



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

2014-2015



Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees



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

Activity levels in 2014-2015 reflect the full effect of having a fiscal year uninterrupted by the parliamentary hiatuses of prorogations or dissolutions. As can be seen in the numbers of meetings held, witnesses heard, hours spent in meetings or on fact-finding visits related to studies, senators and their committees were very busy, exceeding or meeting peak levels in the last five years. 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 2014-2015.

The first phase of Iris, a multi-year project to replace the legacy systems that underpin the work of the Senate and its committees, was launched in October of 2014. Iris creates a single coherent system for storing, tracking and sharing information about senators and the work they do in the Senate Chamber and in committees. Since this system concentrated on the work of the Committees Directorate, its personnel worked hard in the months leading up to its launch, ensuring it was bug-free and that its users were well trained in its proper use. I know that I speak for all directorate employees when I say we take great pride in supporting the important and valuable work done by Senate committees to scrutinize legislation, develop public policy, and improve the lives of all Canadians.

On a personal note, I wish to acknowledge the work of my predecessor, Heather Lank, whose position as Principal Clerk I inherited late in the fiscal year. For over 15 years, Dr. Lank led and mentored the Directorate with great skill and has passed on a well-organized structure to support the needs of senators and their committees, with robust financial oversight processes and mechanisms, outstanding records management and skilled procedural advice. Her former employees in the Committees Directorate and I wish her well in her new duties in the Chamber Operations and Procedure Office.

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 2014-2015

Blair Armitage (since March 2015)
Heather Lank (until March 2015)
Principal Clerk

Brigitte Martineau
Administrative Assistant

Catherine Piccinin
Deputy Principal Clerk

Debbie Larocque
Administrative Assistant

Committee Clerks

Shaila Anwar
Daniel Charbonneau
Lynn Gordon
Keli Hogan (since March 2015)
Maxwell Hollins
Danielle Labonté
(from November 2014 to March 2015)
Mark Palmer
Kevin Pittman
Barbara Reynolds (until November 2014)
Jessica Richardson
Josée Thérien
Adam Thompson
Jodi Turner
Marcy Zlotnick

Administrative Assistants

Tracy Amendola
Lyne Héroux
Kathleen Ippersiel (since August 2014) *
Maritza Jean-Pierre
Louise Martel
Diane McMartin
Lori Meldrum
Mélanie Moore (since October 2014)
Monique Régimbald
Anita Vinette

Legislative Clerks

Matthieu Boulianne (until March 2015)
Chantal Cardinal (since March 2015)
Artour Sogomonian (since September 2014)

Statistics Coordinator

Sylvie Trudeau

Business Systems Analyst

Ferda Simpson (since August 2014) *

* Position transferred to the Committees Directorate in August 2014.

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Part I – General Information

Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Operating Expenditures *

During fiscal year 2014-2015, the directorate provided administrative, procedural, informational and other support to Senate committees, which include:

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

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

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

Committees Directorate	
(31.8 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs))	
Operating Expenditures	
Directorate:	\$2,332,441
Committees:	\$866,924
Witnesses:	\$404,067
Other:	\$139,504

Committee Activities

Committees account for much of the activity of the Senate. On average, over 50 bills are examined and 50 special studies are undertaken each year. While all committees must respect the *Rules of the Senate* and the *Senate Administrative Rules*, there are significant variations between committees with respect to how they undertake, organize and carry out their work. In addition, some committees focus almost exclusively on legislation, while others give special studies most of their attention.

* All data contained in this report was extracted from the *Journals of the Senate*, the proceedings of Senate committees and the records of the Senate Finance and Procurement Directorate.

Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal years since 2010-2011.

Activity Indicators	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	5-year average
Meetings	586	422	513	401	591	502.6
Reports	126	119	108	80	125	111.6
Hours in Committee	937.8	637.8	815.8	702.4	1,060.2	830.8
Witnesses	2,116	1,277	1,760	1,334	1,887	1,674.8
Bills	71	44	47	21	58	48.2
Fact-Finding Hours	287.7	134.7	243.5	161	275.8	220.5
Pre-Studies/Subject Matter	18	10	15	2	1	9.2
Special Studies Undertaken	57	85	63	41	54	60
Trips	19	8	18	8	18	14.2

The following table illustrates the various orders of reference received by Senate committees in the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Orders of Reference	No. of Meetings	% of Total Meetings	No. of Hours	% of Total Hours
Bills and Subject Matter of Bills	220	37.5	338.9	36.1
Special Studies	301	51.4	525.8	56.1
Permanent (Internal, Rules, Conflict of Interest, Selection, Scrutiny, Library)	65	11.1	73.1	7.8
Total	586	100	937.8	100

Consultations

Every year, a number of trips are undertaken to gather testimony at the local and regional levels. Committees hold formal public hearings in locations throughout Canada, and undertake more informal fact-finding trips both within Canada and abroad. Committee travel provides senators with the opportunity to better familiarize themselves with the issues they are studying and to obtain evidence and information that cannot be obtained in Ottawa.

When committees travel outside 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.

Aboriginal Peoples (Study on on-reserve infrastructure)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions:

- ✧ Maniwaki, Quebec (October 27, 2014)
- ✧ Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Osoyoos, Kamloops and Vancouver, British Columbia (October 5 to 10, 2014)
- ✧ Thunder Bay, Sandy Lake First Nation, Big Trout Lake, Heron Bay, Sudbury, Naughton, Hamilton and Six Nations of the Grand River, Ontario (September 15 to 19, 2014)
- ✧ Sydney and Halifax, Nova Scotia (May 21 to 23, 2014)

Agriculture and Forestry (Study on bee health)

Fact-finding missions:

- ✧ Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (January 26 to 28, 2015)
- ✧ Bath and Morrisburg, Ontario (November 7, 2014)

Banking, Trade and Commerce (Study on the use of digital currency)

Fact-finding mission:

- ✧ New York, New York, U.S.A. (February 2 to 4, 2015)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (Study on non-renewable and renewable energy development in Canada's three northern territories)

Fact-finding mission:

- ✧ Iqaluit, Kimmirut and Rankin Inlet, Nunavut; Yellowknife and Whati, Northwest Territories; Whitehorse, Yukon; and Atlin, British Columbia (May 9 to 16, 2014)

Fisheries and Oceans (Study on aquaculture)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions:

- ✧ St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (February 19 to 21, 2015)
- ✧ Moncton, Pennfield, Back Bay, St. Andrews and Johnston Point, New Brunswick; Victoria, Charlottetown and Orwell Cove, Prince Edward Island; and Newport and Gaspé, Quebec (November 16 to 21, 2014)
- ✧ Edinburgh, Perth, Fort William and region, Loch Fyne, Scotland; and Oslo and Bergen, Norway (September 20 to 27, 2014)
- ✧ St. Alban's, Pool's Cove, Harbour Breton and Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador; and Halifax, Bayswater and Centre Burlington, Nova Scotia (May 25 to 30, 2014)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Study on security conditions and economic developments in the Asia-Pacific region)

Fact-finding mission:

- ✧ Indonesia and Singapore (February 20 to 28, 2015)

National Security and Defence

Study on security threats facing Canada – Fact-finding mission:

- ✧ Toronto, Ontario (March 25 to 27, 2015)

Study on the Canada Border Services Agency – Fact-finding mission:

- ✧ Ottawa, Ontario (September 22, 2014)

Transport and Communications (Study on challenges faced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions:

- ✧ London, United Kingdom (February 8 to 13, 2015)

- ✧ Montreal, Quebec (November 5 to 6, 2014)
- ✧ Toronto, Ontario (October 26 to 28, 2014)
- ✧ Quebec, Quebec and Halifax, Nova Scotia (October 19 to 23, 2014)

Parliamentary Website

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the parliamentary Internet site (www.parl.gc.ca) to ensure that it provides useful information and is user-friendly. We value the 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 2014-2015 reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Aboriginal Peoples

- ✧ *Housing on First Nation Reserves: Challenges and Successes* (February 2015)

Agriculture and Forestry

- ✧ *Innovation in Agriculture: The Key to Feeding a Growing Population* (June 2014)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

- ✧ *Digging Safely: One-Call Notification Systems and the Prevention of Damage to Canada's Buried Infrastructure* (December 2014)

Human Rights

- ✧ *Women, Peace and Security: Canada Moves Forward to Increase Women's Engagement* (June 2014)

National Security and Defence

- ✧ *The Transition to Civilian Life of Veterans* (June 2014)
- ✧ *Canada and Ballistic Missile Defence: Responding to the Evolving Threat* (June 2014)

Official Languages

- ✧ *CBC/Radio-Canada's Language Obligations, Communities Want to See Themselves and Be Heard Coast to Coast!* (April 2014)
- ✧ *Seizing the Opportunity: The role of communities in a constantly changing immigration system* (December 2014)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology

- ✦ *Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Unintended Consequences* (October 2014)
- ✦ *Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Final Report* (March 2015)

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

Housing on First Nation Reserves: Challenges and Successes

(Eighth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on February 17, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41- 1052S)

The Committee's focus for the first phase of its infrastructure study was on housing on reserves. In this interim report, the Committee identified some of the key challenges related to housing and highlighted innovative practices that have helped some First Nations meet the housing needs of their communities. While it does not contain recommendations, the interim report lays the groundwork for identifying issues and options to be addressed in the final report on this subject.

