omidvar, Smith, Tannas, Tkachuk and Wells

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Dawson, Eaton, Frum, Hubley, Martin, Mockler, Ngo, Plett, Saint-Germain, Wallace and White

Committee Clerk:

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

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Daniel Charbonneau (Procedural Clerk and Recording Secretary) (since October 2016)

Jodi Turner (Procedural Clerk and Recording Secretary) (until October 2016)

Victoria Deng (Administrative Assistant and Legislative Clerk) (until January 2017)

Karine Déquier (Administrative Assistant) (since May 2016)

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

A. General Information

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

During this fiscal year, the committee finished its hearings for its special study on delays in Canada's criminal justice system, hearing from a total of 139 witnesses (75 during the fiscal year) including the federal Minister of Justice; former and sitting judges; lawyers (Crown and defence counsel); government officials (federal, provincial and territorial); legal experts and academics; victims and victims' groups; representatives from Indigenous peoples' organizations and Aboriginal Courtworker programs (now the Indigenous Courtwork Program); social service providers; law enforcement and probation officers; public safety, mental health and addictions experts; courthouse workers; and technology experts, among others.

In addition, in the spring the committee did a pre-study of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying), as well as studying the bill. In the fall, the committee began a study on the reports of the Chief Electoral Officers on the 42nd general election.

Over the course of the fiscal year, the committee studied three government bills, six private members bills or Senate public bills and one private bill.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|---|------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Third | Subject matter of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying) | 2016-05-17 | 66 | Bill C-14 subject matter study |
| Fourth | Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying) | 2016-06-07 | 11 | Bill C-14 |
| Fifth | Bill S-1001, An Act to authorize La Capitale | 2016-06-09 | 2 | Bill S-1001 |

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|------------|--|------------|----|---|
| | Financial Security Insurance Company to apply to be continued as a body corporate under the laws of the Province of Quebec | | | |
| Sixth | Bill S-225, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (substances used in the production of fentanyl) | 2016-06-10 | 9 | Bill S-225 |
| Seventh | Bill S-217, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (detention in custody) | 2016-06-16 | 8 | Bill S-217 |
| Eighth | Study on matters pertaining to delays in Canada's criminal justice system | 2016-08-12 | 75 | Special study leading to interim report: <i>Delaying Justice is Denying Justice: An Urgent Need to Address Lengthy Court Delays in Canada</i> |
| Ninth | Bill S-230, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (drug-impaired driving) | 2016-12-08 | 13 | Bill S-230 |
| Tenth | Bill S-215, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (sentencing for violent offences against Aboriginal women) | 2016-12-08 | 7 | Bill S-215 |
| Eleventh | Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code, the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act, the Public Service Labour Relations Act and the Income Tax Act | 2017-02-09 | 11 | Bill C-4 |
| Twelfth | Bill C-224, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (assistance — drug overdose) | 2017-03-07 | 10 | Bill C-224 |
| Thirteenth | Bill S-231, An Act to amend the Canada Evidence Act and the Criminal Code (protection of journalistic sources) | 2017-03-09 | 20 | Bill S-231 |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 50 | 94.5 | 13.5 | 270 | 11 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Budget Expenditures | \$100,294 |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$78,363</u> |
| TOTAL | \$178,657 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017**(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina Jaffer (Liberal) (until June 9, 2016)

The Honourable Senator George Baker, P.C. (Liberal) (since June 9, 2016)

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

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Batters, *Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, Fraser, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., McInnis, McIntyre, Plett, Runciman, Wells and White

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C. Batters, Boisvenu, Boniface, *Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, Dupuis, *Harder, P.C., Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., McIntyre, Omidvar, Pate, Pratte, Runciman, Sinclair and White

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Cormier, Dean, Doyle, Dyck, Eaton, Enverga, Frum, Galvez Gold, Hartling, Lang, Lankin, P.C., MacDonald, Marshall, Munson, Raine, Tannas, Unger and Woo

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Maxime Charron-Tousignant (Library of Parliament)

Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)

Robin MacKay (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (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 2016–2017 and 2017–2018, including the Main Estimates 2016–2017, Supplementary Estimates (A), 2016–2017, Supplementary Estimates (B), 2016–2017, and Supplementary Estimates (C), 2016–2017.

Three bills were also reported by the committee:

- Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures, without amendment but with observations;
- Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, with amendment;
- Bill C-29, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures, with amendment.

