



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

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Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees



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

Activity levels in 2018-19 reflect the effect of having a fiscal year uninterrupted by a prorogation or dissolution. As can be seen in the numbers of meetings held, witnesses heard, and hours spent in meetings, senators and their committees were quite busy. The individual committee summaries included in this annual report demonstrate that a great deal of valuable work was conducted by committees in the course of this fiscal year.

Of particular note for this past fiscal year, the Senate moved from Centre Block and into its new interim accommodations in the Senate of Canada Building in February 2019. With this move, Senate committees gained five new, fully broadcast-capable committee rooms in the Senate of Canada Building and the 1, Wellington Building. The Senate also adopted a new sessional order in November 2018, which accounted for continuing changes in relative numbers among the two party caucuses and the parliamentary group of independent senators. Despite this adjustment to the membership and leadership on several committees, the work of committees has continued apace and, like the fiscal year before, hit peak activity indicator numbers across the board.

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.

Committees Directorate 2018-19

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Part I – General Information

Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Structure of Senate Committees

During fiscal year 2018-19, the directorate provided administrative, procedural, informational and other support to Senate committees, which include:

- ✧ 16 standing committees (and 8 subcommittees);
- ✧ 2 standing joint committees (composed of members of the Senate and of the House of Commons);
- ✧ 3 special committees; 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*.

Pursuant to the orders of the Senate of December 7 and December 12, 2016, the Committee of Selection adopted a report on December 14, 2016 increasing the size of committees by three senators. These sessional orders expired on October 31, 2017. Following the adoption by the Senate on November 7, 2017 of a motion concerning the membership of committees, the three additional seats on each committee were removed on November 19, 2017 and a second deputy chair position was added to several committees. On November 20, 2018, another motion concerning the membership of committees was adopted in the Senate. This motion either increased the size of committees and/or modified the proportion of the number of members from different parties/recognized groups.

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.

Operating Expenditures¹

Committees Directorate	
30.8 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)	
Operating Expenditures	
Directorate:	\$10,384
Committees:	\$669,951
Witnesses:	\$450,843
Working meals:	\$109,173
Other:	\$2,176

¹ 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 Activities

Committees account for much of the activity of the Senate. On average, nearly fifty bills are examined and over fifty 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.

Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal years since 2014-15.

Activity Indicators	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	5-year average
Meetings	570	608	601	336	586	540.2
Reports	99	120	96	98	126	107.8
Hours in committee	966.2	948.2	999.8	493.4	937.8	875.1
Sitting weeks	23	26	25	19	29	24.4
Average hours in committee per week	42	36.4	40	25.9	32.3	35.3
Witnesses	2,215	1,980	1,937	1,023	2,116	1,854.2
Bills	56	50	54	20	71	50.2
Fact-finding hours	242	251.1	280.5	3.5	287.7	213
Pre-studies/subject matter	24	8	9	7	18	13.2
Special studies undertaken	41	44	67	41	57	50
Trips	12	20	19	1	19	14.2

The following table illustrates the orders of reference considered by Senate committees during fiscal year 2018-19.

Orders of Reference	No. of meetings	% of total meetings	No. of hours	% of total hours
Bills and subject matter of bills	223	39.1%	394.7	40.9%
Special studies	277	48.6%	431.8	44.7%
Permanent committees ²	50	8.8%	62.7	6.5%
Total³	550	96.5%	889.2	92.1%

² Permanent committees are standing committees that exist for the duration of a session of Parliament. This category includes the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and its subcommittees (in public); the Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators; the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament; the Standing Committee on Selection; the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations; and, the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament.

³ Please note that totals may not add up due to rounding.

Trips

Every year, trips are undertaken to gather testimony at local and regional levels. Committees hold public hearings in locations throughout Canada and undertake 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.

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. The information gathered, however, is still valid to the committee's inquiry and can be used in a report of the committee.

Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

Fact-finding missions (study on how the value-added food sector can be more competitive in global markets):

- ✧ Plessisville, Quebec (October 18 to 19, 2018)
- ✧ Kelowna, British Columbia and Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 28 to November 3, 2018)
- ✧ Guelph, Ontario (March 10 to 13, 2019)

Aboriginal Peoples (APPA)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions (study on the new relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples):

- ✧ Yellowknife and Inuvik, Northwest Territories; Old Crow and Whitehorse, Yukon (September 9 to 14, 2018)

Arctic (Special) (ARCT)

Fact-finding mission (consider the significant and rapid changes to the Arctic, and impacts on original inhabitants):

- ✧ Kuujuaq, Quebec; Iqaluit, Baker Lake and Cambridge Bay, Nunavut; Yellowknife and Inuvik, Northwest Territories; Whitehorse, Yukon (September 5 to 13, 2018)

Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

Press conference to promote the committee's final report (issues pertaining to cyber security and cyber fraud):

- ✧ Fredericton, New Brunswick (October 29, 2018)

National Finance (NFFN)

Fact-finding mission (study on federal estimates and on government finance generally)

- ✧ Miramichi, New Brunswick (May 6 and 7, 2018)

Official Languages (OLLO)

Public hearings and fact-finding mission (study on Canadians' views about modernizing the *Official Languages Act*):

- ✧ Moncton, New Brunswick (October 23 to 26, 2018)

Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

Fact-finding missions (study on maritime search and rescue activities, including current challenges and opportunities):

- ✧ Quebec City, Quebec (May 7, 2018)
- ✧ Iqaluit, Nunavut; Kuujuaq, Quebec (October 1 to 3, 2018)

Human Rights (RIDR)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions (study on the issues relating to the human rights of prisoners in the correctional system):

- ✧ Edmonton, Alberta; Abbotsford, Harrison Mills, Agassiz and Mission, British Columbia (August 7 to 12, 2018)
- ✧ Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Maple Creek, Saskatchewan; Winnipeg and Stony Mountain, Manitoba (September 30 to October 5, 2018)

Senate of Canada Website

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the Senate of Canada website (www.sencanada.ca) to ensure that it provides useful information and is user-friendly. The directorate values 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 in English and @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 2018-19 special study reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

- ✧ *Feast or Famine: Impacts of climate change and carbon pricing on agriculture, agri-food and forestry* (December 2018)

Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

- ✧ *Taxation of the Hutterites in Canada* (May 2018)
- ✧ *Canada: Still open for business?* (October 2018)
- ✧ *Cyber assault: It should keep you up at night* (October 2018)
- ✧ *The collection of financial information by Statistics Canada* (December 2018)
- ✧ *Ten Years After the Financial Crisis: An Update on Systemic Risks* (February 2019)

Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA)

- ✧ *In Camera Proceedings* (September 2018)
- ✧ *Diversity in the Senate: From Aspiration to Action* (September 2018)
- ✧ *Modernizing the Senate's Anti-Harassment Policy: Together let's protect our healthy worklife* (March 2019)
- ✧ *Process for recommendation – Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of Parliaments* (March 2019)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (ENEV)

- ✧ *Decarbonizing Heavy Industry: The Low-Carbon Transition of Canada's Emission-Intensive and Trade-Exposed Industries* (April 2018)
- ✧ *Canada's Oil and Gas in a Low-Carbon Economy* (May 2018)

- ✦ *Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Canada's Built Environment* (November 2018)

Senate Modernization (Special) (MDRN)

- ✦ *Senate Modernization: Moving Forward – Part II* (May 2018)
- ✦ *Reflecting the New Reality of the Senate* (December 2018)

National Finance (NFFN)

- ✦ *The Phoenix Pay Problem: Working Toward a Solution* (July 2018)

Official Languages (OLLO)

- ✦ *Modernizing the Official Languages Act – The Views of Official Language Minority Communities* (October 2018)
- ✦ *Modernizing the Official Languages Act: the Views of Stakeholders Who Have Witnessed the Evolution of the Act* (February 2019)

Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

- ✦ *When Every Minutes Counts – Maritime Search and Rescue* (November 2018)

Human Rights (RIDR)

- ✦ *Promoting Human Rights – Canada's Approach to its Export Sector* (June 2018)
- ✦ *Study on the Human Rights of Federally-Sentenced Persons: The Most Basic Human Right is to be Treated as a Human Being* (February 2019)
- ✦ *An Ocean of Misery: The Rohingya Refugee Crisis* (February 2019)

National Security and Defence (SECD)

- ✦ *From Soldier to Civilian: Professionalizing the transition* (June 2018)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology (SOCI)

- ✦ *The Federal Role in a Social Finance Fund* (May 2018)
- ✦ *Breaking Down Barriers: A critical analysis of the Disability Tax Credit and Registered Disability Savings Plan* (June 2018)
- ✦ *The Shame is Ours – Forced Adoptions of the Babies of Unmarried Mothers in Post-war Canada* (July 2018)

Transport and Communications (TRCM)

- ✦ *The Tax Deductibility of Foreign Internet Advertising in Canada* (August 2018)

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

Feast or Famine: Impacts of climate change and carbon pricing, agriculture, agri-food and forestry

(Fourteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on December 11, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2637S)

In February 2017, the committee began its study on the potential effects of climate change on agriculture, agri-food and forestry sectors. It found that climate change can bring some benefits, but also poses significant risks. Specifically, the committee found that the agriculture sector would be the most impacted by climate change and climate change initiatives, as it is currently responsible for 10% of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions. The committee concluded its report with 16 recommendations that seek to find a balance between protecting the environment and supporting Canada's economic well-being - particularly these sectors and Canadian consumers.

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

Taxation of the Hutterites in Canada

(Twenty-first Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on May 31, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2096S)

The committee held one meeting on this topic on March 29, 2018, to examine the taxation of communal organizations, with a specific focus on the colonies of the Hutterian Brethren Church (also known as the Hutterites). The committee observed that the issue raised by the Hutterites warrants further review by the Minister of Finance to ensure fairness in the implementation of tax policy and the *Income Tax Act*.

Canada: Still open for business?

(Twenty-fourth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on October 16, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2514S)

In February 2018, the committee began its study on new and emerging issues for Canadian importers and exporters in North American and global markets. It undertook the study to examine the impacts of domestic and global events on Canada's importers and exporters as well as consider potential actions by the federal government to mitigate negative outcomes. The committee heard from various witnesses from the federal government and private sector including energy corporations, think tanks and lawyers. The committee concluded its report with six recommendations that sees Canada's tax system re-examined to make it friendlier to businesses in order to drive economic growth and remain competitive in the global market.

Cyber assault: It should keep you up at night

(Twenty-fifth Report [final] tabled with the Clerk of the Senate on October 29, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2543S)

The committee began its study on issues and concerns pertaining to cyber security and cyber fraud in October 2017. It continued its study into the following year to table its final report. The committee launched its study with the goal of reducing cyber crime that results in the compromise of financial data and a risk to Canada's critical infrastructure sectors. Numerous witnesses identified key issues during the

study such as a shortage of cyber security professionals in Canada, which reduces the capacity to investigate any major cyber threats. In addition, they identified that there is a lack of investment in education on the subject. The committee included ten recommendations in its report with an emphasis on prioritizing cyber security education as part of a national cyber security strategy.

The collection of financial information by Statistics Canada

(Twenty-ninth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on December 11, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2645 S)

The committee held one meeting on this topic following the publication of news articles reporting that Statistics Canada would request transaction data and personal information belonging to 500,000 people from nine Canadian banks. On November 8, 2018, the committee heard testimony from the Chief Statistician of Statistics Canada, the Privacy Commissioner of Canada as well as banking groups and privacy experts. Following the meeting, Statistics Canada announced that it was delaying its projects involving the collection of personal financial data. The committee concluded that the federal government should restructure the pilot project by Statistics Canada to remove any personal identifiers in the data; review privacy legislation with international standards; and, review the *Statistics Canada Act* to address the privacy concerns of Canadians.

Ten Years After the Financial Crisis: An Update on Systemic Risks

(Thirtieth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on February 28, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2789S)

In October 2018, the committee began its study on issues pertaining to the management of systemic risks in the financial system, domestically and internationally. It undertook the study to learn about the success of measures that have been implemented since the global financial crisis ten years prior to manage systemic risks and any that may still exist in the financial sector. Following witness testimony and written submissions from financial experts and academics, the committee concluded that Canada was successful in navigating the global economic crisis. However, the report emphasized that Canada must continue to monitor ongoing systemic risks including cyber security, household indebtedness, shadow banking and insurance for catastrophic events.

