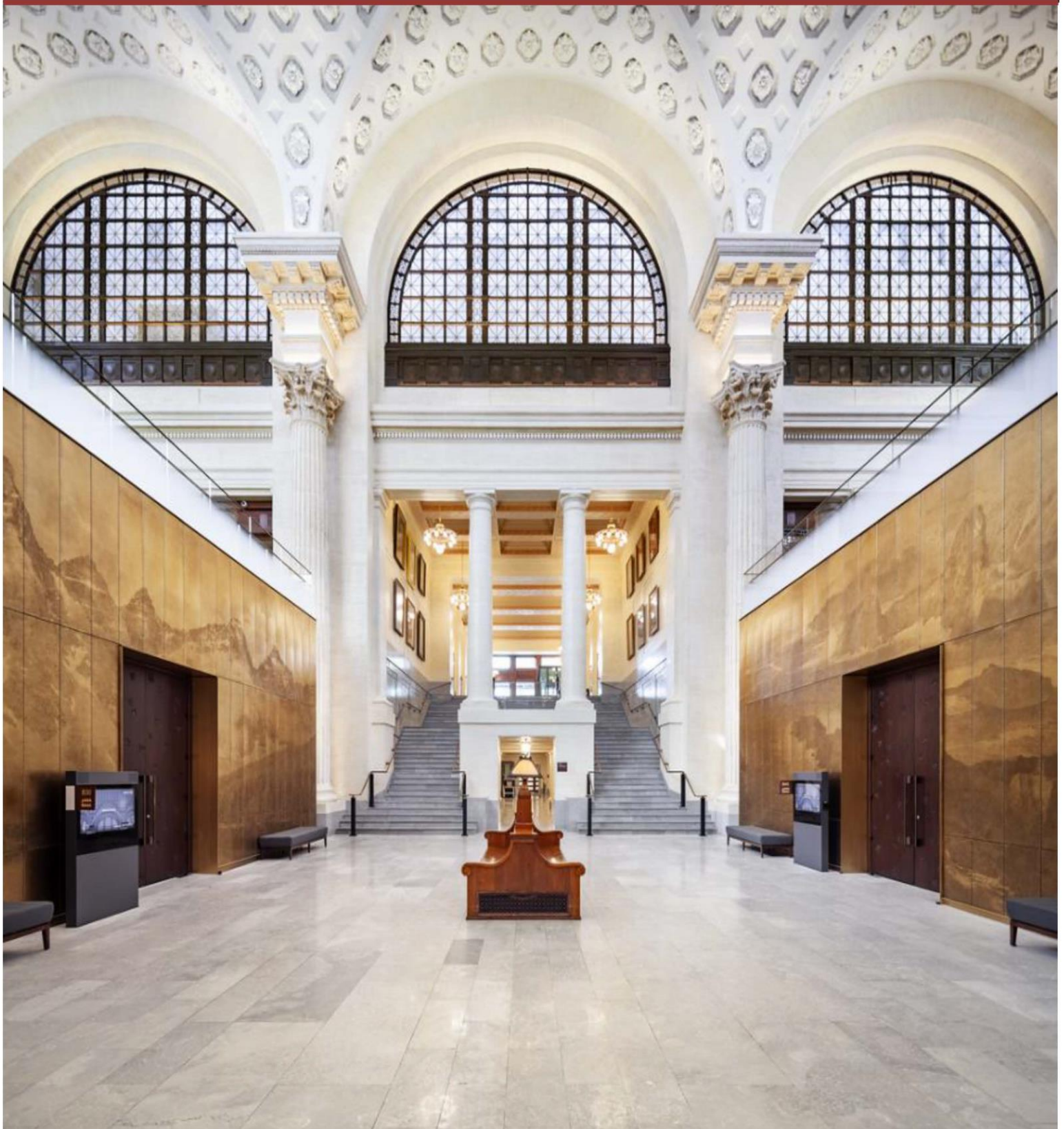




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Message from the Management Team

Committees are at the heart of the Senate's legislative and policy review work and Canadians contribute to their work every year by appearing as witnesses or by providing written testimony. Canadians can also follow the work of committees by watching webcasts or CPAC broadcasts, or by reading transcripts, briefs and reports on the committee's website. Senators spend an enormous amount of time engaged in committee work. To facilitate the work of senators and to promote their work, the Committees Directorate is very proud to provide them with procedural and administrative support.

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly curtailed Senate committee activity during the 2020-21 fiscal year. Initially, the Senate took several preventative measures to address the rapidly evolving health situation. Notably, all Senate buildings were closed to the public and senators and staff were asked to work from their homes to limit the risk of transmission of the virus at the workplace.

Despite the lockdown, the directorate mobilized quickly to develop innovative procedural, technological and logistical solutions to allow the essential work of the Senate to resume, albeit in a drastically altered environment. To protect the health and safety of senators and staff, the number of committee meetings were considerably reduced. In addition, the organization of regular committee meetings had to be extensively modified to allow senators and witnesses to participate remotely; clerks and other technical staff continued to operate from committee rooms.

Undoubtedly, a major achievement in 2020-21 for the Committees Directorate was the development, design, testing and implementation of a complete platform to allow virtual Senate committee proceedings to take place. This platform allowed senators to continue their essential parliamentary work while the Senate took the necessary steps to protect the health and safety of all senators and staff.

To ensure a smooth transition to this virtual platform, the directorate organized extensive tests, rehearsals and orientation sessions with senators, staff and witnesses. The sessions not only served to provide senators with the necessary tools to fully participate in virtual committee meetings but also helped to familiarize staff with this new way of working.

We are extremely proud of our team at the Committees Directorate. Despite many technological, procedural and logistical challenges, we successfully developed new processes and tools to provide exemplary service to senators and to promote the important work of Senate committees to all Canadians.