With respect to Bills C-15 and C-29, the committee undertook the study of their subject matter before their introduction in the Senate. This allowed the committee to hear many witnesses on the bills prior to their being read for the first time in the Senate.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|---|------------|--|---|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Fifth | Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 | 2016-06-01 | 39 | <i>Second Interim Report on the Main Estimates 2016–17</i> |
| Sixth | Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 | 2016-06-15 | 23 | <i>Final Report on the Supplementary Estimates (A), for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017</i> |
| Seventh | Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures | 2016-06-20 | (52 on the subject matter of Bill C-15) | Bill C-15, without amendment but with observations |
| Eighth | Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act | 2016-11-23 | 14 | Bill C-2, with amendment |
| Ninth | Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 | 2016-12-07 | 30 | <i>Final Report on the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2016–17</i> |
| Tenth | Study on the federal government's multi-billion dollar infrastructure funding program | 2016-12-08 | - | Budget – funds requested for a database consultant |
| Eleventh | Bill C-29, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures | 2016-12-12 | 3 (17 on the subject matter of Bill C-29) | Bill C-29, with amendment |
| Twelfth | Study on the federal government's multi-billion dollar infrastructure funding program | 2017-02-28 | 34 | Special study leading to an interim report: <i>Smarter Planning, Smarter Spending: Achieving infrastructure success</i> |

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| Thirteenth | Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 | 2017-03-28 | 21 | <i>Final Report on the Supplementary Estimates (C), 2016–17</i> |
| Fourteenth | Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 | 2017-03-28 | 46 | <i>First Interim Report on the Main Estimates 2017–18</i> |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2016–2017 | 57 | 96.9 | - | 263 | 10 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Budget Expenditures | \$14,000 |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$24,911</u> |
| TOTAL | \$38,911 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Anne C. Cools (Independent Senators Group)

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

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

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (“Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017”) 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 2016–2017.

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Baker, P.C., Black, *Carignan, P.C., Cools, Cowan, Day, Eaton, Forest, *Harder, P.C., Marshall, Mockler, Moncion, Neufeld, Pratte, Smith and Woo

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Batters, Beyak, Dagenais, Day, Dean, Enverga, Frum, Housakos, Lang, Lankin, P.C., Maltais, Martin, Marwah, McIntyre, Moore, Ngo, Ogilvie, Patterson, Poirier, Raine, Runciman, Seidman, Stewart Olsen, Tkachuk and Unger

Committee Clerk:

Gaëtane Lemay

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sylvain Fleury (Library of Parliament)

Alex Smith (Library of Parliament) (until December 2016)

Olivier Leblanc-Laurendeau (Library of Parliament) (since January 2017)

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 early 2016, the Minister of National Defence wrote to invite the committee to contribute to the Defence Policy Review which the government was undertaking. Specifically, the committee was invited to comment on Canada's involvement in peace support operations. In response, the committee undertook a broader study of the issues related to the Defence Policy Review and tabled a report entitled *UN Deployment: Prioritizing commitments at home and abroad*, which spoke directly to the minister's inquiry with respect to peace support operations.

Finally, the committee conducted legislative work, including Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act, the Public Service Labour Relations and Employment Board Act and other Acts and to provide for certain other measures, and Bill S-205, An Act to amend the Canada Border Services Agency Act (Inspector General of the Canada Border Services Agency) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, both of which were reported back with amendments, as well as the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 2 of Part 4 of Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|---|------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Third | The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 2 of Part 4 of Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures | 2016-06-07 | 22 | Bill C-15 subject matter study |
| Fourth | Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act, the Public Service Labour Relations and Employment Board Act and other Acts and to | 2016-06-14 | 25 | Bill C-7 |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

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| | provide for certain other measures | | | |
| Fifth | Study on issues related to the Defence Policy Review presently being undertaken by the government | 2016-06-16 | - | Budget |
| Sixth | Bill S-205, An Act to amend the Canada Border Services Agency Act (Inspector General of the Canada Border Services Agency) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts | 2016-06-22 | 12 | Bill S-205 |
| Seventh | Study on issues related to the Defence Policy Review presently being undertaken by the government | 2016-11-18 | 47 | Special study leading to final report: <i>UN Deployment: Prioritizing commitments at home and abroad</i> |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 27 | 86.4 | 9 | 159 | 5 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Budget Expenditures | \$13,074 |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$25,119</u> |
| TOTAL | \$38,193 |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Beyak, *Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, Day, Kenny, Lang, Mitchell, Ngo and White