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

In Camera Proceedings

(Twenty-ninth Report [interim] presented in the Senate on September 18, 2018)

In fulfilling its mandate to consider all matters of a financial or administrative nature relating to the internal management of the Senate, the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration conducts the vast majority of its business in public. However, the committee does, from time to time, meet in camera to deal with sensitive matters. In its current form, rule 12-16. (1), which provides the committee the authority to proceed in camera, does not explicitly outline all matters which are of a sensitive nature which are dealt with in committee, such as litigation and security matters. The report therefore recommended that the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament examine the possibility of amending the *Rules of the Senate* to provide the committee with explicit authority to proceed in camera for matters which are of a sensitive nature and are not currently set out in rule 12-16. (1).

Diversity in the Senate: From Aspiration to Action

(Thirtieth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on September 18, 2018;

Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2388S)

On February 22, 2017, the Subcommittee on Diversity was authorized by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to examine the issue of diversity in the Senate workforce. The subcommittee held public meetings, hearing from various witnesses. The subcommittee made 10 recommendations; some of them apply to the Senate administration and senators' offices. Other issues, such as measures to encourage the hiring of veterans, and the improvement of regional representation among employees of the Senate administration, were also studied by the subcommittee. Following its adoption at the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, the subcommittee report was tabled in the Senate.

Modernizing the Senate's Anti-Harassment Policy: Together let's protect our healthy worklife

(Thirty-seventh Report [final] tabled in the Senate on March 21, 2019;

Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2817S)

The Subcommittee on Human Resources was tasked with the review of the *Senate Policy on the Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace*, adopted in June 2009. The report contains 28 recommendations which were adopted by the committee. The recommendations include the appointment of an impartial third party to whom complaints can be brought on a confidential basis, and to improve the requirement for statistical data collection and accountability in relation to occurrences of workplace harassment and violence. The subcommittee instructed the Senate Administration to prepare a new policy, rather than revising the current one. The subcommittee report was adopted in committee and was tabled in the Senate.

Process for recommendation – Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments

(Thirty-eighth Report [final] presented in the Senate on March 21, 2019)

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration was authorized by the Senate on December 6, 2018, to recommend "a process by which the Senate could submit to the Governor in Council its recommendation on the nomination of a person or list of persons with the skills and capacities required for the position of Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of Parliaments". The committee recommended that the search process for the Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of Parliaments be led by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, in collaboration with the Speaker of the Senate, and supported by an executive search firm. One or a list of candidates would be recommended by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure and the Speaker to the Governor in Council.

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

Decarbonizing Heavy Industry:

The Low-Carbon Transition of Canada's Emission-Intensive and Trade-Exposed Industries

(Thirteen Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on April 3, 2018;

Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1932S)

The committee is presently examining the effect that Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets will have on five sectors of the Canadian economy: electricity; oil and gas; transportation; buildings; and

emission-intensive, trade-exposed industries—mostly heavy industries that compete in international markets.

This third report addresses the emission-intensive and trade-exposed sector. As the country's heavy industries, Canada's manufacturers of refined petroleum products, iron and steel, cement, aluminium, chemicals, fertilizer and pulp and paper, together with the country's mining sector, require large amounts of energy to operate and are large emitters of carbon emissions. Since these industries compete with international firms at home and abroad, they are highly vulnerable to carbon pricing programs and other emission reduction requirements that place them at a competitive disadvantage among foreign competitors that are not bound by similar emission restrictions. In its report, the committee summarizes the evidence heard and addresses how heavy industries can contribute to achieving the federal government's GHG emission reduction targets.

Canada's Oil and Gas in a Low-Carbon Economy

(Fourteenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on May 4, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2022S)

The oil and gas sector is the subject of the committee's fourth interim report on the transition to a low carbon economy. Canada has a large, resource-based economy and the oil and gas industry is an important part of it. In 2015, the industry directly and indirectly employed over 700,000 Canadians and contributed \$142 billion to the country's gross domestic product. Yet, the industry is also responsible for the largest share of Canada's GHG emissions (26%) and is the main driver of recent and forecasted domestic GHG emission growth. This report provides an overview of the sector and examines the policy and legislative tools being considered by the federal government to achieve carbon emission reductions in the oil and gas sector.

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Canada's Built Environment

(Sixteenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on November 16, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2582S)

This is the fifth and final interim report released as part of the committee's study on the transition to a low carbon economy. GHG emissions from buildings account for a large share of Canada's overall emissions. When emissions associated with the electricity generated for use in homes and buildings are included, building emissions in Canada add up to about 111 million tonnes of GHG, or 17% of the country's total emissions. In this report, the committee presents some of the GHG emission reduction measures being considered by the federal government or already implemented in the building sector, such as building codes, energy efficiency regulations and labelling, fuel switching and government incentives.

Special Senate Committee on Senate Modernization (MDRN)

Senate Modernization: Moving Forward - Part II

(Twelfth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on May 1, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42- 2008S)

In October 2016, the committee tabled Part I of its study, which focused on the equality of senators and the need to accommodate a growing number of independents, proposed 21 recommendations, ranging from developing a process to elect the Speaker, to broadcasting Senate proceedings, to allowing for the recognition of non-partisan caucuses in the *Rules of the Senate*. While it was drafting and completing its first report, the committee began to consider what further work would be necessary and what significant

issues had arisen from its study so far. From these considerations, a key question emerged: what, if any, are the contours and requirements of the “Westminster system”? Underlying this question was a concern, expressed in commentary and elsewhere, that the Senate’s ongoing modernization might imperil Canada’s commitment to the Westminster system of government. It became clear that a more detailed understanding of those constitutional foundations would be essential to the success of the modernization project. In Part II, the committee attempted to define the fundamental characteristics of the Westminster system and identify what limits, if any, they might place on the process of modernizing the Senate’s procedures and operations.

Reflecting the New Reality of the Senate

(Thirteenth Report [interim] presented in the Senate on December 11, 2018)

In this report the committee took note of the considerable changes to the composition of the Senate, since the committee began its work. The committee noted that with these changes, the Senate had to make a number of necessary adjustments within its rules, procedures, and practices as a result to ensure that senators could continue to participate effectively and discharge their constitutional functions. The committee made several recommendations, suggesting that certain committees be instructed to review the *Rules of the Senate*, the *Senate Administrative Rules*, the *Parliament of Canada Act*, and any other relevant federal legislation and make any amendments necessary to ensure that all recognized parties and recognized parliamentary groups in the Senate are treated equally, to the extent possible. The report also contained a list of issues that were identified by witnesses and in a briefing note provided by the Office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Standing Committee on National Finance (NFFN)

The Phoenix Pay Problem: Working Toward a Solution

(Thirty-second Report [interim] deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on July 31, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2182S)

To many observers, the implementation of the Phoenix pay system has been an abject failure. The committee sought to identify and understand the causes. It heard from 28 witnesses during eight public hearings in Ottawa and went on a fact-finding mission to the Miramichi Pay Centre, where pay operations are centralized. The committee is dismayed that the project proceeded with minimal independent oversight and that no one has accepted responsibility for the failure. The Phoenix debacle is in part the result of a fundamental management problem within the public service, where an ethos persists that resists sharing negative information, runs away from risks, and avoids responsibility when mistakes occur. The committee made five short-, medium- and long-term recommendations, including the need for close supervision — and especially the kind of oversight that comes from the scrutiny of Parliament.

Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages (OLLO)

Modernizing the Official Languages Act - The Views of Official Language Minority Communities

(Tenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on October 25, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2534S)

The perspectives of francophone minority communities outside Quebec and English-speaking communities in Quebec are an important aspect of the Committee’s study on modernizing the *Official Languages Act*. These communities had a great deal to say about the measures needed to support their vitality and development.

Rather than focusing solely on implementing Part VII of the Act, this second interim report presents insightful proposals on its full implementation.

Modernizing the Official Languages Act: the Views of Stakeholders Who Have Witnessed the Evolution of the Act

(Eleventh Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on February 2, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2781S)

This report presents the views of individuals who are very familiar with how the Act works and have experienced the effects of its implementation on a day-to-day basis. It summarizes the perspectives of former community organization representatives, judges, commissioners and public servants as well as current politicians, researchers and representatives of the province of New Brunswick. The fundamental issue that emerges from the testimony and briefs is that effective and consistent implementation of the Act is essential. The report highlights a series of suggested measures to improve the Act while tracing the events that mark its history.

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

When Every Minute Counts – Maritime Search and Rescue

(Eleventh Report [final] tabled in the Senate on November 29, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2612S)

In May 2016, the committee began its study on maritime search and rescue (SAR) including current challenges and opportunities. The committee undertook this study because gaps had been identified over the past decade regarding coverage, capacity, prevention and governance of maritime SAR.

The committee collected evidence through a literature review, public hearings, briefs as well as national and international site visits. As a result, it learned about maritime SAR in Canada and how it compares abroad. The committee's assessment suggests that the delivery of maritime SAR in Canada has, to date, been very effective. There are areas for improvement, which are discussed in its final report and represented in the 17 recommendations. The areas for improvement include maritime SAR coverage, capacity, prevention, and governance.

Above all, the committee acknowledged the great work of Canada's SAR personnel, both paid and volunteer. The committee heard that these individuals and teams are "the best of the best" and agreed with this assessment.

Standing Committee on Human Rights (RIDR)

Promoting Human Rights - Canada's Approach to its Export Sector

(Fourteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 7, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2129S)

In this report, the committee examined how Canada can use its economic levers to enhance respect for human rights, particularly with regard to *Canada's Export and Import Permits Act*. First enacted in 1947, the act is Canada's primary tool for managing the import and export of goods and technologies. It also gives the Minister of Foreign Affairs broad discretion to weigh the potential for human rights violations against other foreign policy, defence and commercial considerations. Even though Canada advocates for the promotion and protection of human rights, the committee found that the government too often appears

willing to compromise these values in order to advance economic and other foreign policy interests. The committee stated that Canadian companies should not profit from human rights abuses and that greater weight needs to be given to the promotion and protection of human rights in Canada's export regime. The committee believes export permits should be an integral part of the strategy to promote and protect human rights abroad.

Study on the Human Rights of Federally-Sentenced Persons: The Most Basic Human Right is to be Treated as a Human Being

(Sixteenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on February 20, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2748S)

Since February 2017, the committee has been engaged in a long-term study of the human rights of federally sentenced persons with reference to national and international law and standards as well as the situation of vulnerable or disadvantaged groups, including Indigenous, Black and racialized persons, women and those with mental health concerns. This interim report covers the February 2017 to March 2018 period of the committee's study including hearings and fact-finding visits to penitentiaries in Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada. Throughout its study, the committee became aware of a wide range of challenges faced by federally sentenced persons. It heard that access to healthcare is inadequate, admission to gradual and structured release is insufficient, correctional programming is deficient, conditions of confinement are poor, access to remedial measures is lacking and quality and quantity of food are severely substandard. One overarching theme was that the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) policies often discriminate against Indigeneity, race, gender, disability, mental health capacity, ethnicity, religion, age, language, sexual orientation and gender identity. The committee did not make any recommendations but identified gaps for further study.

An Ocean of Misery: The Rohingya Refugee Crisis

(Seventeenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on February 21, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2761S)

The human rights situation of the Rohingya has been the subject of hearings in fall 2017, in June 2018 and again for three meetings in fall 2018. Holding perpetrators to account was the central recommendation of its interim report. The committee recognized the Government of Canada's efforts to respond to the Rohingya refugee crisis, including through financial assistance. However, the committee concluded that more must be done to protect the Rohingya and hold the Myanmar government perpetrators to account. Based on the evidence presented, the committee made five recommendations, four directed to Global Affairs Canada and one recommending that the Government of Canada continue to engage with United Nations member states to ensure that the United Nations Security Council refers the situation in Myanmar to the International Criminal Court or establish an ad hoc tribunal to ensure that the perpetrators are held accountable for their crimes.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence (SECD)

From Soldier to Civilian: Professionalizing the transition

(Nineteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 13, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2141S)

The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) recruitment system is said to be professional, structured, personalized and consistent across the country. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of the system for transitioning from military to civilian life.