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Mission Statement

The Senate is a core component of the Canadian federal structure of government. Entrenched in the Canadian constitution, it is designed to act as a complementary legislative body of sober second thought. A vital part of the legislative process takes place in Senate committees, where senators examine legislation and undertake special studies on a wide range of topics linked to Canadian public policy.

The Committees Directorate serves Senate parliamentary committees in the areas of parliamentary procedure and practice, and administration, and provides advice and resources to help committees to achieve their objectives.

Our mission is to provide exemplary, innovative and efficient support to facilitate the work of Senate committees. We are proud of our role at the Senate; we contribute to the promotion of its public image, and to that of Parliament in general. In line with this mission, we strive to excel through these three pillars:

Integrity

- We perform our duties ethically and honestly, in compliance with relevant laws, rules and procedures, and in the best tradition of the Senate, in order to maintain public trust.
- We uphold the principles of discretion and confidentiality.

Respect

- We demonstrate dignity, fairness and courtesy when dealing with parliamentarians, staff, partners and the public.
- We work collaboratively and with a shared purpose in order to achieve positive outcomes.

Service

- We provide non-partisan superior service to all senators.
- We serve with professionalism, competence and objectivity.

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Part 1: Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Structure of Committees

The Committees Directorate provides administrative, procedural and informational support to Senate committees, which include:

- Eighteen standing committees (and eight subcommittees); and,
- Two standing joint committees (composed of members from both the Senate and the House of Commons).

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*.

Overview of Committee Activities

Committees account for much of the important work of the Senate. While all committees must respect the *Rules of the Senate* and the *Senate Administrative Rules*, there are variations between committees with respect to how they undertake, organize and carry out their work. Some committees focus almost exclusively on legislation, while others give special studies most of their attention.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, Senate activities were significantly impacted by the restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. To address to the rapidly evolving health situation, the Senate took a number of preventative measures to protect the well-being of senators and staff. These health and safety measures had a substantial impact on the normal activity levels of Senate committees. The organization of regular committee meetings was extensively modified to allow senators and witnesses to participate virtually and the frequency of meetings was reduced. During this period, the Senate sat twice with a limited number of senators present and only one committee met.

Shortly after, the Senate adopted a motion on April 11, 2020, to appoint members to three committees and authorized senators to participate in meetings virtually. These committees were Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, National Finance and Social Affairs, Science and Technology. The first virtual Senate committee meeting took place on April 14, 2020, with all senators participating by videoconference. On May 1, 2020, the Senate adopted a similar motion to authorize an additional committee to meet virtually: the Standing Committee on Ethics and

Conflict of Interest for Senators. These committees met either on urgent Senate business or to study matters related to the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic until the prorogation of Parliament in August.

During the prorogation period, committees with an Intersessional Authority such as the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and its subcommittees continued to operate as provided for in section 19.1(2) of *The Parliament of Canada Act*, along with the Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators, in accordance with sections 38-40 of the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators*.

At the beginning of the Second Session of the Forty-third Parliament in October 2020, the Senate created the Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight. This is the first time in Senate history that external members were authorized to sit on a Senate committee.

As public health guidelines evolved, the Senate adopted a motion on November 17, 2020, that set out specific conditions under which committees could hold hybrid meetings or meet entirely by videoconference. The motion established a priority for hybrid meetings for committees studying government legislation. The motion also included rules with respect to senators' participation in virtual committee meetings. This motion was extended on December 17, 2020, and continued to the end of the fiscal year.

The virtual environment and the ongoing pandemic situation posed significant resource challenges, particularly with respect to the scheduling of virtual meetings. Subsequent political consultations and negotiations led to the eventual creation of a fixed virtual meeting schedule, which was adopted by the Senate in March 2021. This schedule led to a more efficient use of resources that were limited by the pandemic.

Operating Expenses

Indicators	2020-21
Full-time equivalents (FTEs)	34 employees
Directorate	\$488
Committees	\$3,403
Witnesses	\$420
Working meals	-
Other	-

Committee Travel

Each year, committees travel to gather testimony and information related to their studies. They hold public hearings throughout Canada and undertake fact-finding missions 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. Fact-finding missions conducted within Canada and abroad do not include public hearings. As such, they are not considered official proceedings and no transcripts are published. However, the information gathered is still valid to the committee's study and can be included in their reports. Please note that there were no committee trips during the 2020-21 fiscal year due to pandemic-related travel restrictions.

Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees over five fiscal years.

Indicators	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	Five-year average
Meetings	165	287	570	608	601	446.2
Reports	43	72	99	120	98	86.4
Hours in committee	303	565	966.2	948.2	999.8	756.4
Sitting weeks	13	14	23	26	25	20.2
Hours in committee per week	23.3	40.3	42	36.4	40	36.4
Witnesses	478	1,367	2,215	1,980	1,937	1,595.4
Bills	9	27	56	50	54	39.2
Subject matter studies	2	6	24	8	9	9.8
Special studies	12	22	41	44	67	37.2
Trips	-	4	12	20	19	11
Fact-finding hours	-	-	242	251.1	280.5	154.7

The following table compares various travel statistics of Senate committees over five fiscal years.

Indicators	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	Five-year average
Amount budgeted	-	\$809,172	\$1,334,124	\$1,906,803	\$2,464,051	\$1,141,157
Amount spent	-	\$588,161	\$669,951	\$836,434	\$903,558	\$599,621
Senators accounted for in budget	-	55	86	187	222	110
Senators who travelled	-	54	58	108	118	67.6

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

The following table illustrates orders of reference considered by Senate committees during the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Orders of reference	Meetings	Total meetings (percent)	Hours	Total hours (percent)
Bills and subject matter studies	23	13.9%	75.9	25%
Special studies	32	19.4%	83.8	27.6%
Permanent committees*	37	22.4%	53.6	17.7%
Total	92	55.7%	213.3	70.3%

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

*The permanent committees category includes CIBA, its subcommittees (in public), BILL, CONF, REGS, RPRD and SELE.