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Boniface, *Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, *Harder, P.C., Jaffer, Kenny, Lang, Lankin, P.C., McPhedran, Meredith, Saint-Germain and White

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Manning, Baker, P.C., Enverga, McCoy, Mockler, Moncion, Oh, Runciman, Smith, Tkachuk and Waller

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marcus Pistor (Library of Parliament)

Holly Porteous (Library of Parliament)

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 undertook a new study related to creating a defined, professional and consistent system for veterans as they leave the Canadian Armed Forces. This study was still ongoing as of the end of the 2016–17 fiscal year.

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 2016 Budget Implementation Act.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017

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, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 2016–2017 | 10 | 8.4 | - | 16 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Budget Expenditures | NIL |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$366</u> |
| TOTAL | \$366 |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (“Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017”) 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 2016–2017.

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Lang, Saint-Germain and White

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Beyak, Day, Manning, Meredith, Mitchell, Runciman, Smith and Wallin

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

In 2016–2017, the Standing Committee on Official Languages began a study on the challenges associated with access to French-language schools and French immersion programs in British Columbia.

The Committee also received two other orders of reference:

- The Government response to the sixth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages entitled *Aiming Higher: Increasing bilingualism of our Canadian Youth*, tabled in the Senate on June 15, 2015; and
- Bill S-209, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act (communications with and services to the public).

The Committee continued its study on the application of the Official Languages Act and of the regulations and directives made under it, within those institutions subject to the Act.

As part of its study on access to French-language education in British Columbia, the Committee travelled to Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, from October 2 to 7, 2016 to conduct public hearings and a fact-finding mission.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament | | | | |
|--|---|------------|------------------|---------|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Second | Study on the challenges associated with access to French-language schools and French immersion programs in British Columbia | 2016-05-12 | - | Budget |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

| | | | | | |
|-----------|----|------|------|-----|---|
| 2016–2017 | 21 | 39 | 12.7 | 76 | 1 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Budget Expenditures | \$60,345 |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$5,827</u> |
| TOTAL | \$66,172 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators *Carignan, P.C., Fraser, Jaffer, Maltais, McIntyre, Poirier, Rivard, Seidman, Tardif and Wells

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Bovey, *Carignan, P.C., Cormier, Fraser, Gagné, *Harder, Maltais, McIntyre, Mégie, Mockler, Moncion, Poirier, Seidman, and Tardif

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Boniface, Dagenais, Doyle, Munson, Oh and Raine

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

A. General Information

In 2016–2017, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament presented three substantive reports. The second report recommended a modification to rule 14-7(1) to allow for the possibility of broadcasting Senate proceedings. The third report proposed to simplify the ordering of business on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper*. The committee's fourth report proposed adjustments in how items are called during sittings of the Senate. A number of other proposed changes to the Rules were also under consideration during this period and were reported to the Senate early in 2017–2018. In addition, during 2016–2017 the committee completed its work on the case of privilege relating to leaks of the Auditor General's report on the audit of senators' expenses, and presented its report to the Senate in April 2017.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|---|------------|------------------|---|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Second | Examine and propose amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i> to allow and facilitate broadcasting of Senate proceedings | 2016-12-13 | - | Broadcasting of Senate Proceedings |
| Third | Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), consideration of amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i> | 2016-12-14 | - | Changes to the Order Paper and Notice Paper |
| Fourth | Develop and propose amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i> relating to the use of the Order Paper and Notice Paper, particularly in relation to so-called "stood" items | 2016-03-07 | - | Sessional Order |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 17 | 21 | - | 8 | 3 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(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 2016–2017
(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

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 on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Batters, *Carignan, P.C., Cools, Doyle, Fraser, Frum, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., Martin, McInnis, Ogilvie, Seidman, Smith, P.C., Tkachuk, Wells and White

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Batters, Bellemare, *Carignan, P.C., Cools, Day, Dupuis, Fraser, Frum, Gold, *Harder, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., Lankin, P.C., McCoy, McInnis, Ringuette, Seidman, Tkachuk, Wells and White