There are too many obstacles in the way for too many CAF members and veterans, causing them real distress. The committee expressed a need to create a transition system that mirrors the CAF recruitment system. To assist in developing such a system, the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence has undertaken a study on how to professionalize the transition from military to civilian life. The witnesses who appeared as part of this study suggested several promising solutions and raised important issues.

The subcommittee made 13 recommendations for the Government of Canada to facilitate the transition to civilian life for the men and women who have served Canada. Among them, the Subcommittee believes it is highly important that the government move forward without delay on three practical solutions:

That the CAF ensure that no member is released from the Canadian Forces until all benefits and services from all sources, including the Canadian Forces pension and Veterans Affairs benefits and services, are in place;

That Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) ensure that a maximum ratio of 25 veterans per case manager is maintained; and

That the CAF and VAC collaborate to issue an identification card to members prior to release that includes a recognition of military service, and a VAC identification number to allow either the veteran or VAC to follow up.

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

Breaking Down Barriers: A critical analysis of the Disability Tax Credit and Registered Disability Savings Plan

(Twenty-sixth Report [interim] deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on June 27, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42- 2180S)

The estimated number of Canadians aged 15 and older living with severe or very severe disabilities exceeds 1.8 million. The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that helps people with disabilities, or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay. An individual may claim the disability amount after the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) certifies their application for the credit. The purpose of the DTC is to provide for greater tax equity by allowing some relief for disability costs, since these are unavoidable additional expenses that other taxpayers do not have to face.

The committee was made aware that during the fiscal year 2016-17, the number of rejected DTC applications increased substantially and many individuals who were eligible for several years were also denied. The committee embarked upon a study of the DTC and the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). The committee held three meetings and heard witnesses whose testimony addressed concerns related to the structure and administration of the DTC, re-establishment of the Disability Tax Advisory Committee and the accessibility and administration of the RDSP.

A report was tabled which makes 16 recommendations aimed at improving both programs. They are divided into short-term objectives to make the process for the two programs simpler and clearer, and a long-term philosophical shift in the way Canada deals with people who are in financial distress but cannot advocate for themselves. Recommendations included removing barriers that prevent people from taking advantage

of the DTC and making enrolment in the Registered Disability Savings Plan automatic for eligible people under 60 years of age.

The Shame is Ours - Forced Adoptions of the Babies of Unmarried Mothers in Post-war Canada

(Twenty-seventh Report [interim] deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on July 19, 2018;

Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1663S)

In Canada, as in other allied countries including Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States, the post-war era produced unique conditions related to social ideologies about the traditional nuclear family. This led to scorn for women who became pregnant outside of marriage, and the labelling of their children as “illegitimate”. Those societal pressures may have been at least in part responsible for creating an environment in which forced adoption practices were often applied to unmarried mothers in Canada whose babies would go to “traditional” couples looking to establish and grow their nuclear families. Unmarried women were sometimes forced to go to maternity homes — supported by federal funds — to deliver their babies in relative secrecy. Many women had difficult experiences in these homes even before their newborns were taken from them.

In March 2018, the committee undertook an inquiry into forced adoptions which occurred between 1945 and the early 1970s. The emotional and heart-breaking accounts provided by mothers and adoptees painted a detailed picture of this shameful period in Canada’s history. Human rights may have been violated and, if no laws were broken, certainly the forced adoption policy for unmarried mothers was unethical. The committee’s report made four recommendations, including that the federal government deliver a formal apology in Parliament within a year, and that it make reparations that would include professional counselling for survivors of Canada’s forced adoption practices.

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications (TRCM)

The Tax Deductibility of Foreign Internet Advertising in Canada

(Thirteenth Report [interim] tabled with the Clerk of the Senate on August 21, 2018;

Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2183S)

Under its order of reference to study emerging issues related to its mandate, the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications decided to study the tax deductibility of foreign Internet advertising. The issue was brought to the committee’s attention by a number of recent publications, including those from the FRIENDS of Canadian Broadcasting and the Public Policy Forum. This report presents the committee’s findings regarding whether advertising purchased on foreign websites that act as broadcast and newspaper services should continue to be deemed a deductible expense under the *Income Tax Act*.

The committee held five meetings in May and June 2018, during which it heard from the FRIENDS of Canadian Broadcasting as well as witnesses from the federal government, the news media sector and academics. The first section of this report provides background information summarizing the arguments used by critics of this existing tax deduction, as well as situating the issue of a tax deduction for foreign Internet advertising within the broader challenges facing local news media in Canada. The second section provides the committee’s analysis of these arguments, along with the committee’s own recommendation regarding how the federal government should address the tax deductibility of foreign Internet advertising.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2018-19

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

A. General Information

During the 2018-19 fiscal year, the committee continued its special study on the impact and utilization of Canadian culture and arts in Canadian foreign policy and diplomacy. While the vast majority of the evidence for this study was heard in 2018-19, the committee report will not be released until the following fiscal year. The committee also held several spontaneous meetings on specific public policy issues. The committee was able to hold such meetings because of the order of reference allowing it to study foreign relations and international trade generally. A few reports were released subsequent to these ad hoc meetings in the months following the fiscal year under review.

With respect to legislation, the committee studied and reported three bills without amendment but with observations: Bill C-79, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation Act; Bill C-47, An Act to amend the Export and Import Permits Act and the Criminal Code (amendments permitting the accession to the Arms Trade Treaty and other amendments); and Bill S-6, the Canada–Madagascar Tax Convention Act, 2018. It was also mandated by the Senate to examine and report on the subject matter of certain divisions of bills C-45, the Cannabis Act; C-74, the Budget Implementation Act, 2018, No. 1; and C-86, the Budget Implementation Act, 2018, No. 2.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19⁴

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventeenth	The subject matter of Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts, insofar as it relates to Canada's international obligations	2018-05-08	22	Subject matter study of Bill C-45
Eighteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 8 of Part 6 of Bill	2018-05-30	5	Subject matter study of Division 8 of Part 6 of Bill C-74

⁴ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures			
Nineteenth	Bill C-79, An Act to implement the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership between Canada, Australia, Brunei, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam	2018-10-25	14	Bill C-79, with observations
Twentieth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 13 of Part 4 of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-11-27	3	Subject matter study of Division 13 of Part 4 of Bill C-86
Twenty-first	Bill C-47, An Act to amend the Export and Import Permits Act and the Criminal Code (amendments permitting the accession to the Arms Trade Treaty and other amendments)	2018-12-04	26	Bill C-47, with observations
Twenty-second	Bill S-6, An Act to implement the Convention between Canada and the Republic of Madagascar for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income	2018-12-06	2	Bill S-6, with observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19⁵

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	38	49.4	-	119	6
2017-18	43	51.6	-	130	7
2016-17	38	46.6	36.8	104	7
2015-16	21	25.3	-	49	5
2014-15	40	50.9	30.0	125	6

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	\$17,483
TOTAL	\$17,483

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19
(**Ex officio* members)**1st Session, 42nd Parliament**Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Anne C. Cools (Independent Senators Group) (until August 2018)

The Honourable Paul J. Massicotte (Independent Senators Group) (since September 2018)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Boehm, Bovey, Coyle, Cordy, Dawson, *Day (or Mercer), Dean, Greene, *Harder, P.C., (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Housakos, Massicotte, Ngo, Saint-Germain, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Cormier, Eaton, Greene, Lankin, P.C., MacDonald, Martin, Marwah, McIntyre, Miville-Dechéne, Mockler, Frum, Oh, Sinclair, Tannas, Verner, P.C., White and Woo

⁵ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

Committee Clerk:

Marie-Ève Belzile

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Chantal Beaubien (Library of Parliament)

Nadia Faucher (Library of Parliament)

Marion Ménard (Library of Parliament)

Natalie Mychajlyszyn (Library of Parliament)

Billy Joe Siekierski (Library of Parliament)

Pascal Tremblay (Library of Parliament)

Stéphanie Pépin (Administrative Assistant) (until June 2018)

Jacqueline Sirois (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2018)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

A. General Information

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

- ✧ A study on the subject matter of those elements contained in Part 5, insofar as that Part related to farming of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018, and other measures;
- ✧ The Government response to the tenth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry entitled *A Growing Concern: How to Keep Farmland in the Hands of Canadian Farmers*, tabled in the Senate on March 9, 2018.

The committee continued its studies on the how the value-added food sector can be more competitive in global markets; and, the effects of climate change on the agriculture, agri-food and forestry sectors. As a part of its study on the value-added food sector, the committee travelled to Plessisville, Quebec from October 18 to 19, 2018 to conduct a fact-finding mission. As part of this same study, the committee also travelled to Kelowna, British Columbia and Winnipeg, Manitoba from October 28 to November 3, 2018 as well as Guelph, Ontario from March 10 to 13, 2019 to conduct fact-finding missions.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19⁶

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	Study on how the value-added food sector can be more competitive in global markets.	2018-05-24	-	Budget
Twelfth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Part 5, insofar as that Part related to farming of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018, and other measures.	2018-05-31	26	Subject matter study of Part 5 of Bill C-74
Thirteenth	Study on how the value-added food sector can be	2018-10-04	-	Budget

⁶ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	more competitive in global markets.			
Fourteenth	Study the potential impact of the effects of climate change on the agriculture, agri-food and forestry sectors	2018-12-11	198	Final report on a special study entitled: <i>Feast or Famine: Impacts of climate change and carbon pricing on agriculture, agri-food and forestry</i>
Fifteenth	Study on how the value-added food sector can be more competitive in global markets.	2019-02-28	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19⁷

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
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
2015-16	25	44.3	3.5	99	5
2014-15	45	73.6	20.7	175	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	\$88,240
Witness Expenses	\$58,701
TOTAL	\$146,941

⁷ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Diane F. Griffin (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Ghislain Maltais (Conservative)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bernard, Black (Alberta), Black (Ontario), Dagenais, *Day (or Mercer), Deacon (Nova Scotia), Doyle, Griffin, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Maltais, Mercer, Miville-Dechéne, Oh, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Busson, Duffy, Gagné, Petitclerc, Ravalia, Tkachuk and Wallin

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Corentin Bialais (Library of Parliament)

Alison Clegg (Library of Parliament)

Xavier Deschenes-Philion (Library of Parliament)

Khamla Heminthavong (Library of Parliament)

Offah Obale (Library of Parliament)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples (APPA)

A. General Information

During the 2018-19 fiscal year, the following orders of reference were referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples:

- ✧ A government response to the eleventh report of the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples concerning the subject matter of Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts, insofar as it related to the Indigenous peoples of Canada that was referred to the committee on September 28, 2018;
- ✧ A study on the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 11, 12 and 19 of Part 4 of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018, and other measures that was referred to the committee on November 7, 2018;
- ✧ A study on the subject matter of Bill C-91, An Act respecting Indigenous languages that was referred to the committee on February 28, 2019;
- ✧ A study on the subject matter of Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families that was referred to the committee on March 19, 2019.