Part 2: Committee Profiles



The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic led to a significant reduction in regular committee activity. The following section provides information and general statistics about each committee that met during the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Please note that the table in the section “Reports to the Senate” includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years. The table in the section “Committee Activities” 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.

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Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade has the mandate to examine legislation and matters relating to foreign and Commonwealth relations, including treaties and international agreements, external trade, foreign aid, and territorial and offshore matters. During the fiscal year, the committee examined Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Chemical Weapons Convention Act. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings were modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-01	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session
Second	Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act	2020-12-16	8	Bill S-2, without amendment

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	3	3.4	-	8	2
2019-20	17	21.5	-	57	6
2018-19	38	49.4	-	119	6
2017-18	43	51.6	-	130	7
2016-17	38	46.6	36.8	104	7

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Boehm (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Harder, P.C. (Progressive Senate Group)

The Honourable Senator Ngo (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Black (*Alberta*), Boehm, Coyle, Deacon (*Ontario*), Dean, Greene, Harder, P.C., Housakos, Ngo, Ravalia and Saint-Germain

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Cormier and Simons

Committee support:

Gaëtane Lemay, Clerk of the Committee

Laurie-Anne Spooner, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Brian Hermon, Analyst

Scott McTaggart, Analyst

Pascal Tremblay, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Housakos (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Massicotte (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Boehm, Coyle, Dean, Greene, Housakos, MacDonald, Massicotte, Ngo and Saint-Germain

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bovey, Cordy and Dawson

Committee support:

Gaëtane Lemay, Clerk of the Committee

Sadaf Noorishad, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Brian Hermon, Analyst

Simon Richards, Analyst

Pascal Tremblay, Analyst

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry has the mandate to examine legislation and to study issues related to agriculture and forestry. The agriculture and agri-food portfolio covers all departments and agencies that are under the responsibility of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food. While most of the forest on Crown land is managed by the provinces, the federal government is responsible for many forest-related matters. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings were modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-02	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	1	0.5	-	-	1
2019-20	14	22.1	-	46	4
2018-19	34	60.4	56.9	156	5
2017-18	45	81.5	26.1	194	5
2016-17	39	69.7	29.5	105	2

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Griffin (Canadian Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Deacon (*Nova Scotia*) (Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Oh (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Black (*Ontario*), Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Griffin, Hartling, MacDonald, Mégie, Mercer, Miville-Dechéne, Oh, Petitclerc and Plett

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare and Seidman

Committee support:

Evelyne Côté, Clerk of the Committee

Elda Donnelly, Committee Assistant (until February 2021)

Annie Trudel, Committee Assistant (since February 2021)

Library of Parliament:

Joanne Markle LaMontagne, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight (AOVS)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Audit and Oversight was created, on October 1, 2020, based on the principles of integrity, independence, transparency, and accountability. These principles are essential to fulfilling the committee's mandate to provide oversight and report on the Senate's spending. The committee is authorized, on its own initiative, to exercise the review, monitoring and inquiry function of the Senate's financial operations. More specifically, it is responsible for: retaining the services of and overseeing the external and internal auditors; supervising the Senate's internal and external audits and reporting to the Senate; reviewing the Senate's Quarterly Financial Reports and the audited Financial Statements; and tabling before the Senate all relevant financial documents, including an annual report with observations and recommendations. It is also tasked with reviewing the Senate Administration's action plans to ensure that they adequately address the recommendations and findings that may arise from internal and external audits and that they are effectively implemented.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Supervise the Senate's internal and external audits and related matters	2020-12-01	-	Recommendations regarding the nomination of two external members of the committee
Second	Consider issues relating to the nomination of its external members to the Senate	2021-02-08	5	Budget

Committee Activities

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	4	5	-	5	2

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wells (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Dupuis (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Downe, Dupuis and Wells

Committee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Committee

Brigitte Martineau, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Lindsay McGlashan, Analyst

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples (APPA)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples has the mandate to study bills and matters relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings were modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-08	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	1	0.3	-	-	1
2019-20	19	48.3	-	115	8
2018-19	32	52.3	20.4	99	4
2017-18	36	67.8	27	144	5
2016-17	33	59.4	31.5	105	3

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Christmas (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Francis (Progressive Senate Group)

The Honourable Senator Patterson (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Christmas, Coyle, Forest-Niesing, Francis, Hartling, LaBoucane-Benson, MacDonald, Pate, Patterson, Stewart Olsen and Tannas

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Martin, Plett, Poirier and Wells

Committee support:

Andrea Mugny, Clerk of the Committee

Nathalie Boutros, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Brittany Collier, Analyst

Sara Fryer, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce has the mandate to examine legislation and to study issues related to banking, insurance, trust and loan companies, credit societies, *caisses populaires* and small loans companies. It is also responsible for considering customs and excise issues, taxation legislation, patents, royalties, corporate affairs, and bankruptcy-related issues. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings were modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-01	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	1	0.5	-	-	1
2019-20	11	16.3	-	39	2
2018-19	36	54.6	-	156	10
2017-18	40	54.0	38.3	118	9
2016-17	43	63.8	11.8	157	8

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wetston (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Smith (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Wallin (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Klyne, Loffreda, Marshall, Moncion, Ringuette, Smith, Stewart Olsen, Tannas, Wallin and Wetston

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Committee support:

Mireille K. Aubé, Clerk of the Committee

Tracy Amendola, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Brett Stuckey, Analyst

Adriane Yong, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA)

General Information

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration 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 that 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)).