Other senator who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cormier, Housakos, Maltais, Manning, Martin, McIntyre, Ngo, Oh, Poirier, Wallace and Wallin

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

Committee Clerk:
Charles Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:
Dara Lithwick (Library of Parliament)
Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)
Ginette Ricard (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 2016–2017

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------------|--|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Fourth | Pursuant to rule 12-2(4)(b) of the <i>Rules of the Senate</i> | 2016-06-08 | - | Change of membership on committees |
| Fifth | Pursuant to the orders of the Senate of December 7 and December 12, 2016 | 2016-12-14 | - | Committee membership changes pursuant to the orders of the Senate of December 7 and 12, 2016 |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 3 | 1.7 | - | 2 |
| 2015–2016 | 3 | 0.6 | - | 4 |
| 2014–2015 | 1 | 0.1 | - | 1 |
| 2013–2014 | 4 | 0.5 | - | 5 |
| 2012–2013 | - | - | - | - |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(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 2016–2017
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Elizabeth Marshall (Conservative) (until May 2016)

The Honourable Donald Neil Plett (Conservative) (since May 2016)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Fraser, Frum, *Harder, P.C., Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Hubley, Marshall, Martin, Munson, Plett, *Smith and Wells

Members of the committee added on December 7, 2016:

The Honourable Senators Black, Campbell, Omidvar, Pratte and Tardif (added on June 6, 2016)

Other senator who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Beyak, Mitchell and White

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Special Committee on Senate Modernization

A. General Information

The Special Committee on Senate Modernization was created in the previous fiscal year following the adoption of a motion on December 12, 2015 to consider methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework. During the autumn of 2016, the Special Committee heard from the leadership of the different Senate caucuses and groups about the role of political party caucuses. In addition, the Special Committee focused on the fundamental aspects of the Westminster system. In December 2016, the Senate referred to the Special Committee for review Bill S-213 which seeks to change the process by which the Speaker is selected by amending the Constitution to place the selection process fully in the hands of the Senate itself.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------------|--|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| First | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework | 2016-10-04 | 13 | Special study leading to interim report: <i>Senate Modernization: Moving Forward</i> |
| Second | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework | 2016-10-04 | - | Omnibus Bills |
| Third | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework | 2016-10-04 | - | Committees |
| Fourth | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework | 2016-10-04 | - | Order Paper |
| Fifth | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework | 2016-10-04 | - | Caucus |
| Sixth | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework | 2016-10-05 | - | Speakership |
| Seventh | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more | 2016-10-18 | - | Regional Interest |

| | | | | |
|----------|---|------------|---|---|
| | effective within the current constitutional framework | | | |
| Eighth | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework | 2016-10-18 | - | Broadcasting |
| Ninth | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework | 2016-10-25 | - | Question Period |
| Tenth | Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework | 2016-10-26 | - | Nature of a Senator's constitutional role |
| Eleventh | Bill S-213, An Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 and the Parliament of Canada Act (Speakership of the Senate) | 2017-03-28 | 4 | Bill S-213 |

C. Activities of the Committee in Comparison

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 28 | 47.4 | - | 24 | 11 |
| 2015–2016 | 3 | 5.1 | - | 3 | - |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Budget Expenditures | NIL |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$5,177</u> |
| TOTAL | \$5,177 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

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 on February 17, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, *Carignan, P.C., Cools, Eggleton, P.C., Frum, Greene, Johnson, Joyal, P.C., Massicotte, McCoy, McInnis, McIntyre, Stewart Olsen, Tannas, Tardif and Wells

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, *Carignan, P.C., Dean, Dupuis, Eggleton, P.C., Forest, Frum, Gagné, Greene, *Harder, Joyal, P.C., Lankin, P.C., Massicotte, McCoy, McInnis, McIntyre, Stewart Olsen, Tardif, Tkachuk and Wells

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Cormier, Dagenais, Fraser, Gold, MacDonald, Maltais, Marshall, Mitchell, Mockler, Oh, Plett, Pratte, Ringuette and Smith

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jean-Rodrigue Paré (Library of Parliament)
Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)
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 2016, the committee completed public hearings on its study on dementia in Canada and studied and reported on the subject matter of Division 12, Part 4 of the first Budget Implementation Act of 2016 (Bill C-15).