Throughout the year, the committee continued its work on an order of reference referred in the previous fiscal year that focuses on exploring a new relationship between the Government and First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. In addition, it continued its examination of the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19⁸

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	A study on the subject matter of Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts, insofar as it related to the Indigenous peoples of Canada.	2018-05-01	33	Subject matter study of Bill C-45

⁸ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Twelfth	A study on a new relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.	2018-05-24	-	Supplementary budget
Thirteenth	A study on a new relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.	2018-06-06	-	Budget
Fourteenth	A study on the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 11, 12 and 19 of Part 4 of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018, and other measures.	2018-12-03	14	Subject matter study of Divisions 11, 12 and 19 of Part 4 of Bill C-86

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19⁹

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
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
2015-16	19	29.9	-	56	6
2014-15	44	79.4	59.5	135	6

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	\$137,957
Witness Expenses	<u>\$26,676</u>
TOTAL	\$164,633

⁹ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lillian Eva Dyck (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Christmas, *Day (or Mercer), Dyck, Francis, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), LaBoucane-Benson, Lovelace Nicholas, McCallum, McInnis, McPhedran, Pate, Patterson, Plett, *Smith (or Martin), Tannas and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Black (Ontario), Boehm, Boniface, Boyer, Coyle, Deacon, Doyle, Gold, Ngo, Oh, Greene Raine (retired), and Stewart Olsen

Committee Clerks:

Mireille Aubé (since September 2018)

Mark Palmer (until September 2018)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michael Chalupovitsch (Library of Parliament) (until September 2018)

Brittany Collier (Library of Parliament)

Marlisa Tiedemann (Library of Parliament) (since September 2018)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant) (since November 2018)

Elda Donnelly (Administrative Assistant) (until November 2018)

Special Committee on the Arctic (ARCT)

A. General Information

The Special Senate Committee on the Arctic was created by an order of the Senate on September 27, 2017. It was appointed with the mandate to consider the significant and rapid changes to the Arctic and their impacts on the region's original inhabitants. The committee is interested in the views of peoples and communities related to themes raised in the Arctic Policy Framework Discussion Guide: infrastructure, communities, sustainable economies, Indigenous knowledge and science, protecting the environment, and the Arctic in a global context.

During this fiscal year, the committee continued its special study on the significant and rapid changes to the Arctic and their impacts on the original inhabitants. As part of this study, the committee completed a fact-finding mission across Canada's North. From September 5 to 13, 2018, the committee visited seven communities: Kuujuaq, Quebec; Iqaluit, Baker Lake and Cambridge Bay, Nunavut; Yellowknife and Inuvik, Northwest Territories; and Whitehorse, Yukon. During this fact-finding mission, the committee met with representatives of Indigenous, territorial and local governments, industry stakeholders, academics and students, members of local associations and residents of the different communities they visited. The committee visited Arctic and Northern communities to learn about the priorities of their residents and to inform its final report expected to be released by the end of September 2019.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19¹⁰

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 9 of Part 6 of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-05-30	6	Subject matter study of Division 9 of Part 6 of Bill C-74
Second	Consider the significant and rapid changes to the Arctic, and impacts on original inhabitants	2018-06-05	-	Budget

¹⁰ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	19	38.9	80	95	2
2017-18	6	8.3	-	11	-

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	\$211,482
Witness Expenses	\$31,547
TOTAL	\$243,029

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19
(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Patricia Bovey (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Bovey, Boyer, Coyle, Day, *Day (or Mercer), Eaton, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Neufeld, Oh, Patterson, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Dasko, Deacon (Ontario), Galvez, Gold, Jaffer, McCallum, McIntyre, Pate and Stewart Olsen

Committee Clerks:

Maxime Fortin (until January 2019)

Lynn Gordon (since February 2019)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sara Fryer (Library of Parliament)

Thai Nguyen (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

A. General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce has the mandate to study issues related to banking, insurance, trust and loan companies, credit societies, *caisses populaires*, and small loan companies. It is also responsible for considering customs and excise issues, taxation legislation, patents, royalties, corporate affairs, and bankruptcy-related issues. During the fiscal year, the committee was referred one special study, one government response and legislation. In addition to this, the committee continued its special studies from the previous year including issues related to cyber security and cyber fraud and the management of systemic risk in the financial system. The committee published ten reports during the year of which five were special studies.

In October 2018, the committee tabled its final report on issues related to cyber security and cyber fraud. Three members of the committee traveled to Fredericton, New Brunswick to promote the report at the Canadian Institute for Cybersecurity at the University of New Brunswick. The committee held ten meetings and heard from 29 witnesses with the goal of collecting evidence to raise awareness on cyber crime that results in the compromise of financial data and a risk to Canada's critical infrastructure sectors. The committee identified ten recommendations in its report with an emphasis on prioritizing cyber security education as part of a national cyber security strategy.

In addition to special studies, the committee considered the subject matter of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures, in the spring of 2018, followed by a study on the subject matter of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 *and other measures*. In addition, it examined Bill S-1002, An Act respecting Girl Guides of Canada and Bill S-1003, An Act to amend The United Church of Canada Act in December 2018.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19¹¹

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twenty-first	Study on the present state of the domestic and international financial system	2018-05-31	8	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Taxation of the Hutterites in Canada</i>
Twenty-second	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16 and 19 of Part 6 of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain	2018-05-31	35	Subject matter study on Divisions 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16 and 19 of Part 6 of Bill C-74

¹¹ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures			
Twenty-third	Study and report on issues and concerns pertaining to cyber security and cyber fraud	2018-10-04	-	Budget
Twenty-fourth	Study on new and emerging issues for Canadian importers and exporters in North American and global markets	2018-10-16	23	Final report on a special study entitled: <i>Canada: Still open for business?</i>
Twenty-fifth	Study and report on issues and concerns pertaining to cyber security and cyber fraud	2018-10-29	29	Final report on a special study entitled: <i>Cyber assault: It should keep you up at night</i>
Twenty-sixth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10 of Part 4 of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-12-04	38	Subject matter study of Divisions 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10 of Part 4 of Bill C-86
Twenty-seventh	Bill S-1002, An Act respecting Girl Guides of Canada	2018-12-11	3	Bill S-1002, without amendment
Twenty-eighth	Bill S-1003, An Act to amend The United Church of Canada Act	2018-12-11	2	Bill S-1003, without amendment
Twenty-ninth	Study on the present state of the domestic and international financial system	2018-12-11	10	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>The collection of financial information by Statistics Canada</i>
Thirtieth	Examine and report on issues pertaining to the management of systemic risk in the financial system,	2019-02-28	10	Final report on a special study entitled: <i>Ten Years After the Financial Crisis: An Update on Systemic Risks</i>

	domestically and internationally			
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19¹²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witness	No. of Reports
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
2015-16	24	27.9	-	45	7
2014-15	40	58.2	19.5	169	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	\$6,008
Witness Expenses	<u>\$8,649</u>
TOTAL	\$14,657

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

(**Ex officio* members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Douglas Black (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Carolyn Stewart Olsen (Conservative)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Black (Alberta), Dagenais, Day, *Day (or Mercer), Deacon (Nova Scotia), Frum, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Klyne, Lovelace Nicholas, Marshall, Ringuette, *Smith (or Martin), Stewart Olsen, Tkachuk, Verner, P.C., Wallin, Wetston and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

¹² Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boyer, Campbell, Dalphond, Deacon (Ontario), Duffy, Duncan, Eaton, Griffin, Maltais, Martin, Marwah, McIntyre, Miville-Dechéne, Mockler, Moncion, Neufeld, Patterson, Petitclerc, Tannas and Unger

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brett Stuckey (Library of Parliament)

Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)

Kalina Waltos (Administrative Assistant)

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

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 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)).

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19¹³

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twenty-eighth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-05-18	-	Budget
Twenty-ninth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-09-18	-	Interim report on in camera proceedings
Thirtieth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-09-18	-	Report on a special study of the Subcommittee on Diversity entitled: <i>Diversity in the Senate: From Aspiration to Action</i>
Thirty-first	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-11-08	2	<i>Annual report on Parliamentary Associations' Activities and Expenditures for the 2017-18 fiscal year</i>
Thirty-second	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-11-22	2	Financial statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ended March 31, 2018
Thirty-third	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial	2019-02-26	2	Main Estimates for 2019-20

¹³ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	and administrative matters			
Thirty-fourth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-02-28	-	Budget
Thirty-fifth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-03-21	-	Report on the appointment of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Thirty-sixth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-03-21	-	Budget
Thirty-seventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-03-21	-	Report on a special study of the Subcommittee on Human Resources entitled: <i>Modernizing the Senate's Anti-Harassment Policy: Together let's protect our healthy worklife</i>
Thirty-eighth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-03-21	-	Report on process for recommendation for the Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19¹⁴

Fiscal Year	No. of Public Meetings	No. of Public Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	18	21.5	33	11
2017-18	22	29.8	39	16
2016-17	24	33.3	24	8
2015-16	18	22.4	2	5
2014-15	25	32.9	19	10

¹⁴ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19. The committee also held meetings in camera during the fiscal year 2018-19. Those meeting hours are not included in the table.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19(**Ex officio* members)**1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Larry W. Campbell (Independent Senators Group) (until September 2018)
 The Honourable Senator Sabi Marwah (Independent Senators Group) (since September 2018)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative)
 The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Carignan, P.C., Dawson, *Day (or Mercer), Dean, Forest, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Marshall, Marwah, Moncion, Munson, Plett, Saint-Germain, *Smith (or Martin), Tannas, Tkachuk, Verner, P.C., Wetston and *Woo

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Black (Alberta), Boisvenu, Campbell, Cordy, Forest-Niesing, Frum, Greene, Housakos, Jaffer, Manning, McCoy, McIntyre, Pratte and Smith

Committee Clerk:

Pascale Legault

Administrative Support:

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

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

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure is composed of the chair and two deputy chairs of Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. It is responsible to make decisions on behalf of the committee with respect to its agenda, invite witnesses and schedule meetings. If the full committee is unable to meet, the subcommittee is authorized 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.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2018-19

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure reports some of its decisions to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. The following reports were presented to the committee:

- ✧ Ninth report: Decisions taken on March 29, 2018;
- ✧ Tenth report: Exemptions and Exceptions to the *Senators' Office Management Policy*;
- ✧ Eleventh report: Changes to the *Senators' Office Management Policy*;
- ✧ Twelfth report: Request from the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament;
- ✧ Thirteenth report: Exemptions and Exceptions to the *Senators' Office Management Policy*.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure held several meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2018-19.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Larry W. Campbell (Independent Senators Group) (until September 2018)
The Honourable Senator Sabi Marwah (Independent Senators Group) (since September 2018)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative)
The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberal)

Subcommittee Clerk:

Pascale Legault

Administrative Support:

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

Audit Subcommittee (AUDT)

A. 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 the Quarterly Financial Reports and the audited Financial Statements. It also reviews management action plans to ensure that they are effectively implemented and address recommendations and findings arising from internal audits.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2018-19

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

- ✧ Tenth report: Audit of Financial Reporting Application Conversion and Related General IT Controls of the Senate of Canada;
- ✧ Eleventh report: Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2017-18;
- ✧ Twelfth report: Quarterly Financial Report of the Senate of Canada for the quarter ended June 30, 2018;
- ✧ Thirteenth report: Quarterly Financial Report of the Senate of Canada for the quarter ended September 30, 2018;
- ✧ Fourteenth report: Senator Expense Claims – Policy and Performance Review;
- ✧ Fifteenth report: Recommendation on the Establishment of an Advisory Working Group to review and make recommendations to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on the Senators' Pension Plan;
- ✧ Sixteenth report: Quarterly Financial Report of the Senate of Canada for the quarter ended December 31, 2018.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The Audit Subcommittee held several meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2018-19.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lucie Moncion (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 7, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Batters, Carignan, P.C., Dawson, Moncion and Verner, P.C.

Other senator who participated in the work of the subcommittee as a member during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Marwah

Subcommittee Clerks:

Jodi Turner (until September 2018)

Jessica Richardson (since September 2018)

Administrative Support:

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (BUDG)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on Committee Budgets has the mandate, from 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.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2018-19

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

- ✧ Eighteenth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Nineteenth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Twentieth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Twenty-first report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Twenty-second report: Post-activity Expenditure Reports for the fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17;
- ✧ Twenty-third report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Twenty-fourth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee on Committee Budgets held several meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2018-19.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Josée Verner, P.C. (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 7, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Forest, Munson, Tannas and Verner, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Downe, Marshall, Marwah and Moncion

Subcommittee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Communications (COMS)

A. 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.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2018-19

The Subcommittee on Communications reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. The following report was presented to the committee:

- ✧ Third report: Broadcasting of the Open Caucus meetings hosted by the Independent Senators Group and the Senate Liberals.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee on Communications held several meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2018-19.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Larry W. Campbell (Independent Senators Group) (until September 2018)
The Honourable Senator Sabi Marwah (Independent Senators Group) (since September 2018)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 6, 2018):

The Honourable Senators Batters, Campbell, Dawson, Saint-Germain and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Dawson, Jaffer, Mitchell and Verner, P.C.