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2020-12-01	-	Financial statements of the Senate for the year ending March 31, 2020
Second	Rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2020-12-01	2	Annual report on parliamentary associations' activities and expenditures for 2019-20 fiscal year
Third	Rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2021-02-11	1	Legislative budget
Fourth	Rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2021-02-16	4	<i>Senate Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy</i>

Fifth	Rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2021-03-16	4	Senate Main Estimates for fiscal year 2021-22
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Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	17	29	-	61	5
2019-20	18	27.9	-	49	8
2018-19	18	21.5	-	33	11
2017-18	22	29.8	-	39	16
2016-17	24	33.3	-	24	8

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Munson (Progressive Senate Group)

The Honourable Senator Tannas (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Carignan, P.C., Dawson, Dean, Forest, Forest-Niesing, Jaffer, Marshall, Marwah, Moncion, Munson, Plett, Saint-Germain, Seidman and Tannas

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Black (*Ontario*), Cordy, Frum, Omidvar, Patterson and Woo

Committee Support:

Pascale Legault, Clerk of the Committee

Keli Hogan, Recording Secretary (since February 2021)

Gérald Lafrenière, Recording Secretary (until February 2021)

Axel Saizonou, Committee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Tannas (Canadian Senators Group) (since July 2020)

The Honourable Senator Verner, P.C. (Canadian Senators Group) (until July 2020)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Dean, Downe, Dupuis, Forest, Forest-Niesing, Jaffer, Marshall, Marwah, Moncion, Munson, Plett, Saint-Germain, Seidman and Tannas

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Black (*Ontario*), Dasko, McPhedran, Omidvar, Pate, Smith and Verner, P.C.

Committee support:

Pascale Legault, Clerk of the Committee

Gérald Lafrenière, Recording Secretary

Axel Saizonou, Committee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA Steering Committee)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (also referred to as the steering committee) is composed of the chair and deputy chairs of Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. It is responsible for making decisions on behalf of the committee with respect to its agenda, inviting witnesses and scheduling meetings. If the full committee is unable to meet, the steering committee is authorized by the *Parliament of Canada Act* to deal with and resolve immediate administrative problems deemed urgent, and to report its decisions at the first meeting of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration thereafter.

Reports to the Committee

The steering committee reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. The following reports were presented to the committee:

- Twentieth Report: Decisions made on March 20 and 26 and April 9, 2020
- First Report: Exceptions to the Senators' Office Management Policy
- Second Report: Decisions made on December 8 and January 20, 2020, and February 2, 2021
- Third Report: Quarterly Financial Report of the Senate of Canada
- Sixth Report: Decision made on March 2, 2021
- Seventh Report: Decision made on March 23, 2021

Subcommittee Activities

The steering committee held several meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Munson (Progressive Senate Group)

The Honourable Senator Tannas (Canadian Senators Group)

Subcommittee support:

Pascale Legault, Clerk of the Subcommittee

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Tannas (Canadian Senators Group) (until July 2020)

The Honourable Senator Verner, P.C. (Canadian Senators Group) (since July 2020)

Subcommittee support:

Pascale Legault, Clerk of the Subcommittee

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

Audit Subcommittee (AUDT)

General Information

The Audit Subcommittee is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to oversee and direct the Senate's internal audit function. It reviews and presents quarterly financial reports and audited financial statements. It also reviews management action plans to ensure that they are effectively implemented and addresses recommendations and findings arising from internal audits. The subcommittee suspended its activities with the creation of the Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight at the beginning of the Second Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee presented five reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held three meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Downe (Canadian Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator McPhedran (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Downe, Dupuis, McPhedran and Marshall

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Pate

Subcommittee support:

Marie-Ève Belzile, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Martine Willox, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Downe (Canadian Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator McPhedran (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Downe, Dupuis, McPhedran and Marshall

Subcommittee support:

Marie-Ève Belzile, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Debbie Larocque, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (BUDG)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Committee Budgets is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to review committee budgets and to make recommendations on the allocation and the release of funds to committees.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee did not report during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee did not meet during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Carignan, P.C., Forest, Moncion and Munson

Subcommittee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Brigitte Martineau, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Forest, Moncion and Tannas

Subcommittee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Brigitte Martineau, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

Subcommittee on Communications (COMS)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Communications is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to advise the Senate on its communications strategy and implementation including communication approaches used to promote the role and work of the Senate and senators.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee did not report during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held two meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Dawson, Jaffer, Marshall, Marwah and Tannas

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Campbell

Subcommittee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Annie Trudel, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Downe, Jaffer, Marshall and Marwah

Subcommittee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Subcommittee

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

Subcommittee on Diversity (DVSC)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Diversity is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to examine issues of diversity in the Senate workforce and to conduct reviews of diversity reports tabled by the Senate Administration.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee presented one report to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration during the fiscal year:

- First report: Update on Subcommittee's Decisions (First Session, Forty-third Parliament)

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held seven meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jaffer (Progressive Senate Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Seidman (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Dawson, Dean, Jaffer, Seidman and Tannas

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Munson

Subcommittee support:

Mireille K. Aubé, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Tracy Amendola, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jaffer (Progressive Senate Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Seidman (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Dean, Jaffer, Seidman and Tannas

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Dasko and Verner, P.C.