In the fall of 2016, the committee tabled its final report on *Dementia in Canada: A National Strategy for Dementia-friendly Communities*, which contained 29 recommendations. The committee held several hearings with ministers to review and examine their respective mandate letters. The committee also examined and reported on three bills (See Chart B) and studied and reported on the subject matter of Divisions 1 and 2 of Part 4 of the second Budget Implementation Act of 2016 (Bill C-29). The committee also began public hearings on a new special study on robotics, artificial intelligence and 3D printing in the healthcare system.

During the winter of 2017 the committee examined and reported on one bill (See Chart B) and continued its public hearings on its study on robotics, artificial intelligence and 3D printing in the health-care system.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|--|------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Third | The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 12 of Part 4 of Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures | 2016-05-31 | 6 | Bill C-15 subject matter study |
| Fourth | Study on the issue of dementia in our society | 2016-10-06 | - | Budget |
| Fifth | Bill S-211, An Act respecting National Sickle Cell Awareness Day | 2016-10-06 | 2 | Bill S-211 |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

| | | | | |
|---------|---|------------|----|---|
| Sixth | Study on the issue of dementia in our society | 2016-11-15 | 36 | Special study leading to final report: <i>Dementia in Canada: A National Strategy for Dementia-friendly Communities</i> |
| Seventh | The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 1 and 2 of Part 4 of Bill C-29, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2016 and other measures | 2016-12-01 | 5 | Bill C-29 subject matter study |
| Eighth | Bill C-26, An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Act and the Income Tax Act | 2016-12-08 | 10 | Bill C-26 |
| Ninth | Bill C-210, An Act to amend the National Anthem Act (gender) | 2016-12-15 | 5 | Bill C-210 |
| Tenth | Bill C-6, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act and to make consequential amendments to another Act | 2017-03-07 | 18 | Bill C-6 |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 36 | 53.1 | - | 103 | 8 |
| 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 |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C (“Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017”) 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 2016–2017.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Budget Expenditures | \$4,408 |
| Witness Expenses | <u>\$41,646</u> |
| TOTAL | \$46,054 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd 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 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

Members of the Committee (as nominated by the committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators *Carignan, P.C., Cormier, Day, Dean, Demers, Eggleton, P.C., Frum, *Harder, P.C., Hartling, McPhedran, Mégie, Merchant, Meredith, Neufeld, Ogilvie, Petitclerc, Raine, Seidman, and Stewart Olsen

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Doyle, Fraser, Galvez, Gold, Griffin, Jaffer, Lankin, P.C., MacDonald, Marshall, McIntyre, Omidvar, Poirier, Unger

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, the committee focussed primarily on its study on the development of a strategy to facilitate the transport of crude oil to eastern Canadian refineries and to ports on the East and West coasts of Canada. An interim report was tabled in December 2016.

In response to a request from the Minister of Transport, the committee began its study on the regulatory and technical issues related to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles in February 2017. The study is currently ongoing and the committee intends to release a final report at the end of 2017 that will highlight the actions that Canada needs to take to successfully deploy these technologies.

In addition to special studies, the committee studied two bills:

- Bill C-10, an Act to amend the Air Canada Public Participation Act and to provide for certain other measures. This bill modified existing requirements governing where Air Canada must carry out its aircraft maintenance activities, as well as the type and volume of those activities;
- Bill S-2, an Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act, which expands the powers of the federal government to deal with vehicle defects. This bill was reported with one amendment and is currently being studied by the House of Commons.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1st Session, 42nd Parliament | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|------------|------------------|-----------|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Third | Study on the development of a strategy to facilitate the transport of crude oil to eastern Canadian refineries and to ports on the East and West coasts of Canada | 2016-04-14 | - | Budget |
| Fourth | Bill C-10, An Act to amend the Air Canada Public Participation Act and to provide for certain other measures | 2016-06-21 | 14 | Bill C-10 |

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

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|-------|---|------------|-----|---|
| Fifth | Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act | 2016-11-24 | 11 | Bill S-2 |
| Sixth | Study on the development of a strategy to facilitate the transport of crude oil to eastern Canadian refineries and to ports on the East and West coasts of Canada | 2016-12-07 | 110 | Special study leading to interim report: <i>Pipelines for Oil: Protecting our Economy, Respecting our Environment</i> |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 50 | 76.8 | 17.5 | 162 | 4 |
| 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 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Budget Expenditures: | \$119,659 |
| Witness Expenses: | <u>\$22,845</u> |
| TOTAL | \$142,504 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Liberal)