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Innovation in Agriculture: The Key to Feeding a Growing Population

(Sixth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 18, 2014;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-586S)

Canadian farmers are a hard-working and innovative group. They are able to produce 2.5 times what Canadians consume but more is needed. The United Nations predicts that by 2050, nine billion people will need to be fed and Canada has an important role in assuring this occurs. Considering these remarkable figures, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry felt it important to undertake a study on research and innovation efforts in the agriculture and agri-food sector in Canada. The end result of its work is the report entitled *Innovation in Agriculture: The Key to Feeding a Growing Population*.

The report consists of three parts and contains 19 recommendations. The first part focuses on how the sector is constantly changing and how those involved must be ready to adapt. The second part speaks to the importance of innovation and its necessity in achieving desired goals. The final part emphasizes the need to continue to be innovative and open to new ideas.

The Committee began the study in November 2013, heard from over 170 witnesses, and conducted fact-finding missions in every province. As a result, it gained a better understanding of the views of those involved in the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector before tabling its report in June 2014.

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

Digging Safely: One-Call Notification Systems and the Prevention of Damage to Canada's Buried Infrastructure

(Ninth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on December 3, 2014;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-985S)

Based on testimony from 15 witnesses representing utility and construction associations, regulators, one-call centres, and Canadian and U.S. Common Ground Alliances, the Committee released the report

Digging Safely: One-call Notification Systems and the Prevention of Damage to Canada's Buried Infrastructure, which made four recommendations to the federal government to improve public and worker safety and to prevent damage to buried facilities in Canada.

Standing Committee on Human Rights

Women, Peace and Security: Canada Moves Forward to Increase Women's Engagement

(Seventh Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 19, 2014;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-590S)

In its seventh report, the Standing Committee on Human Rights discussed its March 24, 2014 follow-up meeting concerning Canada's National Action Plan for the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 and subsequent related resolutions: 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009) and 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013) and 2122 (2013). After receiving testimony from representatives of the Government of Canada, UN Women and various civil society organizations, the Committee noted that future government progress reports on resolution 1325 and subsequent amendments would benefit from greater consultation with civil society, the identification of priorities and benchmarks, and more analysis. The Committee also expressed concern regarding the number of Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development programs with insufficient gender analysis and the low number of women deployed to peace operations.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

The Transition to Civilian Life of Veterans

(Eighth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 4, 2014;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-532S)

This report, tabled in the Senate in June 2014, looks at initiatives taken by the public and private sectors to promote the meaningful employment of released members of the Canadian Armed Forces and veterans during and after their transition to civilian life. The report discusses some of the challenges and issues identified by witnesses and offers suggestions in the form of 14 recommendations as to possible ways of improving the transition to civilian life process for veterans. The recommendations are grouped in six areas:

1. The need for research.
2. Options to strengthen the Department of National Defence's transition programs and services.
3. Options to strengthen the Department of Veterans Affairs' transition programs and services.
4. Ways to improve the transition of ill and injured military personnel to civilian life.
5. The coordination of the initiatives coming from the public sector, the private sector and other non-governmental organizations in terms of transition .
6. Options to enhance private sector employment opportunities for veterans.

The report is also composed of two appendices, which provide a detailed overview of transition programs and services offered by federal government departments, non-government organizations and the private sector.

Canada and Ballistic Missile Defence: Responding to the Evolving Threat

(Tenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 16, 2014;

Sessional Paper No. 2/41-577S)

In 2004, the Government of Canada indicated an interest in participating in ballistic missile defence (BMD) through correspondence to the United States government and agreed to be a de facto participant through its agreement that warning information collected under the auspices of the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) could be used in BMD.

On February 24, 2005, the government announced in the House of Commons that it would not participate in the United States' BMD program.

To better assess the impact of this policy decision and whether maintaining this position today serves Canada's security and foreign policy interests, the Committee sought out expert advice on how the threat environment has evolved since 2005; the current state of the U.S. BMD effort today; how Canada's BMD policy aligns with its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) commitments and its broader defence and security partnership with the United States; and potential opportunities for Canada should it decide to participate more fully in BMD.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the Government of Canada enter into an agreement with the United States to participate as a partner in ballistic missile defence.

Standing Committee on Official Languages

CBC/Radio-Canada's Language Obligations,

Communities Want to See Themselves and Be Heard Coast to Coast!

(Third Report [final] tabled in the Senate on April 8, 2014;

Sessional Paper No. 2/41-447S)

Since the last session, the Standing Committee on Official Languages has been studying the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's language obligations under the *Official Languages Act* and the *Broadcasting Act*. This was the first time a Senate committee has taken an in-depth look at the key role this broadcasting institution plays in the advancement of Canada's linguistic duality and the development of official language minority communities. In its report, the Committee made twelve recommendations for both the CBC and to the Government of Canada dealing with issues ranging from the offer of services in French and English throughout the network, to reflecting more regional diversity and to providing equivalent quality of coverage in each service. The Committee also greatly emphasized that the Corporation must take the needs of these communities into account in its decisions making process, consultations and programming.

Seizing the Opportunity:

The role of communities in a constantly changing immigration system

(Fourth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on December 2, 2014;

Sessional Paper No. 2/41-981S)

In recent years, the Government of Canada has made changes to the immigration system with the objective of making it more effective and efficient. In light of these new initiatives, the Committee undertook a study to examine the impact of these changes on official language minorities. During its

hearings, four themes came forward from witnesses. First, it was highlighted that working with immigrants as they arrive, and better integrating them into the job market was beneficial for both new arrivals and for employers. Second, it saw that minority language communities must move from a reactive to a proactive role for attracting new immigrants to their communities. Third, access to official language training was clearly demonstrated to strengthen the active engagement by new immigrants into Canadian social life. Finally, federal targets need to be met for Francophone immigrations to Anglophone majority provinces.

The key idea from the public hearings, which is contained in the report and its recommendations, is that communities must seize the opportunities that arise in a constantly changing immigration system.

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Unintended Consequences

(Fifteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on October 21, 2014;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-897S)

The fourth phase of the pharmaceutical study on unintended consequences was undertaken between January and April 2014, when the Committee heard from 36 organizations and individuals over the course of seventeen meetings. The report *Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Unintended Consequences*, which was tabled in October 2014, included 30 recommendations. In part, the report called for a greater federal role in addressing: prescription drug abuse, misuse and addiction, antibiotic resistance, counterfeit and substandard drugs, drug shortages, environmental concerns, and overmedication and adverse drug reactions. The report also restated recommendations from its reports on the three previous phases of the pharmaceutical study for implementation of electronic medical records, electronic health records, and an electronic system for dispensed prescription pharmaceuticals.

Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Final Report

(Eighteenth report [final] tabled in the Senate on March 10, 2015;
Sessional Paper No. 2/41-1069S)

The final report on the pharmaceutical study provided a brief overview of drug regulation in Canada as well as a summary of the Committee's findings over the course of the four-phase study, select insights from a roundtable discussion, and additional updates relevant to the numerous issues addressed by the Committee over the course of the multi-year study. The final report did not include any recommendations.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2014-2015

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

A. General Information

In fiscal year 2014-2015, the Committee continued its work on a specific order of reference focusing on housing and infrastructure on reserves, spending the majority of its time on this study. Over the course of this fiscal year, the committee heard 69 witnesses on this study, and conducted site visits to First Nations communities in Atlantic Canada, Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec. The study is ongoing, however an interim report with a focus on housing, *Housing on First Nation Reserves: Challenges and Successes*, was tabled on February 2015.