Subcommittee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Administrative Support:

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Diversity (DVSC)

A. General Information

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

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2018-19

The Subcommittee on Diversity reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. The following report was presented to the committee:

- ✧ First report: Special study on the diversity in the Senate workforce: *Diversity in the Senate: From Aspiration to Action*.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee¹⁵

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2018-19	2	0.61	-	0
2017-18	2	1.9	-	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina S. B. Jaffer (Senate Liberal) (until November 2018)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Marshall, Munson and Saint-Germain

Other senator who participated in the work of the subcommittee as a member during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Omidvar

¹⁵ Chart C ("Activities of the Subcommittee") 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 2018-19. The subcommittee also held meetings in camera during the fiscal year 2018-19. Those meeting hours are not included in the table.

Subcommittee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michael Dewing (Library of Parliament)

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Human Resources (HRRH)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on Human Resources has the mandate, from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, to examine issues related human resources in the Senate, including the monitoring of the transformation of the Human Resources Directorate. It also examines the working conditions and benefits of Senate employees and is conducting the review of the *Senate Policy on Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace*.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2018-19

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

- ✧ First report: Recommendation of Mandatory Training on the Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace;
- ✧ Second report: Special study on the review of the *Senate Policy on Prevention and Resolution of Harassment: Modernizing the Senate's Anti-Harassment Policy: Together let's protect our healthy worklife*.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee¹⁶

Fiscal Year	No. of Public Meetings	No. of Public Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2018-19	8	6.37	-	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	3,370
TOTAL	3,370

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raymonde Saint-Germain (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative)

¹⁶ Chart C ("Activities of the Subcommittee") 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 2018-19. The subcommittee also held meetings in camera during the fiscal year 2018-19. Those meeting hours are not included in the table.

Members of the subcommittee:

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Cools (retired), Hartling, Jaffer and McPhedran

Subcommittee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Laurence Brosseau (Library of Parliament)

Mayra Perez-Leclerc (Library of Parliament)

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on the Long-Term Vision and Plan (LTVP)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on the Long-Term Vision and Plan is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to, in coordination with the Senate Administration, supervise all steps, processes and decisions involved in moving the Senate and senators to their new temporary location while renovation work on the Parliament Buildings proceeds. It also examines the best way to ensure that the renovations of Centre Block respect its heritage and remain in the best interests of the Senate.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2018-19

The Subcommittee on the Long-Term Vision and Plan reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. The following reports were presented to the committee:

- ✧ First report: Food Services in the Government Conference Centre;
- ✧ Second report: Recommendations on the move to Government Conference Centre;
- ✧ Third report: Food Services in the Government Conference Centre.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee on the Long-Term Vision and Plan held various meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2018-19.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberal)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 6, 2018):

The Honourable Senators Dean, Forest, Munson, Plett and Tannas

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bovey, Cordy, Joyal, P.C., McCoy, Moncion, Pratte and Saint Germain.

Subcommittee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Administrative Support:

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Senate Estimates (SEBS)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on the Senate Estimates has the mandate, from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, to examine and report on the Senate's Main Estimates, including new funding requests, and on any Supplementary Estimates requests. It also examines funding allocations for Senate House Officers and Caucuses, Senators' Offices and the Senate Administration. It is also called on, from time to time, to study issues related to the management of the Senate's annual budget.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2018-19

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

- ✧ Seventh report: Funding for the Independent Senators Group (ISG);
- ✧ Eighth report: Senators' Living Expenses Budget;
- ✧ Ninth report: Senate Main Estimates for the fiscal year 2019-20.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee¹⁷

Fiscal Year	No. of Public Meetings	No. of Public Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2018-19	1	0.27	-	-
2017-18	10	11.6	-	1
2016-17	13	16.0	-	4

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lucie Moncion (Independent Senators Group)

¹⁷ Chart C ("Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19. The subcommittee also held meetings in camera during the fiscal year 2018-19. Those meeting hours are not included in the table.

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 6, 2018):

The Honourable Senators Dawson, Marshall, Moncion, Tannas and Wetston

Other senator who participated in the work of the subcommittee as a member during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator McCoy

Subcommittee Clerks:

Marie-Ève Belzile (since September 2018)

Daniel Charbonneau (until September 2018)

Administrative Support:

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

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

A. General Information

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

The membership of the committee is determined by a process that differs from that of all other committees. In accordance with the provisions of the Code, two members are elected by secret ballot in the respective caucuses of the government and opposition. A fifth member is then chosen by these four members. The chair of the committee must be chosen by at least four members of the committee. However, pursuant to a sessional order adopted December 7, 2016, and continued November 7, 2017, membership has been altered to be two members of the Conservative Party of Canada, one from the Senate Liberals, and two senators not belonging to a recognized party. The members of the committee are constituted as an Intersessional Authority during prorogation and dissolution periods and until a new committee is appointed in the new parliamentary session.

In addition to its mandate under the Code, the committee undertook a comprehensive review of the provisions of the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators*. The committee held a number of meetings and heard from various witnesses but did not complete its review before the end of the fiscal year.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19¹⁸

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	17	29.9	23	-
2017-18	16	20.4	3	3
2016-17	4	5.8	-	1
2015-16	6	4.3	2	1
2014-15	14	15.7	9	3

¹⁸ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$1,963</u>
TOTAL	\$1,963

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Joyal, P.C., Patterson, Sinclair and Wetston

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Administrative Support:

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Special Committee on the Charitable Sector (CSSB)

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, the Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector continued to study the impact of federal and provincial laws and policies governing charities, non-profit organizations, foundations, and other similar groups, and to examine the impact of the voluntary sector in Canada. The committee plans to table its final report in June 2019.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	22	49.3	-	142	-
2017-18	1	0.3	-	-	-

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	\$72,984
TOTAL	\$72,984

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

(**Ex officio* members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Ratna Omidvar (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Black (Ontario), *Day (or Mercer), Duffy, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Martin, Mercer, Omidvar, Seidman, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:
The Honourable Senators Dasko, Deacon (Ontario), Frum, Gold, Griffin, LaBoucane-Benson, Maltais, McCallum, Miville-Dechêne, Oh, Greene Raine (retired) and Ravalia

Committee Clerk:
Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:
Havi Echenberg (Library of Parliament)
Nicole Sweeney (Library of Parliament)
Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant) (since November 2018)
Kalina Waltos (Administrative Assistant) (until November 2018)

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

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, the committee engaged in one special study and examined four bills. In 2018-19, the committee continued its study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy. It is the committee's intention to make recommendations to assist the federal government in meeting its carbon reduction objectives by no later than June 30, 2019.

For this special study, which began in March 2016, the committee held 77 meetings and heard from 191 witnesses in total, consisting of government officials, electric utilities and industry representatives, energy experts, university students, major energy users and environmental organizations. During the fiscal year, the committee released three interim reports. These reports on the emission-intensive and trade-exposed industries (April 2018), oil and gas (May 2018) and building sectors (November 2018) follow the two other interim reports tabled by the committee during this study. The committee hopes to release a final report that will contain recommendations to the federal government by the end of June 2019.

During the fiscal year, the committee studied one bill, as well as the subject matter of certain parts of two budget implementation bills. First, in May 2018, the committee completed its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Part 5 of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures. It heard from 30 witnesses and held eight meetings on the subject. Part 5 of the bill pertains to the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* and addresses the federal approach to carbon pricing. In its report, the committee made observations and recommendations to the federal government.

In November 2018, the committee examined Bill C-57, An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act. After hearing from 11 witnesses, including the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, government officials and stakeholders, the committee presented its report to the Senate with three amendments.

Additionally, in November 2018, the committee examined the subject matter of Division 5 of Part 4 of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures. The committee held two meetings and heard from four witnesses. Division 5 of Part 4 amends the *Canada–Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* to facilitate the application of the Newfoundland and Labrador carbon pricing regime to the province's offshore. It also amends the *Offshore Health and Safety Act* to postpone the repeal of transitional regulations set to expire at the end of 2019.

Finally, the committee began its consideration of Bill C-69, An Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, to amend the Navigation Protection Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. Between early February and the end of March 2019, the committee held nine meetings and heard from nearly 50 witnesses, including several provincial premiers and ministers, industry representatives, and federal and provincial officials. This study is expected to continue in the following fiscal year.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19¹⁹

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Thirteenth	Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy	2018-04-03	191	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Decarbonizing Heavy Industry: The Low-Carbon Transition of Canada's Emission-Intensive and Trade-Exposed Industries</i>
Fourteenth	Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy	2018-05-04	191	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Canada's Oil and Gas in a Low-Carbon Economy</i>
Fifteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Part 5 of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-05-31	30	Subject matter study of Part 5 of Bill C-74
Sixteenth	Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy	2018-11-16	191	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Canada's Built Environment</i>
Seventeenth	Bill C-57, An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act	2018-11-26	11	Bill C-57, with amendment
Eighteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 5 of Part 4 of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget	2018-11-29	4	Subject matter study of Division 5 of Part 4 of Bill C-86

¹⁹ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures			
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19²⁰

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
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
2015-16	16	20.3	-	52	7
2014-15	38	53.5	40.7	128	8

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenditures	\$13,055
TOTAL	\$13,055

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

(**Ex officio* members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Rosa Galvez (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael L. MacDonald (Conservative)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Cordy, *Day (or Mercer), Galvez, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), LaBoucane-Benson, MacDonald, Massicotte, McCallum, Mockler, Neufeld, Patterson, Richards, Seidman, Simons, *Smith (or Martin), and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

²⁰ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:
The Honourable Senators Boyer, Dalphond, Dean, Doyle, Duffy, Dupuis, Frum, Griffin, Maltais, Manning, Marshall, Marwah, McInnis, Ngo, Poirier, Pratte, Ravalia, Tkachuk and Wetston

Committee Clerk:
Maxime Fortin

Analysts and Administrative Support:
Sam Banks (Library of Parliament)
Jesse Good (Library of Parliament)
Elda Donnelly (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2018)
Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant) (until September 2018)

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (LCJC)

A. General Information

The Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has the mandate 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 majority of the committee's work involves 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 five government bills as well as ascertain parts of two budget implementation bills.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19²¹

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twenty-third	The subject matter of those elements contained in Parts 1, 2, 8, 9 and 14 of Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts	2018-05-01	35	Subject matter study of Parts 1, 2, 8, 9 and 14 of Bill C-45
Twenty-fourth	Bill C-46, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences relating to conveyances) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	2018-05-31	61	Bill C-46, with amendment and observations
Twenty-fifth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 15 and 20 of Part 6 of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on	2018-05-31	12	Subject matter study of Division 15 and 20 of Part 6 of Bill C-74

²¹ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	February 27, 2018 and other measures			
Twenty-sixth	Bill C-50, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (political financing)	2018-06-14	10	Bill C-50, with amendment
Twenty-seventh	Bill C-51, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Department of Justice Act and to make consequential amendments to another Act	2018-09-25	19	Bill C-51, without amendment but with observations
Twenty-eighth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 20 of Part 4 of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-11-27	2	Subject matter study of Division 20 of Part 4 of Bill C-86
Twenty-ninth	Bill C-76, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and other Acts and to make certain consequential amendments	2018-12-06	14	Bill C-76, with amendment and observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19²²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	40	78.2	-	145	7
2017-18	33	56.4	-	155	9
2016-17	50	94.5	13.5	270	11
2015-16	30	51.2	-	168	9
2014-15	53	104.1	-	269	21

²² Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	\$3,333
Witness Expenses	<u>\$20,256</u>
TOTAL	\$23,589

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19**(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

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

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu (Conservative)