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael MacDonald (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Black, *Carignan, P.C., Dawson, Eggleton, P.C., Frum, Greene, MacDonald, Martin, Mercer, Plett, Ringuette, Runciman and Unger

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, *Carignan, P.C., Dean, Dupuis, Eggleton, P.C., Forest, Frum, Gagné, Greene, *Harder, Joyal, P.C., Lankin, P.C., Massicotte, McCoy, McInnis, McIntyre, Stewart Olsen, Tardif, Tkachuk, and Wells

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Beyak, Boisvenu, Cormier, Dagenais, Doyle, Duffy, Galvez, Gold, Griffin, Lang, Maltais, Manning, Mockler, Neufeld, Ngo, Raine, Smith and Tannas,

Committee Clerks:

Victor Senna (since September 2016)
Barbara Reynolds (since September 2016)
Daniel Charbonneau (until October 2016)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jed Chong (Library of Parliament)
Nicole Sweeney (Library of Parliament) (since September 2016)
Allison Padova (Library of Parliament) (until May 2016)
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 2016–2017

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | - | - | - | - |
| 2015–2016 | 1 | 0.08 | - | - |
| 2014–2015 | 2 | 1.3 | 2 | - |
| 2013–2014 | 2 | 1.8 | - | 1 |
| 2012–2013 | 4 | 3.1 | 5 | 1 |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

(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 2016–2017

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

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 Ataullahjan, Eaton and Mercer

Joint Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Maritza Jean-Pierre (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 2016–2017 fiscal year, 16 meetings were held and the committee heard from 12 witnesses.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017*

| 1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|------------------|---|
| Report Number | Order of Reference | Date Y-M-D | No. of Witnesses | Content |
| Second | Review of Statutory Instruments | 2017-03-30 | - | Accessibility of Documents Incorporated by Reference in Federal Regulations |
| Third | Review of Statutory Instruments | 2017-03-30 | - | Marginal Notes of Federal Acts and Regulations |

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017*

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | No. of Meeting Hours | No. of Witnesses | No. of Reports |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2016–2017 | 16 | 24.5 | 12 | 2 |
| 2015–2016 | 4 | 5.0 | - | 1 |
| 2014–2015 | 13 | 14.7 | - | 2 |
| 2013–2014 | 10 | 12.4 | - | 2 |
| 2012–2013 | 11 | 12.1 | - | - |

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

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

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2016–2017") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2016–2017, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2012–2017") 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 2016–2017.

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Budget Expenditures | \$118 |
| Witness Expenses | <u>NIL</u> |
| TOTAL | \$118 |

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2016–2017

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pana Merchant (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Frum, Martin, McCoy, Moore, Omidvar, Plett, Runciman, Smith, P.C. and Wallin

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Gold, McIntyre and Moncion

Joint Committee Clerk:

Max Hollins

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Evelyne Borkowski-Parent (Library of Parliament)

Peter Bernhardt (Library of Parliament)

Shawn Abel (Library of Parliament)

Cynthia Kirkby (Library of Parliament)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant)

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2016–2017

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, 2012–2017

| Fiscal Year | No. of Meetings | Total Senate Committees (A) | Witness Expenses (B) | Other Expenses (C) | Total Expenditures (A+B+C) |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 2016–17 | 601 | \$903,558 | \$360,857 | \$101,916 | \$1,366,331 |
| 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 |

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 2016–2017

| Name of Committee Session 42-1 | BUDGET | | EXPENDITURES | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Total Budget | Budget | Professional & Other Services | Transport, Accommodation & Living Expenses | All Other Expenditures | Total Expenditures |
| Aboriginal Peoples | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Northern Housing | 229,250 | | | | | |
| <i>General Expenses</i> | | 16,700 | 8,350 | - | - | 8,350 |
| <i>Activity 1: Nunavut, Nunatsiavut, Nunavik</i> | | 212,550 | 507 | 126,206 | 663 | 127,375 |
| TOTAL | 229,250 | 229,250 | 8,350 | 126,206 | 663 | 135,725 |
| Agriculture and Forestry | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Market Access | 360,188 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: Calgary</i> | | 100,188 | 7,316 | 28,161 | 8,505 | 43,981 |
| <i>Activity 2: Beijing & Shanghai, China</i> | | 260,000 | 173 | 71,278 | 3,627 | 75,078 |
| TOTAL | 360,188 | 360,188 | 7,489 | 99,439 | 12,131 | 119,060 |
| Banking, Trade and Commerce | | | | | | |
| Special Study -Internal Barriers | 236,070 | | | | | |
| <i>General Expenses</i> | | 700 | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Activity 1: Vancouver, Calgary & Winnipeg</i> | | 160,072 | - | 22,619 | 950 | 23,570 |
| <i>Activity 2: Halifax</i> | | 75,298 | - | - | 658 | 658 |
| TOTAL | 236,070 | 236,070 | - | 22,619 | 1,608 | 24,227 |
| Energy, The Environment and Natural Resources | | | | | | |