The Committee also studied four bills during the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

- ✧ Bill C-9 (First Nations Elections Act)
- ✧ Bill C-34 (Tla'amin Final Agreement Act)
- ✧ Bill C-25 (Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Act)
- ✧ Bill C-428 (Indian Act Amendment and Replacement Act)

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Bill C-9 (First Nations Elections Act)	2014-04-01	6	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Fourth	Study on challenges relating to First Nations infrastructure on reserves	2014-04-10	-	Budget
Fifth	Bill C-34 (Tla'amin Final Agreement Act)	2014-06-10	4	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Bill C-25 (Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Act)	2014-06-17	8	Bill reported without amendment

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2014-2015, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

Seventh	Bill C-428 (Indian Act Amendment and Replacement Act)	2014-10-30	17	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Study on challenges relating to First Nations infrastructure on reserves	2015-02-17	69	Interim report entitled: <i>Housing on First Nation Reserves: Challenges and Successes</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	44	79.4	59.5	135	6
2013-2014	30	49.3	-	72	4
2012-2013	45	73.9	38.5	130	7
2011-2012	31	51.5	-	111	4
2010-2011	38	66.3	32.4	134	6

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	165,320
Witness Expenses	<u>\$48,282</u>
TOTAL	\$213,602

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lillian Eva Dyck (Liberal)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Atallahjan, Baker, P.C., Boisvenu, Cordy, Enverga, McIntyre, Moore, Oh, Runciman, Wallace and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Analysts and Administrative Support:

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

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, five orders of reference were referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency's User Fee Proposal respecting overtime fees, pursuant to the *User Fees Act*, was referred to the Committee and approved. The Committee received a government response pertaining to its final report on its order of reference on research and innovation efforts in the agricultural sector.

The Committee was also referred two pieces of legislation, Bill C-30 and Bill C-18. Both bills were reported back without amendment, but Bill C-30 did have observations.

The Committee began its study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector, and held public hearings in Ottawa.

The Committee continued its order of reference on the importance of bees and bee health in the production of honey, food and seed in Canada, for which it held public hearings in Ottawa and conducted two fact-finding missions. The first was in Bath and Morrisburg, Ontario on October 27, 2014. The second took place in January 2015, when the Committee travelled to Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Study on the importance of bees and bee health in the production of honey, food and seed in Canada	2014-04-08	-	Budget
Fourth	CFIA's User Fee Proposal respecting overtime fees	2014-04-30	2	Approved
Fifth	Bill C-30 (Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act)	2014-05-27	29	Bill reported without amendment but with observations

* In the individual committee profiles:

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Sixth	Study on research and innovation efforts in the agricultural sector	2014-06-18	171	Final report entitled: <i>Innovation in Agriculture: The Key to Feeding a Growing Population</i>
Seventh	Bill C-18 (Agriculture and agri-food)	2015-02-18	38	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	45	73.6	20.7	175	5
2013-2014	27	41.2	26	77	3
2012-2013	34	62.5	40.5	130	5
2011-2012	29	54.7	23	102	5
2010-2011	37	62.8	57	89	1

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	\$22,921
Witness Expenses	<u>\$40,921</u>
TOTAL	\$63,842

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

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

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jed Chong and Aïcha Coulibaly (Library of Parliament)

Mélanie Moore (Administrative Assistant) (since October 2014)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant) (until October 2014)

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, the Committee considered three bills and the subject matter of two budget bills. It also engaged in one special study and studied general matters related to the domestic financial system.

In November 2014, the committee studied Bill S-1001, An Act to amend the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada Act. This bill amends the statute governing the corporation known as the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada so that it may continue to call regular and special meetings under the act despite certain provisions of the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*. The Committee held one meeting on the matter and reported the bill without amendment.

At the end of 2014, the committee also studied Bill C-8, An Act to amend the Copyright Act and the Trade-marks Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. The Committee held two hearings as part of this study and reported the bill without amendment and with observations regarding the effectiveness of the anti-counterfeiting regime in Canada.

The Committee held several meetings as part of its study of Bill S-202, An Act to amend the Payment Card Networks Act (credit card acceptance fees).

In May 2014, the Committee studied the subject matter of those elements contained in Parts 2, 3 and 4 and Divisions 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, 14, 19, 22, 24 and 25 of Part 6 of Bill C-31, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 11, 2014. The Committee held five meetings as part of this study, hearing from the Minister of Finance and officials from the Department of Finance, as well as officials from other federal departments and bodies. The Committee also received testimony from 14 associations and three specialists or individual companies impacted by the proposed measures. The study pertained to sections of the bill that would amend several acts, such as the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act*, the *Trade-marks Act*, the *Bank Act* and the *Insurance Companies Act*. The report of the Committee included several observations some of which were linked to a report it published in March 2013 on the anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism regime in Canada.

In November 2014, the Committee studied the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 9, 12, 18, 22, 26, and 27 of Part 4 of Bill C-43, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 11, 2014 and other measures. As part of this study, the Committee heard from the Minister of Finance and officials from the Department of Finance, as well as officials from Industry Canada, the Business Development Bank of Canada, and the Bank of Canada. The Committee also received testimony from Credit Union Central of Canada, Atlantic Central, Vancity Credit Union, the Canadian Payments Association and the Canadian Bar Association. The study pertained to sections of the bill that would amend several bills such as the *Investment Canada Act*, the *Business Development Bank of Canada Act*, the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act*, the *Bank of Canada Act* and the *Canadian Payments Act*. The Committee included observations in its report.

The Committee also commenced its hearings as part of its special study on the use of digital currency, including the potential risks, threats and advantages of these electronic forms of exchange. The Committee held 19 meetings on the matter and received presentations from a wide range of witnesses, including government agencies, digital finance experts, academics and bitcoin companies. It also traveled

to New York City in February 2015 to conduct a fact-finding mission as part of this study. The Committee is expected to report on this study next fiscal year.

As part of its general study regarding the present state of the domestic and international financial system, the Committee had two appearances from the Governor of the Bank of Canada, one in Spring 2014 and the second one in Fall 2014, and heard from the Superintendent of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Subject matter of Parts 2, 3 and 4 and Divisions 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, 14, 19, 22, 24 and 25 of Part 6 of Bill C-31 (Budget Implementation Act)	2014-05-29	48	Review
Fifth	Bill S-1001 (Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada Act)	2014-11-06	1	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Subject matter of Divisions 9, 12, 18, 22, 26, and 27 of Part 4 of Bill C-43 (Second Budget Implementation Act)	2014-11-27	24	Review
Seventh	Bill C-8 (Combating Counterfeit Products Act)	2014-12-04	14	Bill reported without amendment and with observations
Eighth	Study on the use of digital currency	2014-12-11	-	Budget

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2014-2015, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witness	No. of Reports
2014-2015	40	58.2	19.5	169	5
2013-2014	31	42	-	113	6
2012-2013	44	65.4	15.8	159	8
2011-2012	32	50.8	-	117	2
2010-2011	40	67.8	-	112	8

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	\$41,637
Witnesses Expenses	<u>\$18,386</u>
TOTAL	\$60,023

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Irving R. Gerstein (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette, P.C. (Liberal)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators: Andreychuk, Bellemare, Beyak, Campbell, Day, Doyle, Eaton, Lang, MacDonald, Manning, Martin, Meredith, Mockler, Ngo, Patterson, Poirier, Raine, Tannas, Unger and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan (since March 2015)
 Danielle Labonté (from November 2014 to March 2015)
 Barbara Reynolds (until November 2014)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michaël Lambert-Racine, Brett Stuckey and Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Conflict of Interest for Senators

A. General Information

The Committee on Conflict of Interest for Senators was created under the *Rules of the Senate* to be responsible for all matters relating to the *Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* adopted in 2005, and to exercise general direction over the Senate Ethics Officer. An amended Code was adopted by the Senate in May 2008. On March 29, 2012, the Committee presented a report to the Senate proposing six amendments to the Code. The report was adopted on May 1, 2012 and a revised Code came into force on October 1, 2012, including a key change: the posting of senators' public disclosure summaries on the Senate Ethics Officer's website.