The Honourable Senator Renée Dupuis (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Boniface, Carignan, P.C., *Day (or Mercer), Dalphond, Dupuis, Gold, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., Lankin, P.C., McIntyre, Pratte, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Dagenais, Dasko, Dawson, Doyle, Eaton, Forest-Niesing, Frum, MacDonald, Maltais, Martin, McCallum, McCoy, McInnis, Mercer, Miville-Dechéne, Munson, Neufeld, Omidvar, Pate, Ringuette, Simons, Sinclair, Tkachuk, Verner, P.C., Wells and Wetston

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Maxime Charron-Tousignant (Library of Parliament)

Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

Special Committee on Senate Modernization (MDRN)

A. General Information

The Special Committee on Senate Modernization was created following the adoption of a motion on December 12, 2015, to consider methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework. During the fiscal year, the Special Committee considered how the modernization of the Senate is shaped by the Westminster system of governance. The special committee also continued to study possible changes to the structure and scheduling of Senate committees.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19²³

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twelfth	Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework	2018-05-01	21	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Senate Modernization: Moving Forward - Part II</i>
Thirteenth	Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework	2018-12-11	4	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Reflecting the New Reality of the Senate</i>

C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	9	9.9	-	4	2
2017-18	12	16.1	-	9	-
2016-17	28	47.4	-	24	11
2015-16	3	5.1	-	3	-

²³ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19**(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Stephen Greene (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chairs:

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

The Honourable Senator Thomas Johnson McInnis (Conservative)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Brazeau, Busson, *Day (or Mercer), Deacon (Ontario), Dyck, Frum, Greene, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Joyal, P.C., Maltais, McCoy, McInnis, Mockler, Ravalia, *Smith (or Martin), Stewart Olsen, Verner, P.C., Wells and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Black (Ontario), Boisvenu, Coyle, Dalphond, Dean, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C. (retired), Gold, Lankin, P.C., Manning, Marwah, Massicotte, McIntyre, Oh, Patterson, Plett, Tannas and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Laurence Brosseau (Library of Parliament)

David Groves (Library of Parliament)

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on National Finance (NFFN)

A. General Information

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

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

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

As is customary, most of the committee's focus was on the estimates, which outline the government's expenditure plans. The committee held meetings to examine various aspects of the planned expenditures for 2018-19 and 2019-2020, including the Main Estimates 2018-19, Supplementary Estimates (A), 2018-19, Supplementary Estimates (B), 2018-19, and the 2019-20 Interim Estimates.

Five bills were also reported by the committee:

- ✧ Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Salaries Act and to make a consequential amendment to the Financial Administration Act, without amendment;
- ✧ Bill C-62, An Act to amend the Federal Public Sector Labour Relations Act and other Acts, without amendment;
- ✧ Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures, without amendment but with observations;
- ✧ Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures, without amendment but with observations; and
- ✧ Bill S-243, An Act to amend the Canada Revenue Agency Act (reporting on unpaid income tax), with amendment.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19²⁴

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twenty-eighth	Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Salaries Act and to make a consequential amendment to the Financial Administration Act	2018-04-17	3	Bill C-24, without amendment

²⁴ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Twenty-ninth	The subject matter of all of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-06-12	42	Subject matter study of Bill C-74
Thirtieth	Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-06-14	-	Bill C-74, without amendment but with observations
Thirty-first	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019	2018-06-18	43	First interim report on the 2018-19 Main Estimates
Thirty-second	Study on such issues as may arise from time to time relating to federal estimates generally, including the public accounts, reports of the Auditor General and government finance	2018-07-31	29	Special study leading to an interim report entitled, <i>The Phoenix Pay Problem: Working Toward a Solution</i>
Thirty-third	Bill S-243, An Act to amend the Canada Revenue Agency Act (reporting on unpaid income tax)	2018-10-03	12	Bill S-243, with amendment
Thirty-fourth	Bill C-62, An Act to amend the Federal Public Sector Labour Relations Act and other Acts	2018-11-20	17	Bill C-62, without amendment
Thirty-fifth	Supplementary Estimates (A), 2018-19	2018-12-05	29	Final report on the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2018-19
Thirty-sixth	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019	2018-12-06	21	Second interim report on the 2018-19 Main Estimates
Thirty-seventh	Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-12-07	23 (another 35 witnesses heard during the pre-study)	Bill C-86, without amendment but with observations

Thirty-eighth	Supplementary Estimates (B), 2018-19	2019-03-20	30	Final report on the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2018-19
Thirty-ninth	2019-20 Interim Estimates	2019-03-20	4	Final report on the 2019-20 Interim Estimates

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19²⁵

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	59	95.7	6.5	325	12
2017-18	79	145.3	-	346	13
2016-17	57	96.9	-	263	10
2015-16	33	47.3	-	161	9
2014-15	56	88.0	-	302	11

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	\$9,516
Witness Expenses	<u>\$12,696</u>
TOTAL	\$22,212

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19
(**Ex officio* members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chairs:

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

The Honourable Senator André Pratte (Independent Senators Group)

²⁵ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Boehm, *Day (or Mercer), Deacon (Ontario), Eaton, Forest, Forest-Niesing, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Jaffer, Klyne, Marshall, Mockler, Moncion, Neufeld, Pratte, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Black (Alberta), Black (Ontario), Campbell, Cools (retired), Coyle, Dagenais, Dalphond, Deacon (Nova Scotia), Dean, Duffy, Duncan, Frum, Gold, Greene, Lankin, P.C., Manning, Marwah, Massicotte, Mégie, Miville-Dechéne, Oh, Omidvar, Poirier, Seidman, Tannas and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Gaëtane Lemay

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sylvain Fleury (Library of Parliament) (until June 2018)
Shaowei Pu (Library of Parliament)
Alex Smith (Library of Parliament)
Louise Martel (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Official Languages (OLLO)

A. General Information

In 2018-19, the Standing Committee on Official Languages continued its study on Canadians' views about modernizing the *Official Languages Act*, 2019 marking the 50th anniversary of the Act.

As part of this study, the committee travelled to Moncton, New Brunswick, from October 23 to 26, 2018, to hold public hearings and conduct a fact-finding mission. The committee also continued its study on the application of the *Official Languages Act*, as well as the related regulations and directives for institutions subject to the Act.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19²⁶

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Ninth	Examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2018-05-29	-	Budget
Tenth	Examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2018-10-25	19	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of Official Language Minority Communities</i>
Eleventh	Examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2019-02-26	74	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of Stakeholders Who Have Witnessed the Evolution of the Act</i>

²⁶ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19²⁷

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	23	45.7	2	100	3
2017-18	26	48.4	8.5	111	6
2016-17	21	39.0	12.7	76	1
2015-16	12	15.9	-	41	4
2014-15	23	39.0	-	72	3

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$36,674
Witness Expenses	<u>\$11,650</u>
TOTAL	\$48,324

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19**(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator René Cormier (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Rose-May Poirier (Conservative)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cormier, *Day (or Mercer), Gagné, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Jaffer, Maltais, McIntyre, Mégie, Moncion, Poirier, Smith, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators McInnis and Mockler

Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

²⁷ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19) 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 2018-19.

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Sadaf Noorishad (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2018)

Stéphanie Pépin (Administrative Assistant) (until June 2018)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant) (September and October 2018)

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, two orders of reference were referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans:

- ✧ Bill C-55, An Act to amend the Oceans Act and the Canada Petroleum Resources Act was referred to the committee on December 11, 2018. The committee began its consideration of the bill on February 5, 2018. The committee heard from several witnesses and proceeded to clause-by-clause consideration of the bill at the end of March 2018;
- ✧ Bill C-68, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Acts was referred to the committee on December 11, 2018.

The committee continued its examination of maritime search and rescue (SAR) activities, including current challenges and opportunities, that was referred on April 14, 2016, and went on to release its final report. As a part of its study, the committee travelled to Quebec City, Quebec on May 7, 2018, as well as to Iqaluit, Nunavut and Kuujuaq, Quebec from October 1 to 3, 2018 to conduct fact-finding missions.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19²⁸

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	Examine and report on Maritime Search and Rescue activities, including current challenges and opportunities.	2018-11-29	86	Final report on a special study entitled: <i>When Every Minute Counts – Maritime Search and Rescue</i> .

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19²⁹

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	19	30.5	17	56	1
2017-18	30	35.1	51.8	55	5
2016-17	27	46.9	33.0	90	3

²⁸ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

²⁹ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

2015-16	10	8.8	-	2	6
2014-15	27	49.3	69.0	113	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	\$57,500
Witness Expenses	<u>\$10,848</u>
TOTAL	\$68,348

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19(**Ex officio* members)**1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Fabian Manning (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marc Gold (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Busson, Campbell, Christmas, *Day (or Mercer), Francis, Gold, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Hartling, Manning, McInnis, Munson, Petitclerc, Plett, Poirier, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Bovey, Coyle, Deacon (Ontario), McCallum, Patterson, Plett, Greene Raine (retired) and Ringuette.

Committee Clerk:

Chantal Cardinal

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Daniele Lafrance (Library of Parliament)

Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Human Rights (RIDR)

A. General Information

Throughout the 2018-19 fiscal year, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights continued its study on the human rights of federally sentenced persons. The committee heard from witnesses in Ottawa and across Canada during fact-finding missions and public hearings. In August 2018, the committee travelled to Edmonton, Alberta, and to Harrison Mills, Agassiz, Abbotsford and Mission, British Columbia; in September and October 2018, the committee traveled to Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, and Winnipeg and Stony Mountain, Manitoba. During these visits, committee members held public hearings and visited several federal institutions where they met with staff and prisoners. In February 2019, the committee issued an interim report entitled *Study on the Human Rights of Federally-Sentenced Persons: The Most Basic Human Right is to be Treated as a Human being*.

During the fiscal year, the committee also held meetings under its general order of reference. It completed its work on the *Export and Imports Permits Act*, and issued a report entitled *Promoting Human Rights – Canada's Approach to its Export Sector*. It continued to monitor the human rights situation of the Rohingya refugees and issued a report entitled *An Ocean of Misery: The Rohingya Refugee Crisis*. As 2018 marked the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the committee held a special hearing in early December to assess the progress in standing up for equality, justice and human dignity.

In addition, the committee studied four bills. In May, it reported Bill C-66, An Act to establish a procedure for expunging certain historically unjust convictions and to make related amendments, without amendment but with observations. In June, it reported Bill C-309, An Act to establish Gender Equality Week, without amendment. It also reported Bill S-240, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (trafficking in human organs). Finally, it reported Bill C-65, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (harassment and violence), the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act and the Budget Implementation Act, 2017, No. 1, with amendments and observations.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19³⁰

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Tenth	Bill C-66, An Act to establish a procedure for expunging certain historically unjust convictions and to make related amendments to other Acts	2018-05-07	15	Bill C-66, without amendment but with observations
Eleventh	Bill C-309, An Act to establish Gender Equality Week	2018-06-06	4	Bill C-309, without amendment

³⁰ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Twelfth	Bill S-240, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (trafficking in human organs)	2018-06-07	6	Bill S-240, with amendment
Thirteenth	Study on the issues relating to the human rights of prisoners in the correctional system	2018-06-07	-	Supplementary budget
Fourteenth	Study the issues relating to human rights and, inter alia, to review the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2018-06-07	11	Special study leading to final report entitled, <i>Promoting Human Rights - Canada's Approach to its Export Sector</i>
Fifteenth	Bill C-65, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (harassment and violence), the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act and the Budget Implementation Act, 2017, No. 1	2018-06-18	21	Bill C-65, with amendments and observations
Sixteenth	Study on the issues relating to the human rights of prisoners in the correctional system	2019-02-20	151	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Study on the Human Rights of Federally-Sentenced Persons: The Most Basic Human Right is to be Treated as a Human Being</i>
Seventeenth	Examine and monitor issues relating to human rights and, inter alia, to review the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2019-02-21	26	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>An Ocean of Misery: The Rohingya Refugee Crisis</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19³¹

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	27	48.6	59.25	141	8
2017-18	24	44.6	42.0	109	4
2016-17	25	47.3	9.0	90	3
2015-16	15	26.6	-	49	6
2014-15	21	43.3	-	120	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	\$116,751
Witness Expenses	<u>\$18,929</u>
TOTAL	\$135,680

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19*(*Ex officio members)***1st Session, 42nd Parliament**Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wanda Elaine Thomas Bernard (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Salma Atallahjan (Conservative)

The Honourable Senator Jane Cordy (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Bernard, Boyer, Brazeau, Cordy, *Day (or Mercer), *Harder (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Hartling, Ngo, Pate, *Smith (or Martin), Wells and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Black (Ontario), Cormier, Coyle, Deacon (Ontario), Forest-Niesing, Housakos, McPhedran, Martin, Omidvar, Patterson, Plett, Seidman, Simons and White

³¹ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

Committee Clerks:

Joëlle Nadeau (until October 2018)

Barbara Reynolds (since October 2018)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jean-Philippe Duguay (Library of Parliament)

Alexandra Smith (Library of Parliament)

Elda Donnelly (Administrative Assistant) (until December 2018)

Sadaf Noorishad (Administrative Assistant) (since January 2019)

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

A. General Information

In 2018-19, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament presented one substantive report. The tenth report, pursuant to an order of reference adopted by the Senate on March 27, 2018, proposed amendments to the *Rules of the Senate* to establish the Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight.