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|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Special Study - Low Carbon | 168,639 | | | | | |
| <i>General Expenses</i> | | 1,000 | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Activity 1: Western Canada</i> | | 119,143 | - | 56,474 | 1,625 | 58,099 |
| <i>Activity 2: Southern Ontario (Sarnia-Hamilton)</i> | | 29,792 | - | 17,498 | 90 | 17,588 |
| <i>Activity 3: Montreal</i> | | 18,704 | - | 6,108 | 1,904 | 8,012 |
| | 168,639 | 168,639 | - | 80,080 | 3,619 | 83,699 |
| Fisheries and Oceans | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Maritime Search & Rescue Activities | 260,245 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island & New Brunswick</i> | | 107,588 | 3,806 | 32,673 | 5,273 | 41,752 |
| <i>Activity 2: Newfoundland & Labrador</i> | | 152,657 | 3,729 | 35,856 | 4,418 | 44,002 |
| TOTAL | 260,245 | 260,245 | 7,534 | 68,529 | 9,691 | 85,755 |
| Foreign Affairs and International Trade | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Political & Economic Developments in Argentina | 249,126 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: Argentina (Buenos Aires & Chile (Santiago))</i> | | 249,126 | 5,675 | 100,848 | 138 | 106,661 |
| Special Study - Strengthening cooperation with Mexico | 19,452 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: Mexico City</i> | | 19,452 | - | 17,469 | 225 | 17,694 |
| TOTAL | 268,578 | 268,578 | 5,675 | 118,316 | 363 | 124,355 |
| Human Rights | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Syrian Refugees | 54,794 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: Toronto & Montreal</i> | | 54,794 | 2,108 | 12,247 | 4,484 | 18,839 |
| | 54,794 | 54,794 | 2,108 | 12,247 | 4,484 | 18,839 |
| Legal and Constitutional Affairs | | | | | | |

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|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Special Study - Delays in Canada's criminal justice system | 218,417 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: Toronto (CANCELLED)</i> | | 27,977 | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Activity 2: Montreal</i> | | 20,774 | 1,541 | 6,371 | 1,815 | 9,727 |
| <i>Activity 3: Vancouver, Calgary & Saskatoon</i> | | 104,326 | 7,726 | 49,137 | 11,101 | 67,964 |
| <i>Activity 4: Halifax</i> | | 65,340 | 3,112 | 16,571 | 2,921 | 22,603 |
| TOTAL | 218,417 | 218,417 | 12,379 | 72,079 | 15,837 | 100,294 |
| National Finance | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Federal Government infrastructure funding program | 18,000 | | | | | |
| <i>General Expenses</i> | | 18,000 | 14,000 | - | - | 14,000 |
| TOTAL | 18,000 | 18,000 | 14,000 | - | - | 14,000 |
| National Security and Defence | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Defence Policy Review | 50,000 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: New York</i> | | 50,000 | - | 13,074 | - | 13,074 |
| Special Study - Security Threats | 91,986 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: Halifax & Washington</i> | | 91,986 | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 141,986 | 141,986 | - | 13,074 | - | 13,074 |
| Official Languages | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Access to French-language schools and French immersion programs in BC | 123,328 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: British Columbia</i> | | 123,328 | 6,040 | 48,435 | 5,870 | 60,345 |
| TOTAL | 123,328 | 123,328 | 6,040 | 48,435 | 5,870 | 60,345 |
| Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint) | | | | | | |
| Joint Committee | 3,540 | | | | | |