In 2014, the Code was amended in April and June. The April amendments strengthened preventive measures under the Code, established a clear, fair and balanced inquiry process and enhanced the independence of the Senate Ethics Officer. The June amendments reasserted the commitment of the Senate and each individual senator to the highest standards of conduct. The Code was renamed the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* to better reflect senators' obligations under the Code and the provisions of the *Parliament of Canada Act* establishing the position of Senate Ethics Officer.

The Committee's responsibilities are detailed in the Code.

The membership of the Committee is determined by a process that differs from that of all other committees. In accordance with the provisions of the Code, two members are elected by secret ballot in the respective caucuses of the government and opposition. A fifth member is then chosen by these four members. The chair of the Committee must be chosen by at least four members of the Committee.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Consideration of matters relating to the <i>Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i>	2014-04-08	-	Budget

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2014-2015, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

Fifth	Consideration of matters relating to the <i>Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i>	2014-06-13	4	Amendments to the Code
Sixth	Consideration of an inquiry report of the Senate Ethics Officer	2014-08-25	1	Final report

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	14	15.7	9	3
2013-2014	14	16.9	6	4
2012-2013	3	1.8	4	1
2011-2012	9	9.5	2	3
2010-2011	1	0.3	-	2

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(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 2014-2015

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

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

Committee Clerk:

Catherine Piccinin

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Dara Lithwick (since July 2014) and Sebastian Spano (until July 2014) (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

A. General Information

The Committee completed its study and released a final report regarding one-call notification services in Canada and options where the federal government could contribute to preventing damages to buried infrastructure. The Committee continued to study non-renewable and renewable energy development in Canada's three northern territories, with meetings in Ottawa and fact-finding activities in Canada's North from May 9 to 16, 2014. The Committee heard from and met with organizations and individuals involved in the energy sector including Aboriginal and territorial representatives, industry, environmental and community leaders.

In addition to its special study work, the Committee considered five bills and conducted one subject matter study of a bill.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Study on non-renewable and renewable energy development in Canada's northern territories	2014-04-03	-	Budget
Fifth	Bill C-5 (Offshore Health and Safety Act)	2014-06-11	10	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Bill S-6 (Yukon and Nunavut Regulatory Improvement Act)	2014-10-08	28	Bill reported without amendment but with certain observations
Seventh	Bill C-501 (National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day Act)	2014-10-29	1	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Subject matter of Divisions 3, 28, and 29 of Part 4 Bill C-43 (Second Budget Implementation Act)	2014-11-27	24	Review

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2014-2015, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

Ninth	Study on the current state of "One Call" programs	2014-11-27	15	Final report entitled: <i>Digging Safely: One-Call Notification Systems and the Prevention of Damage to Canada's Buried Infrastructure</i>
Tenth	Bill C-22, Energy Safety and Security Act	2015-02-05	14	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	Bill C-40 (Rouge National Urban Park)	2015-03-12	11	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	38	53.5	40.7	128	8
2013-2014	34	47.2	64.5	106	8
2012-2013	30	48.3	24.5	96	4
2011-2012	36	79.2	26.5	115	3
2010-2011	49	114.1	28.4	159	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	\$129,814
Witness Expenses	\$33,174
TOTAL	\$162,988

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Richard Neufeld (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Paul J. Massicotte (Liberal) (since September 18, 2014)

The Honourable Senator Grant Mitchell (Liberal) (until September 18, 2014)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

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

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sam Banks and Marc LeBlanc (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

A. General Information

The Committee was authorized on December 9, 2013 to examine the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada. Hearings for this study began in January 2014, and a fact-finding mission and public hearings occurred in British Columbia in March 2014. Further hearings were held throughout fiscal year 2014-2015 in Ottawa and during travel activities in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The activities also included fact-finding missions in the aforementioned provinces, Prince Edward Island and Quebec, as well as a fact-finding mission in Scotland and Norway in September 2014.

A further order of reference authorizing the Committee to examine issues relating to the federal government's current and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans was received on December 9, 2013. On May 6, 2014, pursuant to this order of reference, the Committee heard from the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture of Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as the Leaders of the Official Opposition and Third Party of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador with regard to shrimp quotas set by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Government responses to two reports, which were adopted by the Senate during the previous session of Parliament, were received in May 2014: *The Sustainable Management of Grey Seal Populations: A Path Toward the Recovery of Cod and other Groundfish Stocks*, and *The Lobster Fishery: Staying on Course*.

On October 1, 2014, the Senate referred Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Proposal to Parliament for User Fees and Service Standard for Aquaculture Licenses under the Pacific Aquaculture Regulations to the Committee for examination. On November 25, 2014, senior Fisheries and Oceans Canada officials appeared before the Committee on this matter. The following day, the Committee tabled its report recommending approval of the Proposal.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Study on the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada	2014-04-07	-	Budget

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2014-2015, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

Fifth	Study on the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada	2014-06-10	-	Budget
Sixth	DFO proposal for a license fee structure for the aquaculture industry in British Columbia	2014-11-26	4	User Fees
Seventh	Study on the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada	2014-12-11	-	Supplementary Budget
Eighth	Study on the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada	2015-02-19	-	Supplementary Budget

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	27	49.3	69.0	113	5
2013-2014	15	20.5	15.5	39	5
2012-2013	22	40.8	-	57	3
2011-2012	17	28.4	-	53	5
2010-2011	20	30.3	74.5	46	6

D. **Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

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

Budget Expenditures	\$240,275
Witness Expenses	<u>\$22,865</u>
TOTAL	\$263,140

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Fabian Manning (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Elizabeth Hubley (Liberal)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

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

Committee Clerk:

Maxwell Hollins

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

A. General Information

The bulk of the Committee's work focussed on special studies, including its study of security conditions and economic developments in the Asia-Pacific region. The Committee held extensive hearings, ultimately deciding to focus on four countries in the region: Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines and Singapore. The Committee travelled to Indonesia and Singapore in the Winter of 2015 in support of this study. The Committee also spent a number of meetings studying the potential for increased Canada-United States-Mexico trade and investment.

In addition to its special study work, the Committee examined three bills (C-20, C-41 and C-6), and studied the subject matter of those elements contained in Division 15 of Part 4 of Bill C-43, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 11, 2014 and other measures.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Security conditions and economic developments in the Asia-Pacific region	2014-05-01	-	Budget
Fifth	Bill C-20 (Canada-Honduras Economic Growth and Prosperity Act)	2014-06-13	6	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Government Response to the second report of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade	2014-09-30	-	Review
Seventh	Bill C-6 (Prohibiting Cluster Munitions Act)	2014-10-30	9	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Subject matter of Division 15 of Part 4 Bill C-43 (Second Budget Implementation Act)	2014-11-19	2	Division 15 of Part 4 of Bill C-43 be approved without amendment

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2014-2015, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

Ninth	Bill C-41 (Canada-Korea Economic Growth and Prosperity Act)	2014-11-20	17	Bill reported without amendment
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2014

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	40	50.9	30.0	125	6
2013-2014	29	38.2	-	77	5
2012-2013	32	45.2	36.2	93	9
2011-2012	23	30.9	66	57	2
2010-2011	31	44.5	37.8	59	8

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures:	\$112,238
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$12,195</u>
TOTAL	\$124,433

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy E. Downe (Liberal)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Cordy, Cowan, Eaton, Greene, Jaffer, MacDonald, Maltais, Manning, Martin, Moore, Patterson, Plett, Poirier Raine, Rivard, Tannas, Tkachuk, Wallace and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brian Hermon and Natalie Mychajlyszyn (Library of Parliament)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Human Rights

A. General Information

The Standing Committee on Human Rights continued its work on a number of its ongoing studies. In particular, the Committee studied the Hague Abductions Convention, and how the mandates and practices of the UNHCR and UNICEF have evolved to meet the needs of displaced children in modern conflict situations, with particular attention to the current crisis in Syria.