In addition to hearings held in relation to this report, the committee also continued to hold hearings in relation to its study of parliamentary privilege. Witnesses heard included the Honourable Dan Hays, former Speaker of the Senate, and the Honourable Ian Binnie, former justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. This study continued into the subsequent fiscal year, when an interim report was tabled.

The committee was authorized on October 4, 2018, to examine the possibility of amending the *Rules of the Senate* to expressly give the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration the necessary discretion to meet in camera when required. One meeting was held in relation to this study.

Finally, through the adoption of the tenth report of the Special Senate Committee on Senate Modernization on November 27, 2018, the committee was authorized to develop and propose a mission and purpose statement for the Senate and to review the totality of its procedural rules as embodied in the *Rules of the Senate* and revise them so that they incorporate the multiple roles of the modern Senate. Hearings on this began in the subsequent fiscal year.

B. Report to the Senate in 2018-19³²

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Tenth	Propose amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i> relating to the establishment of a Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight	2018-11-29	2	Recommendations of amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i> to establish the Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight

³² Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19³³

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	12	15.2	-	10	1
2017-18	16	15.5	-	1	5
2016-17	17	21.0	-	8	3
2015-16	13	13.2	-	13	4
2014-15	10	8.5	-	3	2

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$2,851</u>
TOTAL	\$2,851

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19**(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative)

Deputy Chairs:

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

The Honourable Senator Murray Sinclair (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Cordy, Dalphond, *Day (or Mercer), Dupuis, Frum, Greene, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Housakos, Joyal, P.C., Maltais, McCoy, Ringuette, Seidman, Sinclair, *Smith (or Martin), Wells, and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Eggleton, P.C. (retired), Gold, Griffin, Lankin, P.C., Marwah, Massicotte, McPhedran, Oh, Omidvar and Saint-Germain

³³ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

Committee Clerks:

Catherine Piccinin (until September 2018)

Adam Thompson (since September 2018)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Isabelle Brideau (Library of Parliament) (since January 2019)

Laurence Brosseau (Library of Parliament)

David Groves (Library of Parliament) (until January 2019)

Ginette Ricard (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence (SECD)

A. General Information

The Standing Senate 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.

The committee released its report *From Soldier to Civilian: Professionalizing the transition*, in June 2018. The committee then moved to testimony regarding the study on sexual harassment in the Canadian Armed Forces. The report was scheduled to be tabled early in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

The committee conducted reviews of the subject matter of Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts, insofar as it related to Canada's border, Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Customs, Bill C-211, An Act respecting a federal framework on post-traumatic stress disorder as well as the subject matter of those elements contained in Part 4 of Bill C-74, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures.

The committee was also referred Bill C-59, An Act respecting national security matters, and Bill C-71, An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms in December 2018. The committee began its consideration of these bills in February 2019.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19³⁴

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixteenth	The subject matter of Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts, insofar as it related to Canada's border	2018-05-01	13	Subject matter study of Bill C-45
Seventeenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Part 4 of Bill C-74, an Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on	2018-05-31	2	Subject matter study of Part 4 of Bill C-74

³⁴ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	February 27, 2018 and other measures			
Eighteenth	Bill C-211, An Act respecting a federal framework on post-traumatic stress disorder	2018-06-11	8	Bill C-211, without amendment but with observations
Nineteenth	Examine and report on issues relating to creating a defined, professional and consistent system for veterans as they leave the Canadian Armed Forces	2018-06-13	-	Final report on a special study entitled: <i>From Soldier to Civilian: Professionalizing the transition</i>
Twentieth	Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Customs Act	2018-12-04	17	Bill C-21, with amendment and observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19³⁵

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	19	46.4	-	110	5
2017-18	18	44.8	-	76	7
2016-17	27	86.4	9.0	159	5
2015-16	18	48.0	-	105	7
2014-15	22	66.6	11.5	113	11

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$37,446</u>
TOTAL	\$37,446

³⁵ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Gwen Boniface (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais (Conservative)

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

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Boniface, Dagenais, *Day (or Mercer), Gold, Griffin, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Jaffer, McIntyre, McPhedran, Oh, Plett, Pratte, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bernard, Brazeau, Coyle, Doyle, Kutcher, Miville-Dechéne, Mockler, Smith and Wells

Committee Clerks:

Mark Palmer (since September 2018)

Adam Thompson (until September 2018)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Tanya Dupuis (Library of Parliament)

Christiana Yeung (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs (VEAC)

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 finished its work on its study regarding transitions from the forces to civilian life and reported back to the main committee its report entitled final report on a special study entitled: *From Soldier to Civilian: Professionalizing the transition*. The main committee then approved that report and tabled in the Senate.

The committee began a study on the use of cannabis for veterans, and that work continued through the end of the fiscal year.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2018-19

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, 2014-19³⁶

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2018-19	12	10.2	-	21
2017-18	6	6.0	-	8
2016-17	10	8.4	-	16
2015-16	11	10.5	-	28
2014-15	18	17.1	-	31

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$2,807</u>
TOTAL	\$2,807

³⁶ Chart C ("Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-2019.

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Dagenais, Jaffer and McIntyre

Other senator who participated in the work of the subcommittee as a member during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Doyle and Mockler

Subcommittee Clerks:

Mark Palmer (since September 2018)

Adam Thompson (until September 2018)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Isabelle Lafontaine-Émond (Library of Parliament)

Carlee Squires (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

Committee of Selection (SELE)

A. General Information

At the commencement of each session, a Committee of Selection is appointed to undertake two functions under Rule 12-2(1) and 12-2(2) of the *Rules of the Senate*: the nomination of a Speaker *pro tempore* and the nomination of senators to serve on standing committees and standing joint committees, respectively. The committee may also propose from time to time changes in the membership of a committee. In addition, the *Senate Administrative Rules* have delegated to the Committee of Selection the responsibility for the allocation of senators' offices, per 4:03-2(2).

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19³⁷

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	1	0.03	-	-
2017-18	4	1.1	-	2
2016-17	3	1.7	-	2
2015-16	3	0.6	-	4
2014-15	1	0.1	-	1

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (**Ex officio* members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Donald Neil Plett (Conservative)

³⁷ Chart C ("Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-2019.

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer (Senate Liberal)

The Honourable Senator Ratna Omidvar (Independent Senators Group) (until February 27, 2019)

The Honourable Senator Pamela Wallin (Independent Senators Group) (since February 28, 2019)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Campbell, *Day (or Mercer), Frum, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Martin, Mercer, Plett, *Smith (or Martin), Tkachuk, Wallin, and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Kutcher and Omidvar

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

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

A. General Information

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

The committee was referred Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts. It held 18 meetings on the bill and reported it to the Senate with 34 amendments and several observations.

During the summer of 2018, the committee completed two subject-matter studies. First, it released the report, *Breaking Down Barriers: A critical analysis of the Disability Tax Credit and the Registered Disability Savings Plan*, which makes 16 recommendations aimed at improving both programs. A few weeks later, it tabled *The Shame is Ours: Study of the Forced Adoption of the Babies of Unwed Mothers in Post-war Canada*, which deals with unmarried women who were sometimes forced to go to maternity homes to deliver their babies and faced enormous pressures to give their new-borns to “traditional” couples. The committee’s report makes four recommendations, including that the federal government deliver a formal apology in Parliament within a year, and that it makes reparations that would include professional counselling for survivors of Canada’s forced adoption practices.

Following these reports, the committee held some exploratory meetings into the subject of youth mental health for a study to be conducted at a further date.

Over the course of the fiscal year, the committee completed the study of two budget implementations acts and five Private Members’ bills or Senate public bills.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19³⁸

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twenty-fourth	Examine and report on issues relating to social affairs, science and technology generally	2018-05-10	10	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>The Federal Role in a Social Finance Fund</i>

³⁸ Chart B (“Reports to the Senate in 2018-19”) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Twenty-fifth	Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and Other Acts	2018-05-30	135	Bill C-45, with amendment and observations
Twenty-sixth	Examine and report on issues relating to social affairs, science and technology generally	2018-06-27	16	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>Breaking Down Barriers: A critical analysis of the Disability Tax Credit and Registered Disability Savings Plan</i>
Twenty-seventh	Examine and report on issues relating to social affairs, science and technology generally	2018-07-19	12	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>The Shame is Ours – Forced Adoptions of the Babies of Unmarried Mothers in Post-war Canada</i>
Twenty-eighth	Bill S-248, An Act respecting National Physicians' Day	2018-11-01	2	Bill S-248, without amendment
Twenty-ninth	Bill S-244, An Act respecting Kindness Week	2018-11-01	4	Bill S-244, without amendment
Thirtieth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 8, 15, 16 and 21, and Part 4 of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-11-29	18	Subject matter study of Divisions 8, 15, 16 and 21 of Part 4 of Bill C-86
Thirty-first	Bill C-243, An Act respecting the development of a national maternity assistance program strategy	2018-12-07	12	Bill C-243, without amendment but with observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19³⁹

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	40	80.3	-	201	8
2017-18	47	71.6	4.0	193	13
2016-17	36	53.1	-	103	8

³⁹ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

2015-16	24	32.2	-	62	6
2014-15	47	69.2	-	171	13

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$66,362</u>
TOTAL	\$66,362

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19**(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Art Eggleton, P.C. (Senate Liberal) (until September 2018)

The Honourable Senator Chantal Petitclerc (Independent Senators Group) (since October 2018)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Chantal Petitclerc (Independent Senators Group) (until October 2018)

The Honourable Senator Judith Seidman (Conservative)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Dasko, Deacon (Ontario), *Day (or Mercer), Forest-Niesing, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Manning, Mégie, Munson, Oh, Omidvar, Petitclerc, Poirier, Ravalia, Seidman, *Smith (or Martin), Wells and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bernard, Campbell, Cordy, Dagenais, Dean, Doyle, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C. (retired), Francis, Galvez, Gold, Greene Greene Raine (retired), Hartling, Housakos, Lankin, P.C., Maltais, Marshall, Martin, McCallum, McIntyre, Mockler, Neufeld, Patterson, Pratte, Plett, Saint-Germain, Stewart Olsen and Tannas

Committee Clerks:

Shaila Anwar (until September 2018)

Daniel Charbonneau (since September 2018)

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant) (until October 2018)

Ericka Dupont (Administrative Assistant) (since October 2018)

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications (TRCM)

A. General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications has the mandate to examine legislation and study issues 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. During the 2018-19 fiscal year, the committee pursued two special studies and examined legislation.

After holding five meetings and hearing from nineteen witnesses in May and June 2018, the committee published an interim report on the tax deductibility of foreign Internet advertising. The report presents the committee's findings regarding whether advertising purchased on foreign websites that act as broadcast and newspaper services should continue to be deemed a deductible expense under the *Income Tax Act*. In the fall of 2018, the committee began a special study under a new order of reference to examine how the three federal communications statutes (the *Telecommunications Act*, the *Broadcasting Act*, and the *Radiocommunication Act*) can be modernized to account for the evolution of the broadcasting and telecommunications sectors in the last decades.