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|--|------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>General Expenses</i> | | 3,540 | - | - | 118 | 118 |
| TOTAL | 3,540 | 3,540 | - | - | 118 | 118 |
| Social Affairs Science and Technology | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Dementia | 7,000 | | | | | |
| <i>General Expenses</i> | | 7,000 | 4,408 | - | - | 4,408 |
| TOTAL | 7,000 | 7,000 | 4,408 | - | - | 4,408 |
| Transport and Communication | | | | | | |
| Special Study - Automated Vehicles | 19,364 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: Conference - Toronto</i> | | 19,364 | 4,185 | 2,914 | 31 | 7,130 |
| Special Study - Transport of Crude Oil | 354,652 | | | | | |
| <i>Activity 1: Edmonton, Calgary & Vancouver</i> | | 190,376 | 9,451 | 41,766 | 10,760 | 61,977 |
| <i>Activity 2: Montreal, Saint John, Halifax & Port Hawkesbury</i> | | 164,276 | 7,323 | 33,684 | 9,546 | 50,552 |
| TOTAL | 374,016 | 374,016 | 20,959 | 78,364 | 20,336 | 119,659 |
| TOTAL 41-2 | 2,464,051 | 2,464,051 | 88,943 | 739,388 | 74,719 | 903,558 |

* 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 2016–2017

1st session, 42nd Parliament

| | TOTAL | AMOUNT |
|---|---------------|--------|
| Aboriginal Peoples | 26,308 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 5,032 |
| <i>Special Study - First Nations Infrastructure</i> | | 16,010 |
| <i>Special Study - New Relationships</i> | | 5,266 |
| Agriculture and Forestry | 49,522 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | - |
| <i>Special Study - Market Access</i> | | 18,740 |
| <i>Special Study - Climate Change</i> | | 5,500 |
| <i>Special Study - Farmland</i> | | 24,023 |
| <i>Special Study - Bee Health</i> | | 1,259 |
| Banking, Trade and Commerce | 26,325 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 7,693 |
| <i>Special Study - Internal Barriers</i> | | 5,127 |
| <i>Special Study - SS3 Corridor</i> | | 10,732 |
| <i>Special Study - SS4 Copyright Board</i> | | 2,772 |
| Energy, Environment and Natural Resources | 17,788 | |
| <i>Special Study - Low Carbon</i> | | 17,788 |
| Fisheries & Ocean | 14,092 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 4,362 |
| <i>Special Study - Maritime Search & Rescue</i> | | 8,011 |
| <i>Special Study - Policy Framework</i> | | 1,719 |
| Foreign Affairs | 9,805 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 6,113 |
| <i>Special Study - Foreign Relations</i> | | 3,692 |
| Human Rights | 12,764 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 6,319 |
| <i>Special Study - Obligations</i> | | 4,620 |
| <i>Special Study - Syrian Refugees</i> | | 1,826 |
| Legal and Constitutional Affairs | 78,363 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 59,244 |
| <i>Special Study - Delays Criminal Justice</i> | | 19,119 |
| National Finance | 24,911 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 14,545 |
| <i>Special Study - Aging</i> | | 3,244 |
| <i>Special Study - Infrastructure</i> | | 7,121 |
| National Security and Defence | 25,119 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 8,972 |
| <i>Special Study - Policy Review</i> | | 5,004 |
| <i>Special Study - National Security & Defence Policies</i> | | 9,211 |
| <i>Special Study - Security Threats</i> | | 1,932 |
| Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs | 366 | |
| <i>Special Study- Veterans Affairs</i> | | 366 |
| Official Languages | 5,827 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | - |

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|--|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Special Study - French Immersion Program</i> | | 930 |
| <i>Special Study - Official Languages Act</i> | | 4,896 |
| Senate Modernization (Special) | 5,177 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 5,177 |
| Social Affairs, Science and Technology | 41,646 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 19,179 |
| <i>Special Study - Dementia</i> | | 13,747 |
| <i>Special Study - Robotics</i> | | 8,721 |
| Transport & Communication | 22,845 | |
| <i>Legislation</i> | | 4,237 |
| <i>Special Study - Automated Vehicles</i> | | 1,098 |
| <i>Special Study - Crude Oil</i> | | 14,725 |
| <i>Special Study - Mandate and ministerial mandate letters</i> | | 2,785 |
| TOTAL 42-1 | 360,857 | 360,857 |

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