In addition to these special studies, the Committee studied several pieces of legislation including Bill C-266, An Act to establish Pope John Paul II Day; Bill S-201, An Act to prohibit and prevent genetic discrimination; Bill S-219, An Act respecting a national day of commemoration of the exodus of Vietnamese refugees and their acceptance in Canada after the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War; and Bill S-7, Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Study on cyberbullying in Canada	2014-04-08	-	Budget
Sixth	Bill C-266 (Pope John Paul II Day)	2014-05-13	1	Bill reported without amendment
Seventh	Study on the examination of Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2014-06-19	33	Interim report entitled: <i>Women, Peace and Security</i>
Eighth	How the UNHCR and UNICEF addresses the needs of displaced children in conflict situations	2014-06-19	-	Budget
Ninth	Bill S-219 (Journey to Freedom Day Act)	2014-11-20	3	Bill reported with 5 amendments
Tenth	Bill S-7 (Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act)	2014-12-11	21	Bill reported without amendment but with observations

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2014-2015, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

Eleventh	Bill S-201 (Genetic discrimination)	2015-02-19	28	Bill reported with 8 amendments
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	21	43.3	-	120	7
2013-2014	15	28.8	-	81	8
2012-2013	20	48.9	7.5	164	6
2011-2012	12	30.5	-	56	4
2010-2011	22	46.4	-	100	6

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$17,016
TOTAL	\$17,016

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Salma Ataullahjan (Conservative)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

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

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Julia Nicol and Shauna Troniak (Library of Parliament)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration

A. General Information

The Committee has a mandate to consider all matters of a financial or administrative nature relating to the internal management of the Senate. It reviews and authorizes the budget applications of committees, sets guidelines and policies on items such as senators' travel and research expenditures, and determines the propriety of any use of Senate resources. It should be noted the Committee is authorized to carry out its mandate on its own initiative rather than being dependent on an order of reference from the Senate (Rule 12-7(1)).

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2014-04-03	-	Committee funds released for fiscal year 2014-2015
Fifth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2014-06-05	-	Committee funds released for fiscal year 2014-2015
Sixth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2014-06-12	-	Appointment of Mr. Michel Patrice as Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Seventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2014-06-19	-	Clarifications and Amendments to the Senators' Travel Policy
Eighth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2014-06-19	-	Changes to the Senate Protective Service – Armed Unit
Ninth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2014-10-02	-	Committee Post-Activity Expenditure Reports for 2013-2014
Tenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2014-11-20	-	Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ended March 31, 2014
Eleventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2015-02-24	-	Senate Supplementary Estimates (C) 2014-2015

Twelfth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2015-02-25	-	Senate Main Estimates 2015-2016
Thirteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1)	2015-03-24		Functional Review of Communications

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	25	32.9	19	10
2013-2014	21	34.7	30	11
2012-2013	23	24.7	17	10
2011-2012	18	20.9	3	9
2010-2011	22	25.5	29	12

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(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 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pierre Claude Nolin (Conservative) (since December 4, 2014)
 The Honourable Senator Noël A. Kinsella (Conservative) (until November 27, 2014)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator George Furey (Liberal)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Bellemare, Charette-Poulin, Cools, Dawson, Demers, Enverga, Fortin-Duplessis, Fraser, Frum, Greene, Housakos, Jaffer, MacDonald, Martin, McCoy, McInnis, Moore, Nolin, Poirier, Runciman, Seidman, Seth, Tannas, Verner, P.C., Wells and White

Committee Clerk:

Nicole Proulx (Chief Corporate Services Officer and Clerk of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration) (since January 2015)

Gary W. O'Brien (Clerk of the Senate) (until January 2015)

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Lucie Lavoie (Chief of Staff to the Clerk of the Senate and Recording Secretary)

Victoria Deng (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

A. General Information

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

During this fiscal year, the Committee studied and reported on seven government bills, one Senate public bill and eight private members' bills. The Committee also reviewed and reported on certain parts of two budget implementation bills and conducted studies on the subject matter of two government bills.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2nd Session, 41st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Bill S-2 (Incorporation by Reference in Regulations Act)	2014-04-03	2	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Sixth	Subject matter of Bill C-23 (Fair Elections Act)	2014-04-15	27	Review
Seventh	Bill C-444 (Criminal Code - personating peace officer or public officer)	2014-05-08	5	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Subject matter in Division 5 of Part 6, C-31 (Budget Implementation Act)	2014-05-13	4	Review
Ninth	Bill C-394 (Criminal Code and the National Defence Act - criminal organization recruitment)	2014-05-29	16	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Tenth	Bill C-23 (Fair Elections Act)	2014-06-05	5	Bill reported without amendment

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Eleventh	Bill C-489 (Corrections and Conditional Release Act - restrictions on offenders)	2014-06-12	6	Bill reported without amendment
Twelfth	Bill C-37 (Riding Name Change Act, 2014)	2014-06-16	2	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	Bill S-221 (Criminal Code - assaults against public transit operators)	2014-06-19	8	Bill reported without amendment
Fourteenth	Bill C-10 (Criminal Code - trafficking in contraband tobacco)	2014-09-25	18	Bill reported without amendment
Fifteenth	Bill C-36 (Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act)	2014-10-30	*59	Bill reported without amendment
Sixteenth	Committee business	2014-10-30	9	Unauthorized disclosure of confidential committee documents
Seventeenth	Bill C-13 (Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act)	2014-11-27	31	Bill reported without amendment
Eighteenth	Subject matter of Division 4 of Part 4 Bill C-43 (Second Budget Implementation Act)	2014-11-27	9	Review
Nineteenth	Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Proposal	2014-11-27	3	Review
Twentieth	Bill C-483 (Corrections and Conditional Release Act - escorted temporary absence)	2014-12-04	10	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Twenty-first	Bill C-525 (Employees' Voting Rights Act)	2014-12-12	23	Bill without amendment but with observations
Twenty-second	Bill C-47 (Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2014)	2015-02-19	0	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Twenty-third	Bill C-479 (Corrections and Conditional Release Act - fairness for victims)	2015-02-19	9	Bill reported without amendment
Twenty-fourth	Bill C-279 (Canadian Human Rights Act - gender identity)	2015-02-26	11	Bill reported with 7 amendments
Twenty-fifth	Bill C-452 (Criminal Code - exploitation and trafficking in persons)	2015-02-26	8	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	53	104.1	-	269	21
2013-2014	31	56.1	5.2	120	11
2012-2013	40	66.1	-	144	13
2011-2012	38	116.6	-	220	10
2010-2011	51	118.3	-	254	18

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	\$1,314
Witness Expenses	<u>\$81,782</u>
TOTAL	\$83,096

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

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

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Robin Mackay and Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on National Finance

A. General Information

The Committee was first created in May 1919 as the Committee on Finance, and, in 1968, it was renamed the Committee on National Finance. The Committee's work is focused on matters relating to government spending. As stated in the *Rules of the Senate* (Rule 12-7(5)), the Committee has a mandate to examine matters related to federal estimates generally, including:

- i. the public accounts and the reports of the Auditor General; and
- ii. government finance.

The Committee has historically been, and continues to be, one of the Senate's busiest committees. A large part of the committee's work is devoted to a review of the government's estimates and issues arising out of that review.

Study of the Estimates and Legislation

As is customary, much of the Committee's attention was 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 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, including the Main Estimates 2014-2015, Supplementary Estimates (A), 2014-2015, Supplementary Estimates (B), 2014-2015, and Supplementary Estimates (C), 2014-2015. The Committee also undertook a preliminary examination of the Main Estimates 2015-2016, in March 2015, and tabled an interim report to the Senate. During these examinations, a range of issues were brought to the attention of the Senate by the Committee.

Three bills were also reported by the committee:

- ✧ Bill C-31, Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 1, was reported without amendment and with observations;
- ✧ Bill C-43, Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 2, was reported without amendment and with observations; and
- ✧ Bill C-462, Disability Tax Credit Promoters Restriction Act, was reported without amendment and with observations.

With respect to Bill C-31 and Bill C-43, the Committee undertook subject matter studies of the bills before they were introduced in the Senate. This allowed the Committee to hear witnesses on the bills prior to their being read for the first time in the Senate. The Committee tabled reports on each of the subject matter studies, providing a summary of the testimony heard during the pre-studies. When Bill C-31 and Bill C-43 were referred to the Standing Committee on National Finance, the Committee proceeded directly to clause-by-clause consideration.