Subcommittee support:

Mireille K. Aubé, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Tracy Amendola, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

Subcommittee on Human Resources (HRRH)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Human Resources is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to examine issues related to human resources in the Senate including the harmonization of working conditions and benefits of Senate employees, whether they work for the Administration, for a senator, or for an officer of the Senate. It also examines the working conditions and benefits of Senate employees and conducts reviews of Senate policies referred to it by the committee.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee presented eight reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held 18 meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Saint-Germain (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Seidman (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Dawson, Dean, Saint-Germain and Seidman

Subcommittee support:

Marie-Ève Belzile, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Brigitte Martineau, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Saint-Germain (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Seidman (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Dean, Downe, Saint-Germain and Seidman

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Black (*Ontario*)

Subcommittee support:

Marie-Ève Belzile, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Brigitte Martineau, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

Subcommittee on Long Term Vision and Plan (LTVP)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Long Term Vision and Plan is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, in coordination with the Senate Administration, to supervise all steps, processes and decisions relating to the program of work for the long-term vision and plan for the parliamentary precinct. It also examines the best way to ensure that the renovations of Centre Block and all other buildings that will be occupied by the Senate with respect to the heritage and best interests of the institution.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee presented three reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held 14 meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Plett (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Forest, Forest-Niesing, Plett and Munson

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Black (*Ontario*) and Tannas

Subcommittee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Annie Trudel, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Plett (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Dupuis, McPhedran, Munson, Plett and Tannas

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Downe and Pate

Subcommittee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Tracy Amendola, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

Subcommittee on Senate Estimates (SEBS)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Senate Estimates is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to examine the Senate's Main Estimates, including new funding requests, and on any Supplementary Estimates requests. It is also called on, from time to time, to study issues related to the management of the Senate's annual budget including the review of policies referred to it by the committee.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee presented four reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held 16 meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Moncion (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Marshall, Moncion, Munson, Saint-Germain and Tannas

Subcommittee support:

Marie-Ève Belzile, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Martine Willox, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Moncion (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Marshall, Moncion, Saint-Germain and Tannas

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Verner, P.C.

Subcommittee support:

Marie-Ève Belzile, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Martine Willox, Subcommittee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee

Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators (CONF)

General Information

The Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators is responsible for all matters relating to the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators*. It may give general direction to the Senate Ethics Officer concerning the interpretation, application and administration of the Code, and the committee is authorized to exercise these powers on its own initiative. The committee also considers any inquiry reports from the Senate Ethics Officer, who is an independent officer of the Senate. The committee has reviewed and amended the Code a number of times since its inception.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-16	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Second	Consideration of an inquiry report of the Senate Ethics Officer	2020-06-18	-	Senate Ethics Officer's Inquiry Report under the <i>Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i> concerning Senator Oh, dated February 18, 2020
Third	Examine developments and actions in relation to the committee's fifth report from the First Session of the Forty-second Parliament	2020-06-22	-	Report on developments and actions in relation to the committee's fifth report from the Forty-second Parliament regarding Senator Beyak

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	12	18.3	-	2	3
2019-20	13	28.8	-	-	4
2018-19	17	29.9	-	23	-
2017-18	16	20.4	-	3	3
2016-17	4	5.8	-	-	1

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Seidman (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Tannas (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Busson, Cotter, Harder, P.C., Patterson, Seidman and Tannas

Committee support:

Marie-Ève Belzile, Clerk of the Committee

Debbie Larocque, Committee Assistant

Office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel:

Charles Feldman, Parliamentary Counsel

David Groves, Parliamentary Counsel

Library of Parliament:

Isabelle Brideau, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sinclair (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Patterson (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Patterson, Seidman, Sinclair, Tannas and Wetston

Committee support:

Marie-Ève Belzile, Clerk of the Committee

Debbie Larocque, Committee Assistant

Office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel:

Charles Feldman, Parliamentary Counsel

Élise Hurtubise-Loranger, Parliamentary Counsel

Library of Parliament:

Isabelle Brideau, Analyst

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (ENEV)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources has the mandate to examine legislation and to study matters related to energy, the environment and natural resources generally, including mines and natural resources, other than fisheries and forestry; pipelines, transmission lines and energy transportation; environmental affairs; and other energy-related matters. During the fiscal year, the committee examined Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Offshore Health and Safety Act. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings were modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-09	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session
Second	Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Offshore Health and Safety Act	2021-02-16	10	Bill S-3, with amendments and observations

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	4	5.2	-	10	2
2019-20	33	83.4	-	242	3
2018-19	35	68.7	-	121	6
2017-18	34	52.9	41.3	117	7
2016-17	38	60.8	76.3	95	4

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Budget expenditures	\$ -
Witness expenses	<u>\$70</u>
TOTAL	\$70

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Massicotte (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Black (*Alberta*) (Canadian Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Carignan, P.C. (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Black (*Alberta*), Carignan, P.C., Cordy, Cotter, Galvez, Massicotte, McCallum, Miville-Dechéne, Patterson, Simons, Verner, P.C., and Wells

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Black (*Ontario*), Griffin, MacDonald and Seidman

Committee support:

Chantal Cardinal, Clerk of the Committee

Martine Willox, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst

Jesse Good, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (LCJC)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has the mandate to examine legislation and to study matters relating to legal and constitutional matters generally, including the criminal justice system and the Criminal Code, constitutional issues, electoral matters, linguistic and legal duality, federal-provincial relations, law reform, the judiciary and most private bills. The committee 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 from time to time the committee has undertaken more in-depth special studies on areas related to its mandate. Over the fiscal year, the committee studied both the subject matter of Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying), and the bill itself. The committee published three reports on the matter. The committee also began consideration of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Judges Act and the Criminal Code.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-08	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session
Second	The subject matter of Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)	2020-12-10	81	Interim report on the subject matter of Bill C-7
Third	The subject matter of Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)	2021-02-08	81	Final report on the subject matter of Bill C-7

Fourth	Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)	2021-02-08	66	Bill C-7, without amendment but with observations
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Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	15	61.4	-	172	4
2019-20	21	48.8	-	114	6
2018-19	40	78.2	-	145	7
2017-18	33	56.4	-	155	9
2016-17	50	94.5	13.5	270	11

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Budget expenditures	\$3,403
Witness expenses	\$ 350
TOTAL	\$3,753

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jaffer (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Batters (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Campbell (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Boniface, Boyer, Campbell, Carignan, P.C., Cotter, Dalphond, Dupuis, Jaffer, Simons and Tannas