In addition to undertaking these special studies, the committee examined Bill S-245, An Act to declare the Trans Mountain Pipeline Project and related works to be for the general advantage of Canada, in the spring of 2018, followed by a subject matter study of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 *and other measures*, and Bill C-64, An Act respecting wrecks, abandoned, dilapidated or hazardous vessels and salvage operations, in the fall. In February 2019, the committee began its study of Bill C-48, An Act respecting the regulation of vessels that transport crude oil or persistent oil to or from ports or marine installations located along British Columbia's north coast, which has extended into the next fiscal year.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19⁴⁰

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	Pursuant to Rule 16-3, report on the reasons for the Senate's insistence on certain amendments to Bill C-49, An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act and other Acts respecting transportation and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts	2018-05-10	-	Reasons for the Senate's insistence on certain amendments to Bill C-49

⁴⁰ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Twelfth	Bill S-245, An Act to declare the Trans Mountain Pipeline Project and related works to be for the general advantage of Canada	2018-05-10	6	Bill S-245, without amendment
Thirteenth	Study on emerging issues related to its mandate and ministerial mandate letters	2018-08-21	19	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>The Tax Deductibility of Foreign Internet Advertising in Canada</i>
Fourteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 22 and 23 of Part 4 of Bill C-86, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 27, 2018 and other measures	2018-12-04	12	Subject matter study of Divisions 22 and 23 of Part 4 of Bill C-86
Fifteenth	Bill C-64, An Act respecting wrecks, abandoned, dilapidated or hazardous vessels and salvage operations	2018-12-07	15	Bill C-64, with amendment and observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19⁴¹

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	33	50.3	-	104	5
2017-18	41	61.0	12.3	140	4
2016-17	50	76.8	17.5	162	4
2015-16	14	16.2	-	26	6
2014-15	47	72.5	36.7	160	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	\$32,570
TOTAL	\$32,570

⁴¹ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion on November 20, 2018, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Julie Miville-Dechéne (Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Cormier, Dasko, Dawson, *Day (or Mercer), Gagné, Galvez, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), MacDonald, Manning, Miville-Dechéne, Plett, Simons, *Smith (or Martin), Tkachuk and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Andreychuk, Black (Alberta), Bovey, Forest-Niesing, Griffin, Housakos, Oh, McIntyre, Mercer, Neufeld, Greene Raine (retired), Sinclair, Wells and Wetston

Committee Clerks:

Joëlle Nadeau (since October 2018)

Victor Senna (until October 2018)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jed Chong (Library of Parliament)

Zackery Shaver (Library of Parliament)

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant) (until October 2018)

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant) (since October 2018)

Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament (BIL)

A. General Information

The 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 2018-19⁴²

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Organization meeting	2018-04-25	-	Report on the quorum and mandate of the committee
Second	Certificate of Nomination of Heather P. Lank to the Position of Parliamentary Librarian	2018-06-14	1	Report on the nomination of Parliamentary Librarian

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19⁴³

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	6	6.5	16	2
2017-18	-	-	-	-
2016-17	-	-	-	-
2015-16	1	0.08	-	-
2014-15	2	1.3	2	-

⁴² Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2018-19") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

⁴³ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19") 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 2018-19.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19**1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lucie Moncion (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Duffy, Eaton, McInnis, Mercer and Moncion

Joint Committee Clerks:

François Michaud (since September 2018)

Adam Thompson (until September 2018)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament) (until September 2018)

Marion Ménard (Library of Parliament) (since September 2018)

Erin Shaw (Library of Parliament) (until September 2018)

Nicole Sweeney (Library of Parliament) (since September 2018)

Sadaf Noorishad (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2018)

Kalina Waltos (Administrative Assistant) (until September 2018)

Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)

A. General Information

The mandate of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations is defined by the *Statutory Instruments Act*, which authorizes it to review and scrutinize certain statutory instruments made after December 31, 1971. In addition to its statutory order of reference, the Senate and the House of Commons have, since 1980, renewed an order of reference at the beginning of each session authorizing the Joint committee to study the means by which Parliament can better oversee and control the government regulatory process. Taken together, the statutory and sessional references of the committee provide it with a broad jurisdiction to inquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

In the 2018-19 fiscal year, the Committee held 14 meetings and heard from 20 witnesses.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2018-19⁴⁴

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Government Response to the Second Report of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations, entitled "Accessibility of Documents Incorporated by Reference in Federal Regulations"	2018-05-22	2	Final report entitled: <i>Accessibility of Documents Incorporated by Reference in Federal Regulations – Reply to the Government Response to the Second Report of the Committee</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19⁴⁵

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2018-19	14	18.9	20	1
2017-18	17	22.9	11	-
2016-17	16	24.5	12	2
2015-16	4	5.0	-	1

⁴⁴ Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2018-19) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2018-19, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

⁴⁵ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2014-19) 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 2018-19.

2014-15	13	14.7	-	2
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D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$56
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	\$56

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2018-19**1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Day, Duncan, Mégie and Stewart Olsen

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2018-19 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Dean, Duffy, Pratte, Unger and Woo

Joint Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Shawn Abel (Library of Parliament)

Penny Becklumb (Library of Parliament)

Evelyne Borkowski-Parent (Library of Parliament) (until June 2018)

Geoffrey Hilton (Library of Parliament) (since December 2018)

Cynthia Kirkby (Library of Parliament)

Geneviève Pilon (Library of Parliament) (since December 2018)

Sadaf Noorishad (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2018)

Stéphanie Pépin (Administrative Assistant) (May and June 2018)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant) (until May 2018 and from July to October 2018)

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2018-19

Senate committees may apply for a budget to, for example, 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 include videoconferencing 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 light snacks/meals at committee meetings in Ottawa, and committee travel immunization charges.

Meetings and Expenditures, 2014-19

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total for Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses (B)	Other Expenses (C)	Total Expenditures (A+B+C)
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
2015-16	336	\$85,566	\$169,531	\$58,225	\$313,322
2014-15	586	\$866,924	\$404,067	\$139,504	\$1,410,495

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 2018-19

Name of Committee Session 42-1	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transport, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Aboriginal Peoples						
Special Study - New Relationship	239,540					
<i>General Expenses</i>		1,900	1,123	-	-	1,123
<i>Activity 1: Western Arctic</i>		237,640	4,454	116,913	12,538	133,906
<i>Activity 2: Winnipeg, Prince Albert, Ile-à-la-Crosse, Buffalo Lake, Siksika, Calgary (2017/18)</i>		-	970	-	1,958	2,928
TOTAL	239,540	239,540	6,548	116,913	14,496	137,957
Agriculture and Forestry						
Special Study - Climate Change	-					
<i>Activity 1: Vancouver and Calgary (2017/18)</i>		-	2,635	-	-	2,635
Special Study - Food Sector	197,338					
<i>Activity 1: Plessisville</i>		17,320	-	7,003	400	7,403
<i>Activity 2: Kelowna & Winnipeg</i>		113,710	-	55,082	978	56,060
<i>Activity 3: Southeastern Ontario</i>		66,308	-	21,022	1,120	22,142
TOTAL	197,338	197,338	2,635	83,107	2,498	88,240
Arctic						
Special Study - Changes to the Arctic	349,238					
<i>Activity 1: Western Arctic</i>		349,238	432	209,744	1,306	211,482
TOTAL	349,238	349,238	432	209,744	1,306	211,482
Banking, Trade and Commerce						
Special Study - Cyber Security and Cyber Fraud	10,674					
<i>Activity 1: Fredericton</i>		10,674	-	6,008		6,008
TOTAL	10,674	10,674	-	6,008	-	6,008
Fisheries and Oceans						
Special Study - Maritime Search & Rescue Activities	162,086					
<i>Activity 1: Iqaluit & Kuujuaq</i>		129,636	-	48,848	675	49,523
<i>Activity 2: Trenton (Cancelled)</i>		5,975	-	-	-	-
<i>Activity 3: Comox & Victoria</i>		26,475	-	7,547	430	7,977
TOTAL	162,086	162,086	-	56,395	1,105	57,500

Human Rights						
Special Study - Human Rights of Prisoners	249,838					
Activity 1: Alberta & British Columbia		126,878	3,468	46,089	8,296	57,852
Activity 2: Saskatchewan & Manitoba		122,960	2,178	51,845	2,201	56,224
Activity 3: Renous, Dorchester, Springhill & Truro (2017/18)		-	575	60	2,038	2,674
	249,838	249,838	6,221	97,995	12,535	116,751
Legal and Constitutional Affairs						
General Expenses	6,000					
General Expenses		6,000	-	-	3,333	3,333
TOTAL	6,000	6,000	-	-	3,333	3,333
National Finance						
Special Study - Federal Estimates and Government Finance	23,060					
Activity 1: Miramichi		23,060	-	9,416	100	9,516
TOTAL	23,060	23,060	-	9,416	100	9,516
Official Languages						
Special Study - Modernizing the Official Languages Act	94,100					
Activity 1: New Brunswick		94,100	5,953	24,930	5,791	36,674
TOTAL	94,100	94,100	5,953	24,930	5,791	36,674
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)						
Joint Committee	2,250					
General Expenses		2,250	-	-	56	56
TOTAL	2,250	2,250	-	-	56	56
TOTAL 42-1	1,334,124	1,334,124	21,790	604,508	41,220	667,518
Global Budget (RC : 310100)						
Unused Flight Credit*		-	-	2,433	-	2,433
TOTAL	-	-	-	2,433	-	2,433

* Please note that the Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans had an unused flight credit by Senator Munson for a trip in 2018-19. This credit was transferred to Senator Patterson for a trip used by Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources during its trip in April 2019.

** 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 2018-19

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	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	26,676	
Legislation		5,996
Special Study - First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples		20,536
Special Study - Legal Resp. First Nation		144
Agriculture and Forestry	58,701	
Legislation		13,565
Special Study - Climate Changes		140
Special Study - Examine and Report on Issues relating to Agriculture and Forestry generally		11,339
Special Study - On Value added		33,656
Arctic (Special)	31,547	
Legislation		16,939
Special Study - Significant and Rapid Changes to the Arctic		14,608
Banking, Trade and Commerce	8,649	
Legislation		7,286
Special Study - Emerging Issues		1,363
Charitable Sector (Special)	72,984	
Legislation		72,984
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	13,055	
Legislation		9,364
Special Study - Low Carbon		2,116
Special Study - Emerging Issues related to its Mandate		1,575
Ethics and Conflict of Interest	1,963	
Legislation		197
Special Study - Consideration of Matters relating to the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators		1,766
Fisheries & Ocean	10,848	
Legislation		7,486
Special Study - Maritime Search and Rescue		1,644
Special Study - Policy Framework		1,718
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	17,483	
Legislation		13,279
Special Study - Impact and Utilization of Culture and Arts in Foreign Policy and Diplomacy		4,204
Human Resources (Subcommittee)	3,370	
Legislation		3,370
Human Rights	18,929	
Legislation		15,431
Special Study - Prisoners in the Correctional System		3,498
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	20,256	
Legislation		20,256
National Finance	12,696	
Legislation		9,699
Special Study - Infrastructure		2,997
National Security and Defence	37,446	
Legislation		27,024
Special Study - National Security and Defence Policies		10,421

Official Languages	11,650	
<i>Legislation</i>		581
<i>Special Study - Modernizing the Official Languages Act</i>		11,069
Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	2,851	
<i>Legislation</i>		2,851
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	66,362	
<i>Legislation</i>		63,225
<i>Special Study - Examine and Report on such Issues as may arise from time to time relating to Social Affairs, Science and Technology generally</i>		3,138
Transport & Communications	32,570	
<i>Legislation</i>		26,431
<i>Special Study - Automated Vehicles</i>		280
<i>Special Study - Modernization of Canadian Communications Legislation</i>		5,308
<i>Special Study - Ministerial Letters</i>		551
Veterans Affairs (Subcommittee)	2,807	
<i>Legislation</i>		2,807
TOTAL 42-1	450,843	450,843

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