Two other bills were referred to the Committee, but not reported prior to the end of the fiscal year:

- ✧ Bill S-204, An Act to amend the Financial Administration Act (borrowing of money); and
- ✧ Bill C-520, An Act supporting non-partisan agents of Parliament.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2nd Session, 41st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	Bill C-462 (Disability Tax Credit Promoters Restrictions Act)	2014-04-10	8	Bill reported without amendments but with observations
Ninth	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015	2014-05-29	22	Second Interim Report on the 2014-2015 Main Estimates
Tenth	Subject matter of Bill C-31 (Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 1)	2014-05-29	56	Report on the Subject matter of Parts 1, 5 and Divisions 6, 9, 10, 12, 18, 21, 23, 26 and 29 of Part 6 of Bill C-31 (Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 1)
Eleventh	Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015	2014-06-10	15	Final Report on the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2014-2015
Twelfth	Bill C-31 (Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 1)	2014-06-17	0	Bill reported without amendments but with observations
Thirteenth	Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015	2014-11-27	18	Final Report on the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2014-2015
Fourteenth	Subject matter of Bill C-43 (Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 2)	2014-12-04	61	Report on the Subject matter of Parts 1,2,3 and Divisions 1,8,13,14,19,23, 25,30 and 31 of Part 4 of Bill C-43 (Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 2)
Fifteenth	Bill C-43 (Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 2)	2014-12-15	0	Bill reported without amendments but with observations

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Sixteenth	Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015	2015-03-12	24	Final Report on the Supplementary Estimates (C), 2014-2015
Seventeenth	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016	2015-03-24	12	First Interim Report on the 2015-2016 Main Estimates
Eighteenth	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015	2015-03-31	74	Final report

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	56	88.0	-	302	11
2013-2014	50	81.7	-	267	12
2012-2013	63	108.9	-	312	11
2011-2012	35	61.6	-	200	8
2010-2011	66	132.1	-	298	8

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$4,733</u>
TOTAL	\$4,733

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Larry Smith (Conservative)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataulhjan, Baker, P.C., Black, Boisvenu, Downe, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C., Enverga, Housakos, Lang, Maltais, Marshall, Massicotte, McIntyre, Merchant, Moore, Neufeld, Ogilvie, Oh, Plett, Ringuette, Rivard, Runciman, Stewart Olsen, Tkachuk, Verner, P.C., and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Jodi Turner

Analysts and Administrative Support:

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

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

A. General Information

The Standing Committee on National Security and Defence continued to hear witnesses on its general mandate to examine and report on Canada's national security and defence policies, practices, circumstances and capabilities.

In June 2014, the Committee tabled a report concluding its study of Canada's international defence and security relationships, which mainly focused on ballistic missile defence. The Committee unanimously recommended that the Government of Canada enter into an agreement with the United States to participate as a partner in ballistic missile defence.

The Committee also continued its study on the policies, practices, and collaborative efforts of Canada Border Services Agency in determining admissibility and inadmissibility into Canada.

In the Fall of 2014, the Committee undertook two new studies:

1. A study on national security and defence issues in Indo-Asia Pacific Relations and their implications for Canada's national security and defence policies, practices, circumstances and capabilities.
2. A study on security threats facing Canada.

Finally, the Committee conducted legislative work, including a pre-study of Bill C-51, the Anti-terrorism Act, 2015. The Committee also considered Bill C-44, the Protection of Canada from Terrorists Act, which was reported back without amendment.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2nd Session, 41st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Study on the status of Canada's international security and defence relations	2014-04-03	-	Budget
Fourth	Study on the policies and practices of Canada Border Services Agency	2014-04-03	-	Budget

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Fifth	Canada's national security and defence policies, practices, circumstances and capabilities	2014-04-03	-	Budget
Sixth	Study on the services and benefits provided to veterans and their families	2014-04-03	-	Budget
Seventh	Subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 1 and 7 of Part 6 of Bill C-31, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget	2014-05-13	6	Review
Eighth	Study on the services and benefits provided to veterans and their families	2014-06-04	12	Interim report entitled The Transition to Civilian Life of Veterans.
Ninth	Study on the services and benefits provided to veterans and their families	2014-06-05	-	Budget
Tenth	Study on the status of Canada's international security and defence relations but not limited to, relations with the United States, NATO, and NORAD	2014-06-16	21	Final report entitled Canada and Ballistic Missile Defence: Responding to the Evolving Threat
Eleventh	Security threats facing Canada	2015-02-24	-	Budget
Twelfth	Bill C-27 (Veterans Hiring Act)	2015-03-24	12	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	Bill C-44 (Protection of Canada from Terrorists Act)	2015-03-24	18	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	22	66.6	11.5	113	11
2013-2014	18	45.9	15.5	73	7
2012-2013	17	36.8	47.8	74	5
2011-2012	10	21.5	-	36	4
2010-2011	22	51.8	30.5	83	7

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	\$12,163
Witness Expenses	<u>\$24,370</u>
TOTAL	\$36,533

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Daniel Lang (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Grant Mitchell (Liberal) (since September 22, 2014)

The Honourable Senator Roméo Dallaire (Liberal) (until June 17, 2014)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

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

Committee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Wolfgang Koerner and Holly Porteous (Library of Parliament)

Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

A. General Information

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 completed its study on transition to civilian life, tabling a report in June 2014, through the Standing Committee on National Security and Defence, which made 14 recommendations.

The Subcommittee also undertook a study on the medical, social, and operational impacts of mental health issues affecting serving and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces, including operational stress injuries (OSIs) such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

In addition to its special study work, the Subcommittee was delegated certain legislative business from the Standing Committee on National Security and Defence, including a pre-study of certain elements of the 2014 Budget Implementation Act, as well as Bill C-27, the Veterans Hiring Act, which was adopted without amendment.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

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, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2014-2015	18	17.1	-	31
2013-2014	8	8.2	-	11
2012-2013	15	14.8	9	28
2011-2012	10	10.8	6.5	22
2010-2011	22	26.7	-	43

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D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$3,783</u>
TOTAL	\$3,783

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of November 7, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal) (since September 24, 2014)

The Honourable Senator Roméo Dallaire (Liberal) (until June 17, 2014)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Carolyn Stewart Olsen (Conservative) (since September 24, 2014)

The Honourable Senator David M. Wells (Conservative) (until September 24, 2014)

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

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

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

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

Subcommittee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Martin Auger (Library of Parliament)

Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Official Languages

A. General Information

During 2014-2015, the Standing Committee on Official Languages completed two studies that began during the previous session. With its public hearings concluded, the Committee tabled its final report on the language obligations of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation under the *Official Languages Act* and some aspects of the *Broadcasting Act* in the Senate on April 8, 2014.

The Committee then returned to its other study on the impacts of recent changes to the immigration system on official language minority communities. After 11 more meetings, the Committee tabled its fifth report entitled *Seizing the Opportunity: The role of communities in a constantly changing immigration system* on December 2, 2014.

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

Finally, as part of its order of reference to study the application of the *Official Languages Act*, the Committee convened two meetings to hear the findings contained in the annual reports of the Commissioner of Official Languages and the Treasury Board Secretariat.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Study on CBC/Radio-Canada under the Official Languages Act and the Broadcasting Act	2014-04-08	83	Final report entitled: <i>CBC/Radio-Canada's Language Obligations, Communities Want to See Themselves and Be Heard Coast to Coast!</i>

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

Fourth	Study on the impacts of recent changes to the immigration system	2014-12-02	27	Final report entitled: <i>Seizing the Opportunity: The role of communities in a constantly changing immigration system</i>
Fifth	Best practices for language policies and second-language learning	2015-03-30	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	23	39.0	-	72	3
2013-2014	19	30.2	7.5	57	3
2012-2013	24	41	-	101	2
2011-2012	19	29.7	-	84	3
2010-2011	31	55.5	11	109	3

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

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

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Claudette Tardif (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Suzanne Fortin-Duplessis (Conservative) (since September 17, 2014)

The Honourable Senator Andrée Champagne, P.C. (Conservative) (until July 17, 2014)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Jaffer, Maltais, Marshall, McInnis, Meredith, Mockler, Oh, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., Seidman and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

A. General Information

In 2014-2015, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament presented two substantive reports to the Senate. The fifth report would change the *Rules of the Senate* to include a process to terminate debate on an item of Other Business, while the sixth report takes account of the most recent amendments to the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators*. Neither report had been adopted by the Senate by the end of 2014-2015. In addition, the Committee received one report from its Subcommittee on Parliamentary Privilege in January 2015, entitled *A Matter of Privilege: A Discussion Paper on Canadian Parliamentary Privilege in the 21st Century*.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Rule 12-7(2)	2014-06-11	-	Amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>
Sixth	Rule 12-7(2)	2014-10-21	-	Amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	10	8.5	-	3	2
2013-2014	11	14.6	-	14	5
2012-2013	8	5	-	9	5
2011-2012	11	13.2	-	-	2
2010-2011	15	17.4	-	-	3