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Black (*Ontario*), Griffin, Harder, P.C.,
Frum, Keating, Kutcher, Mégie, Pate, Petitclerc, Richards, Wallin and White

Committee support:

Mark Palmer, Clerk of the Committee
Maritza Jean-Pierre, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, Analyst
Julian Walker, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on National Finance (NFFN)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance has the mandate to examine matters relating to federal estimates generally. Historically, the committee has been, and continues to be, one of the Senate's busiest committees. Over the fiscal year, the committee focused on the estimates, which outline the federal government's expenditure plans. At the beginning of the global pandemic, the committee studied, by motion of the Senate, certain elements of Bill C-13, An Act respecting certain measures in response to COVID-19; the provisions and operations of Bill C-14, A second Act respecting measures in response to COVID-19; and, the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic consequences. A final report was tabled with the Clerk of the Senate in the summer of 2020.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	The subject matter of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy)	2020-11-17	18	Subject matter study of Bill C-9
Second	Main Estimates and the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021	2020-12-08	44	Interim report on the Main Estimates and Supplementary Estimates (B), 2020-21
Third	Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021	2021-03-26	43	Final report on Supplementary Estimates (C), 2020-21

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Third	Supplementary Estimates (A), for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021	2020-06-22	19	Final report on Supplementary Estimates (A), 2020-21
Fourth	Study on a) certain elements of Bill C-13, An Act respecting certain measures in response to COVID-19; b) the provisions and operations of Bill C-14, A second Act respecting measures in response to COVID-19; and, c) the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic consequences	2020-07-17	48	Final report on a special study and a study on certain elements of bills C-13 and C-14 entitled, <i>COVID-19: Relief in Times of Crisis</i>

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	24	58.3	-	172	5
2019-20	36	59.3	-	180	6
2018-19	59	95.7	6.5	325	12
2017-18	79	145.3	-	346	13
2016-17	57	96.9	-	263	10

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mockler (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Forest (Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Klyne (Progressive Senate Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Dagenais, Deacon (*Ontario*), Duncan, Forest, Galvez, Klyne, Loffreda, Marshall, Mockler, Richards and Smith

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Moncion, Pate and White

Committee support:

Maxime Fortin, Clerk of the Committee

Louise Martel, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Sylvain Fleury, Analyst (since February 2021)

Shaowei Pu, Analyst

Alex Smith, Analyst (until February 2021)

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mockler (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Forest (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Dagenais, Deacon (*Ontario*), Duncan, Forest, Galvez, Harder, P.C., Klyne, Loffreda, Marshall, Mockler, Richards and Smith

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Dasko, Forest-Niesing, Lankin, P.C., McCallum, Miville-Dechêne, Pate and Patterson

Committee support:

Maxime Fortin, Clerk of the Committee
Sadaf Noorishad, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Shaowei Pu, Analyst
Alex Smith, Analyst

Standing Committee on Official Languages (OLLO)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages has the mandate to study all matters relating to official languages generally. It studies matters relating to the application of the *Official Languages Act* (OLA) and of the regulations and directives made under it. The committee investigates the respect of Canadians' language rights and the principle of equality of the two official languages. It examines questions pertaining to the OLA and pays particular attention to the federal government's role and its commitment to advancing English and French in Canadian society and to enhancing the vitality of English and French linguistic minority communities. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings were modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-03	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	1	0.5	-	-	1
2019-20	5	5.4	-	4	2
2018-19	23	45.7	2	100	3
2017-18	26	48.4	8.5	111	6
2016-17	21	39	12.7	76	1

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Cormier (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Dagenais (Canadian Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Smith (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bovey, Carignan, P.C., Cormier, Dagenais, Gagné, Mockler, Moncion and Smith

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Jaffer, Mégie and Saint-Germain

Committee support:

Stéphanie van Beek, Clerk of the Committee (until March 2021)

Vincent Labrosse, Clerk of the Committee (since March 2021)

Jamey Irwin, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Stephanie Feldman, Analyst

Marie-Ève Hudon, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans has the mandate to study issues relating to the fisheries and oceans generally. Among others, it is particularly interested in the management of oceans, aquatic resources and fisheries, aquatic life and ecosystems, the fishing industry and the safety of waterways. The committee is also interested in the federal government's current and evolving framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings were modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-10	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	1	0.4	-	-	1
2019-20	11	20.5	-	60	2
2018-19	19	30.5	17	56	1
2017-18	30	35.1	51.8	55	5
2016-17	27	46.9	33	90	3

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Manning (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Busson (Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Richards (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Busson, Campbell, Christmas, Cormier, Francis, Kutcher, Manning, Poirier, Ravalia, Richards and Ringuette

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Committee support:

Vincent Labrosse, Clerk of the Committee

Brigitte Martineau, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Daniele Lafrance, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Human Rights (RIDR)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights has the broad mandate to examine, explore and monitor issues relating to human rights generally. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings were modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-08	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	2	1	-	-	1
2019-20	10	18.5	-	25	-
2018-19	27	48.6	59.3	141	8
2017-18	24	44.6	42	109	4
2016-17	25	47.3	9	90	3

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Ataullahjan (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Bernard (Progressive Senate Group)

The Honourable Senator Hartling (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Bernard, Boyer, Hartling, Martin, Mégie, Ngo, Pate and Tannas

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Committee support:

François Michaud, Clerk of the Committee

Elda Donnelly, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Lara Coleman, Analyst

Jean-Philippe Duguay, Analyst

Robert Mason, Analyst

Martin McCallum, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Rights of Parliament (RPRD)