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$1,633</u>
TOTAL	\$1,633

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Vernon White (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Dagenais, Day, Doyle, Fortin-Duplessis, Fraser, Frum, Furey, Gerstein, Housakos, Manning, McIntyre, Moore, Runciman, Tkachuk, Unger, Verner, P.C., Wells and White

Committee Clerk:

Charles Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Dara Lithwick, Eric Pelot and Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Ross Ryan (Administrative Assistant) (since August 2014)

Katy Quinn (Administrative Assistant) (until June 2014)

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 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Rule 12-2(1)(a)	2014-12-02	-	Speaker <i>pro tempore</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	1	0.1		1
2013-2014	4	0.5	-	5
2012-2013	-	-	-	-
2011-2012	1	0.2	-	2
2010-2011	-	-	-	-

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

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

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E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 16, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Elizabeth Marshall (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Liberal)

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

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

Other senator who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Tkachuk and White

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage (since March 2015)

Heather Lank (until March 2015)

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

A. General Information

During the spring of 2014, the Committee finished its hearings for the fourth phase of its study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada on the nature of unintended consequences from the use of prescription pharmaceuticals, tabling its report in October 2014. The Committee held a final round table meeting for its study in June 2014 and tabled its final report in March 2015. The Committee also studied during this period, the subject matter of Divisions 11, 17, 20, 27 and 30 of Part 6, C-31, Budget Implementation Act and the subject matter of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

In the fall of 2014, the Committee began its special study on the increasing incidence of obesity in Canada, as well as the subject matter of Divisions 5, 7, 17, 20, and 24 of Part 4 Bill C-43, second Budget Implementation Act. It continued its hearings for the obesity study throughout the winter of 2015.

The committee also studied the following bills during the fiscal year:

- ✕ Bill S-213, An Act respecting Lincoln Alexander Day
- ✕ Bill S-211, An Act to establish a national day to promote health and fitness for all Canadians
- ✕ Bill S-5, An Act to amend the Canada National Parks Act (Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve of Canada)
- ✕ Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts
- ✕ Bill S-218, An Act respecting National Fiddling Day
- ✕ Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act
- ✕ Bill C-442, An Act respecting a Federal Framework on Lyme Disease
- ✕ Bill S-208, An Act to establish the Canadian Commission on Mental Health and Justice

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Bill S-213 (Lincoln Alexander Day)	2014-04-03	2	Bill reported without amendment

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Seventh	Study on the increasing incidence of obesity in Canada: causes, consequences and the way forward	2014-04-08	-	Budget
Eighth	Study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada	2014-04-08	-	Budget
Ninth	Subject matter of Divisions 11, 17, 20, 27 and 30 of Part 6, C-31, Budget Implementation Act	2014-05-29	19	Review
Tenth	Bill S-211 (National Health and Fitness Day Act)	2014-06-05	1	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	Bill S-5 (Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve Act)	2014-06-05	5	Bill reported without amendment but with an observation
Twelfth	Bill C-24 (Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act)	2014-06-18	*21	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Thirteenth	Bill S-218 (National Fiddling Day)	2014-06-19	5	Bill reported with one amendment
Fourteenth	Bill C-17 (Food and Drugs Act)	2014-10-09	23	Bill reported without amendment
Fifteenth	Study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada	2014-10-21	52	Interim report entitled: <i>Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada: Unintended Consequences</i>
Sixteenth	Subject matter of Divisions 5, 7, 17, 20, and 24 of Part 4 Bill C-43 (Second Budget Implementation Act)	2014-11-27	17	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 5, 7, 17, 20, and 24 of Part 4 of Bill C-43, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget
Seventeenth	Bill C-442 (Federal Framework on Lyme Disease Act)	2014-12-11	7	Bill reported without amendment
Eighteenth	Study on prescription pharmaceuticals in Canada	2015-03-10	16	Final report entitled: <i>Prescription Pharmaceuticals in Canada</i>

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

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	47	69.2	-	171	13
2013-2014	34	49.8	-	97	11
2012-2013	46	79	-	169	13
2011-2012	32	53.4	-	104	7
2010-2011	54	104.5	1.4	251	16

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	\$9,459
Witness Expenses	<u>\$55,913</u>
TOTAL	\$65,372

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Kelvin K. Ogilvie (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

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

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

A. General Information

During 2014-2015, the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications' meeting time was principally dominated by its study into the challenges faced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in relation to the changing environment of broadcasting and communications. On March 10, 2015, the Committee heard from its last witness and began the drafting process for a final report on the subject.

Periodically during the year, the Committee also undertook a few short reviews within its mandate. In April, it held two meetings on Bell Canada's Relevant Advertising Program. Concerns about privacy issues linked to the program had been raised by Bell's clients and privacy advocates. After the meetings, the Committee tabled a report which stated that it was "satisfied that Bell's Relevant Advertising Program does not reveal the identity of its subscribers to other parties" and it respected privacy guidelines. The Committee was also tasked to examine the subject matter of bills C-31 and C-43, dealing with budget implementation acts. Finally, the Committee reported Bill S-4, An Act to amend the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act, with an amendment, and Bill C-3, An Act to enact the Aviation Industry Indemnity Act, to amend the Aeronautics Act, the Canada Marine Act, the Marine Liability Act and the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, without amendment.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2nd Session, 41st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Bell Canada's practice of collecting and analyzing data from its customers	2014-05-08	5	Review
Fifth	Subject matter of Divisions 15, 16 and 28 of Part 6 C-31 (Budget Implementation Act)	2014-06-04	19	Review

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Sixth	Challenges faced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	2014-06-05	-	Budget
Seventh	Bill S-4 (Digital Privacy Act)	2014-06-10	22	Bill reported with one amendment
Eighth	Subject matter of Divisions 2, 6, 10, 11, 16, and 21 of Part 4 Bill C-43 (Second Budget Implementation Act)	2014-11-27	14	Review
Ninth	Bill C-3 (Safeguarding Canada's Seas and Skies Act)	2014-11-27	6	Bill reported without amendment
Tenth	Challenges faced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation communications	2014-12-11	-	Release of additional funds

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	47	72.5	36.7	160	7
2013-2014	19	18.2	23.5	37	7
2012-2013	23	21.5	8.4	39	3
2011-2012	24	25.5	2	50	4
2010-2011	28	33.5	2.4	62	6

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures:	\$130,069
Witness Expenses:	\$12,476
TOTAL	\$142,545

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(*Ex officio members)

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Donald Neil Plett (Conservative) (since December 3, 2014)

The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative) (until December 3, 2014)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

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

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

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

Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

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 2014-2015*

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	2	1.3	2	-
2013-2014	2	1.8	-	1
2012-2013	4	3.1	5	1
2011-2012	1	0.7	-	1
2010-2011	8	7.8	15	2

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

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

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2014-2015, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

2nd Session, 41st Parliament

(As of October 24, 2013)

Joint Chair:

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

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

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

Other senator who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Eaton and Fortin-Duplessis

Joint Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

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

Mélanie Moore (Administrative Assistant) (since October 2014)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant) (until October 2014)

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 enquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, 13 meetings were held. No witnesses were called.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2014-2015*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Review of Statutory Instruments	2014-04-01	-	Report No. 88 - Fixing the Date of Coming into Force of Statutory Provisions
Fourth	Review of Statutory Instruments	2015-03-25	-	Report No. 89 - Vague and Subjective Time Periods

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015) 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 2014-2015.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2014-2015	13	14.7	-	2
2013-2014	10	12.4	-	2
2012-2013	11	12.1	-	-
2011-2012	11	10.5	-	1
2010-2011	16	18.8	1	1

D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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

Budget Expenditures	\$1,713
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$1,713

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2014-2015**2nd Session, 41st Parliament**

(As of October 24, 2013)

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative) (since September 25, 2014)

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative) (until September 25, 2014)

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

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

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

Joint Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Analysts and Administrative Support:

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

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2014-2015

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, 2010-2015

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses (B)	Other Expenses (C)	Total Expenditures (A+B+C)
2014-15	586	\$866,924	\$404,067	\$139,504	\$1,410,495
2013-14	422	\$303,431	\$212,433	\$103,393	\$619,257
2012-13	513	\$757,711	\$298,733	\$129,818	\$1,186,262
2011-12	401	\$486,556	\$249,807	\$107,138	\$843,501
2010-11	591	\$687,050	\$302,448	\$197,025	\$1,186,523

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 2014-2015

Committee 2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Aboriginal Peoples						
Special Study - First Nations Infrastructure on Reserves	359,060					
✦ Activity 1: Vancouver Island & BC Interior		144,470	394	56,926	65	57,385
✦ Activity 2: Ontario (Northwest)		149,190	4,431	73,435	4,295	82,161
✦ Activity 3: Maniwaki		4,790	59	958	-	1,017
✦ Activity 4: Nova Scotia		60,610	238	24,025	495	24,757
TOTAL	359,060	359,060	5,122	155,343	4,855	165,320
Agriculture and Forestry						
Special Study - Bee Health	59,250					
✦ Activity 1: Washington, D.C.		55,140	1,536	20,073	-	21,609
✦ Activity 2: Morrisburg, ON		4,110	-	1,225	87	1,312
TOTAL	59,250	59,250	1,536	21,297	87	22,921
Banking, Trade and Commerce						
Legislation	6,800					
✦ General Expenses		6,800	6,245	-	-	6,245
Special Study - Digital Currency	78,834					
✦ Activity 1: New York, NY		78,834	1,092	33,476	825	35,393
TOTAL	85,634	85,634	7,337	33,476	825	41,637
Conflict of Interest for Senators						
Conflict of Interest Code for Senators	50,000					
✦ General Expenses		50,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources						
Special Study - Northern Energy	257,160					
✦ General Expenses		13,500	-	-	-	-
✦ Activity 1: Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Rankin Inlet, Yellowknife, Diavik, What Ti, Whitehorse		243,660	-	128,142	1,672	129,814
TOTAL	257,160	257,160	-	128,142	1,672	129,814

Committee 2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Fisheries and Oceans						
Special Study - Aquaculture	525,721					
✦ Activity 1: Newfoundland & Labrador and Nova Scotia		159,044	6,484	51,922	8,570	66,975
✦ Activity 2: Norway & Scotland		162,488	-	77,015	45	77,060
✦ Activity 3: New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec		104,601	4,567	47,772	5,292	57,631
✦ Activity 4: St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador		90,325	-	34,010	-	34,010
✦ Activity 5: Seafood Expo North America		8,055	-	2,873	518	3,391
✦ British Columbia (2013-2014)		1,208	-	1,161	46	1,208
TOTAL	525,721	525,721	11,051	214,752	14,471	240,275
Foreign Affairs and International Trade						
Special Study - Asia Pacific	297,566					
✦ Activity 1: Vancouver, Indonesia and Singapore		297,566	4,900	107,115	224	112,238
TOTAL	297,566	297,566	4,900	107,115	224	112,238
Human Rights						
Special Study - Cyberbullying	7,200					
✦ General Expenses		7,200	-	-	-	-
Special Study – Children in Syria (UNHCR & UNICEF)	167,128					
✦ Activity 1: Beirut and Aman (CANCELLED)		167,128	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	174,328	174,328	-	-	-	-
Legal and Constitutional Affairs						
Legislation	5,000					
✦ General Expenses		5,000	-	-	1,314	1,314
TOTAL	5,000	5,000	-	-	1,314	1,314
National Security and Defence						
Special Study - International Relations	53,620					
✦ Activity 1: Washington, D.C. (CANCELLED)		53,620	-	-	-	-
Special Study - Border Services	3,510					
✦ Activity 1: Ottawa, Ontario		3,510	-	330	-	330
Special Study - National Security & Defence Policies	3,010					
✦ Activity 1: Ottawa, Ontario		3,010	-	-	-	-

Committee 2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Special Study - Security Threats	24,380					
✦ <i>Activity 1: Toronto, Ontario</i>		24,380	-	11,226	607	11,833
TOTAL	84,520	84,520	-	11,556	607	12,163
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs						
Special Study - Veterans Affairs	3,900					
✦ <i>Activity 1: Sainte-Anne de Bellevue, Quebec</i>		3,900	-	-	-	-
Special Study - Mental Health						
✦ <i>Activity 1: Ottawa - DND - Canadian Forces Health Services Centre</i>		1,050	-	-	-	-
✦ <i>Activity 2: Ottawa - Veterans Affairs Operational Stress Injury Clinic</i>		1,050	-	-	-	-
✦ <i>Activity 3: Petawawa - Integrated Personnel Support Centre</i>		2,900	-	-	-	-
✦ <i>Activity 4: Winnipeg - Deer Lodge OSI Clinic</i>		38,600	-	-	-	-
✦ <i>Activity 5: Quebec City - DND and VAC Clinics</i>		19,700	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	67,200	67,200	-	-	-	-
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint) **						
Joint Committee	3,378					
✦ <i>General Expenses</i>		3,378	-	-	920	1,713
TOTAL	3,378	3,378	793	-	920	1,713
Social Affairs, Science and Technology						
Special Study - Prescription Pharmaceuticals	20,470					
✦ <i>General Expenses</i>		20,470	8,365	-	1,094	9,459
Special Study - Obesity in Canada	10,360					
✦ <i>General Expenses</i>		10,360	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	30,830	30,830	8,365	-	1,094	9,459
Transport and Communication						
Special Study - Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	351,911					
✦ <i>Activity 1: Halifax-Quebec,-Sherbrooke</i>		159,905	5,668	24,040	5,958	35,666
✦ <i>Activity 2: Toronto</i>		53,173	5,477	10,696	5,571	21,744
✦ <i>Activity 3: Montreal</i>		49,733	4,937	5,530	5,539	16,006
✦ <i>Activity 4: London, UK</i>		89,100	349	54,907	-	55,256

Committee 2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transportation, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
* Winnipeg, Yellowknife & Edmonton (2013-2014)		-	-	1,398	-	1,398
Total	351,911	351,911	16,432	96,571	17,067	130,069
TOTAL 41-2	2,351,558	2,351,558	55,536	768,253	43,136	866,924

* Unused airfare credits

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

Witness and Video conference Expense Breakdown 2014-2015

Committee 2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	48,282	
Legislation		9,417
Special Study - First Nations Infrastructure		38,865
Agriculture and Forestry	40,921	
Legislation		11,151
Special Study - Agriculture Sector		7,464
Special Study - Market Access		10,120
Special Study - Bee Health		12,186
Banking, Trade and Commerce	18,386	
Legislation		9,874
Special Study - Digital Currency		8,512
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	33,174	
Legislation		21,640
Special Study - Northern Energy		10,037
Special Study - One Call		1,496
Fisheries & Oceans	22,865	
Special Study - Aquaculture		22,865
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	12,195	
Legislation		5,499
Special Study - Canada, U.S., Mexico		1,961
Special Study - International Trade		2,847
Special Study - Asia-Pacific		1,889
Human Rights	17,016	
Legislation		8,594
Special Study - Obligations		1,025
Special Study - Children in Syria		3,431
Special Study - Hague Abduction		3,967
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	81,782	
Legislation		81,782
National Finance	4,733	
Legislation		4,157
Special Study - Main Estimates 14-15		576
National Security and Defence	24,370	
Legislation		3,129
Special Study - International Relations		4,960
Special Study - Border Services		1,042
Special Study - National Security & Defence Policies		1,443
Special Study - Security Threats		13,797
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	3,783	
Special Study - Veterans Affairs		408
Special Study - Mental Health		3,374
Official Languages	26,538	
Legislation		3,730
Special Study - Immigration System		15,694

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<i>Special Study - CBC Radio</i>		736
<i>Special Study - Second Language Learning</i>		6,377
Rules, Procedure and Rights of Parliament	1,633	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,633
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	55,913	
<i>Legislation</i>		32,997
<i>Special Study - Prescription-Pharmaceuticals</i>		9,428
<i>Special Study - Obesity</i>		13,488
Transport and Communications	12,476	
<i>Legislation</i>		3,301
<i>Special Study - Canadian Broadcasting Corporation</i>		9,175
TOTAL	404,067	404,067

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