General Information

The *Rules of the Senate* authorize the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Rights of Parliament to propose, on its own authority, amendments to the Rules, which govern the deliberative operations of the Senate and its committees and guide the conduct of parliamentary business. The committee may also consider, more broadly, the orders and practices of the Senate and the privileges of Parliament. In addition, this committee examines questions of privilege referred to it. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings was modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-10	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	1	1.1	-	-	1
2019-20	4	3.7	-	2	1
2018-19	12	15.2	-	10	1
2017-18	16	15.5	-	1	5
2016-17	17	21.1	-	8	3

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Housakos (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Dalphond (Progressive Senate Group)

The Honourable Senator Duncan (Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Greene (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Bellemare, Black (*Ontario*), Bovey, Dalphond, Duncan, Dupuis, Frum, Greene, Housakos, Lankin, P.C., Massicotte, McPhedran, Ringuette and Wells

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Committee support:

Adam Thompson, Clerk of the Committee

Ginette Ricard, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Isabelle Brideau, Analyst

Erin Virgint, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence (SECD)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence has the mandate to examine legislation and study issues related to national defence, security and veterans affairs. Over time, the committee recognized four broad areas of study to form a basis for its orders of reference including the capabilities of the departments of National Defence and Public Safety Canada, working relationships for intelligence-gathering and analysis, and security of borders and critical infrastructure. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings were modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-03	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	1	0.5	-	-	1
2019-20	17	43.6	-	101	6
2018-19	19	46.4	-	110	5
2017-18	18	44.8	-	76	7
2016-17	27	86.4	9	159	5

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Boniface (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Boisvenu (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Dagenais (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Boniface, Busson, Cotter, Dagenais, Dalphond, Jaffer, Martin, McPhedran, Moodie, Oh and Richards

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Committee support:

Joëlle Nadeau, Clerk of the Committee

Amanda Baldo, Committee Assistant (until December 2020)

Natacha Umugwaneza, Committee Assistant (since January 2021)

Library of Parliament:

Ariel Shapiro, Analyst

Anne-Marie Therrien-Tremblay, Analyst (since January 2021)

Christina Yeung, Analyst (until December 2020)

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Committee of Selection (SELE)

General Information

The Committee of Selection has the mandate pursuant to the *Rules of the Senate* to nominate, through reports to the Senate, the Speaker pro tempore and the senators who will serve on standing committees and standing joint committees. The committee is also empowered to propose to the Senate from time to time changes in the membership of a committee. During this fiscal year, the committee also received two additional orders of reference: 1) to study a motion to fill the position of Speaker pro tempore by secret ballot; and, 2) to make recommendations to the Senate on issues relating to meetings of either the Senate, or meetings of committees by videoconference or teleconference, to the coordination of such meetings, and facilitate or enhance their operations.

Reports to the Senate

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Contents
First	Rules 12-2(1)(a), Speaker pro tempore, and 12-2(2), committee membership	2020-11-03	Nomination of senators to serve on committees
Second	Rule 12-2(4)(b), changes to committee membership	2020-11-05	Nomination of senators to serve on committees
Third	Motion to fill the position of Speaker pro tempore by means of a secret ballot	2020-12-09	Nomination of Speaker pro tempore on an interim basis
Fourth	Motion to fill the position of Speaker pro tempore by means of a secret ballot	2021-02-08	Nomination of a Speaker pro tempore by means of a secret ballot
Fifth	Make recommendations to the Senate on issues relating to meetings of either the Senate, or meetings of committees by videoconference or teleconference, to the coordination of such meetings,	2021-02-08	Nomination of senators to serve on standing joint committees

	and facilitate or enhance their operations		
Sixth	Make recommendations to the Senate on issues relating to meetings of either the Senate, or meetings of committees by videoconference or teleconference, to the coordination of such meetings, and facilitate or enhance their operations	2021-03-30	Virtual committee meeting schedule

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Contents
First	Rule 12-2(1)(a), Speaker pro tempore	2020-05-01	Nomination of a Speaker pro tempore
Second	Rule 12-2(2), committee membership	2020-05-01	Nomination of senators to serve on committees

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	6	4.7	-	-	8
2019-20	1	0.1	-	-	-
2018-19	1	0.03	-	-	-
2017-18	4	1.1	-	-	2
2016-17	3	1.7	-	-	2

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mercer (Progressive Senate Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Downe (Canadian Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Omidvar (Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Stewart Olsen (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Duncan, Downe, Martin, Mercer, Omidvar, Saint-Germain, Seidman, Stewart Olsen and Woo

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Committee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Committee

Brigitte Martineau, Committee Assistant

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Woo (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Stewart Olsen (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Duncan, Omidvar, Ringuette, Saint-Germain, Seidman, Stewart Olsen, Verner, P.C., and Woo

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Cordy, Coyle, Dalphond and Omidvar

Committee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Committee

Brigitte Martineau, Committee Assistant

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology (SOCI)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology has the mandate to examine legislation and to study issues related to cultural affairs and the arts, social and labour matters, health and welfare, pensions and housing. It is also responsible for considering fitness and amateur sport, employment and immigration, consumer affairs and youth affairs. During the fiscal year, the committee studied the government's response to the global pandemic for which it tabled a final report entitled *The Federal Response to COVID-19: Interim Observations*. The committee held seven meetings and heard from 48 witnesses for its study.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-10	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Study on the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic	2020-07-09	48	Final report on a special study entitled, <i>The Federal Response to COVID-19: Interim Observations</i>

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	9	32	-	48	2
2019-20	18	35.5	-	101	6
2018-19	40	80.3	-	201	8
2017-18	47	71.6	4	193	13
2016-17	36	53.1	-	103	8

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Petitclerc (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Bovey (Progressive Senate Group)

The Honourable Senator Poirier (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Black (*Ontario*), Bovey, Dasko, Forest-Niesing, Frum, Kutcher, Manning, Mégie, Moodie, Omidvar, Plett and Petitclerc

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Smith and Stewart Olsen

Committee support:

Daniel Charbonneau, Clerk of the Committee

Lori Meldrum, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Laura Munn-Rivard, Analyst

Laura Blackmore, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Petitclerc (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Poirier (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Dasko, Forest-Niesing, Griffin, Kutcher, Manning, Mégie, Moodie, Munson, Omidvar, Petitclerc, Poirier and Seidman

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Black (*Ontario*), Bovey, Cormier, Dagenais, LaBoucane-Benson, Lankin, P.C., McCallum, Miville-Dechêne and Pate

Committee support:

Daniel Charbonneau, Clerk of the Committee
Lori Meldrum, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Laura Munn-Rivard, Analyst
Sonya Norris, Analyst

Standing Committee on Transport and Communication (TRCM)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications has the mandate to examine legislation and study matters related to transport and communications by land, air, water, and space. It also deals with matters relating to tourist traffic, common carriers, shipping and navigable waters. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings was modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26	2020-12-02	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	1	0.3	-	-	1
2019-20	20	44.4	-	139	3
2018-19	33	50.3	-	104	5
2017-18	41	61	12.3	140	4
2016-17	50	76.8	17.5	162	4

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator MacDonald (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Dawson (Progressive Senate Group)

The Honourable Senator Miville-Dechêne (Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Wallin (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Cormier, Dasko, Dawson, Forest-Niesing, Griffin, MacDonald, Manning, Miville-Dechêne, Simons, Wallin and Woo

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator White

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Committee support:

Ericka Dupont, Clerk of the Committee

Debbie Larocque, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Jed Chong, Analyst

Khamla Heminthavong, Analyst

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament (BILL)

General Information

The Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament is authorized by the *Parliament of Canada Act* and an order of reference to advise the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons in the exercise of their authority over the Library of Parliament, and is empowered to make recommendations to the Speakers of both Houses with respect to 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. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings was modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

The committee did not report during the fiscal year.

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-
2019-20	1	1.3	-	8	1
2018-19	6	6.5	-	16	2
2017-18	-	-	-	-	-
2016-17	-	-	-	-	-

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)

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 broad jurisdiction to inquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process. Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees. In particular, the organization and planning of regular committee meetings was modified to allow senators, witnesses and staff to participate virtually in order to protect their health and well-being. Consequently, most committees reduced their number of meetings significantly.

Reports to the Senate

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Rule 12-26 and Section 19 of the Statutory Instruments Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. S-22	2021-03-22	-	Expenses incurred during the previous session and functions and powers of the committee

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2016-21

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2020-21	1	0.5	-	-	1
2019-20	6	7.6	-	12	-
2018-19	14	18.9	-	20	1
2017-18	17	22.9	-	11	-
2016-17	16	24.5	-	12	2

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The committee did not incur expenses over the fiscal year.

Committee Membership

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Woo (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boyer, Martin, Seidman, White and Woo

Committee support:

François Michaud, Joint Clerk of the Committee

Elda Donnelly, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Tanya Dupuis, General Counsel

Shawn Abel, Counsel

Geoffrey Hilton, Counsel

Geneviève Levesque, Counsel

Geneviève Pilon, Counsel

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Part 3: Committee Expenditures

Senate committees may apply for a budget, for example, to travel or to engage the services of writers/editors or communications advisors. Budgets must be approved by the Senate (column A). In addition, certain expenditures are charged to a centralized budget managed by the Committees Directorate. These expenditures include witness travel expenses and videoconferencing fees (column B) and charges pertaining to general postage, coffee/tea/juice and light snacks at committee meetings in Ottawa, and immunization fees for certain committee trips (column C). Restrictions and closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic considerably impacted the activities of Senate committees including the number of meetings, witnesses and public hearings/fact-finding missions.

Meeting and Expenditures, 2016-21

		A	B	C	A+B+C
Fiscal Year	Meetings	Total Senate Committees	Witness Expenses	Other Expenses	Total Expenditures
2020-21	165	\$3,403	\$420	-	\$3,822
2019-20	287	\$548,129	\$255,733	\$1,793	\$805,655
2018-19	570	\$669,951	\$452,843	\$2,176	\$1,124,970
2017-18	608	\$836,424	\$384,081	\$101,655	\$1,322,160
2016-17	601	\$903,558	\$360,857	\$101,916	\$1,366,331

Explanation of Standard Categories

The following table provides each committee's budget and actual expenditures, divided between expenses that are either unrelated to committee travel (listed as general expenses) or specific to a committee trip (usually listed as an activity). Expenditures are further broken down into the following three categories:

1. Professional and Other Services (including research assistance, expert advisors, reporting and transcribing services and hospitality);
2. Transportation, Accommodation and Living Expenses (including air and ground transportation, hotels, per diems and working meals outside of Ottawa);
3. All Other Expenditures (including courier charges, rental of meeting rooms, reporting and interpretation equipment and printing).

Committee Budgets and Expenditures Report, 2020-21

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

	Budget		Expenditures			
Name of Committee	Total Budget	Budget	Professional and Other Services	Transport, Accommodation and Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
LCJC: Legal and Constitutional Affairs						
Legislation	\$6,000					
General expenses		\$6,000	-	-	\$3,403	\$3,403
Total 43-2	\$6,000	\$6,000	-	-	\$3,403	\$3,403

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Please note that there are no expenditures for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Witness and Videoconference Expense Breakdown, 2020-21

Second Session, Forty-third Parliament

Name of Committee	Total	Amount
ENEV: Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	\$70	
<i>Legislation</i>		<i>\$70</i>
LCJC: Legal and Constitutional Affairs	\$350	
<i>Legislation</i>		<i>\$350</i>
Total 43-2	\$420	\$420

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

First Session, Forty-third Parliament

Please note that there are no expenditures for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.