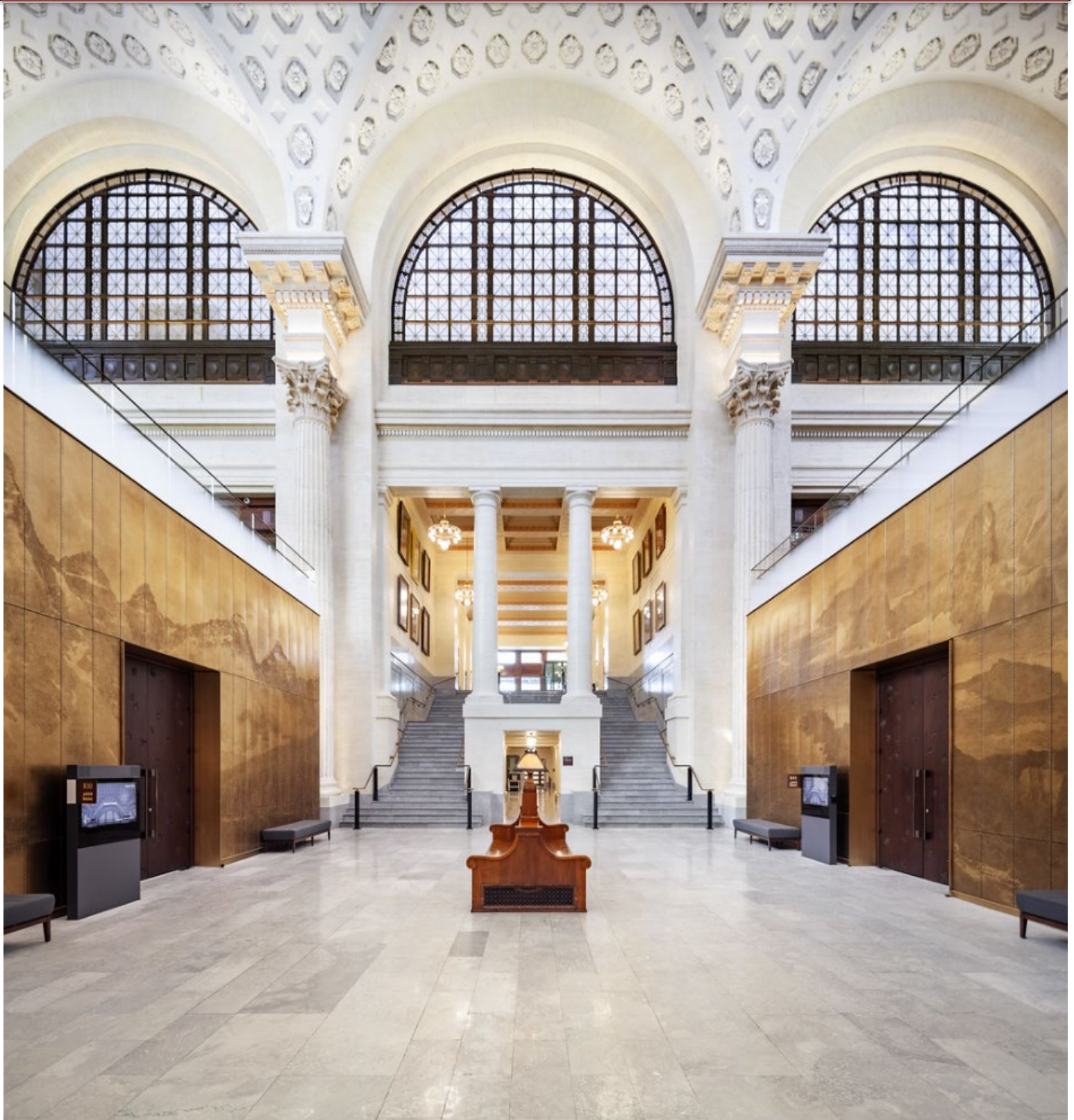




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Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees



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 dedicate 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 reflect the effect of having a fiscal year interrupted by a dissolution. The 42nd Parliament was dissolved on September 11, 2019, and a general election was concluded on October 21, 2019. The 43rd Parliament opened December 5, 2019, but most committees were not immediately struck via a report from the Selection Committee.

Of particular note in the first half of the fiscal year, was the adjustment to our new interim accommodations in the Senate of Canada Building (SCB). The Senate gained five new, broadcast-capable committee rooms in the SCB and the 1 Wellington Building, connected by an underground tunnel. As can be seen in the numbers of meetings held, witnesses heard, and hours spent in meetings, senators and their committees were quite busy in the latter months of the 42nd Parliament prior to the summer adjournment, keeping pace with the peak activity levels of the previous fiscal year. The activity indicators for the remainder of the fiscal year reflect the dissolution period followed by a delay in striking committees in the new Parliament.

During the dissolution and the months leading up to the Speech from the Throne in December 2019, the staff in the Committees Directorate developed several projects to strengthen their procedural knowledge, improve administrative and financial processes, increase accountability, and augment the directorate's services to senators. Among the projects was the updating of committee clerk, logistics officer and administrative assistant manuals; updating of the clause-by-clause guide; creating a manual on the opening of Parliament and the preparation of leadership briefing books; drafting of new procedural notes on recognized parliamentary groups and the impact of dissolution on committees; developing accessible committee report template and drafting of a financial policy for Senate Committees. One notable achievement was the creation, in partnership with other directorates, of an integrated, legislative amendment module in IRIS, designed to modernize work methods, reduce inefficiencies and accelerate the production of official parliamentary documents, in order to better support the work of senators. The directorate also worked to bring two new committee rooms online in 1 Wellington, which will enhance the future needs of senators and their committees. A close eye will be kept on the impacts and opportunities this new flexibility affords.

Blair Armitage
Principal Clerk

Mission Statement

Our Mandate

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

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

Our Mission

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

Integrity:

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

Respect:

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

Service:

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

Committees Directorate 2019-20

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Part I – General Information

Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Structure of Senate Committees

During fiscal year 2019-20, the directorate provided administrative, procedural, informational and other support to Senate committees, which include:

- ✧ sixteen standing committees (and eight subcommittees);
- ✧ two standing joint committees (composed of members of the Senate and of the House of Commons);
- ✧ two 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*.

During the 42nd Parliament, there were changes to the size of committees and membership as a result of sessional orders adopted in the Senate. Pursuant to the orders of the Senate of December 7 and December 12, 2016, the Committee of Selection adopted a report to increase the size of committees by three senators. After these sessional orders expired in October 2017, the Senate adopted motions to remove the three additional seats on each committee and to add a second deputy chair position to several committees. Another motion concerning the membership of committees was adopted in the Senate the following year to increase the size of committees and/or modify the proportion of members from different parties/recognized groups.

The events that took place over the course of this fiscal year had an impact on the structure and activity of Senate committees. Most notably, the organization of the standing committees was delayed following the election in October 2019. During that time, new parliamentary groups formed which created the need for a restructuring of committee composition.

The Committee of Selection did not report to the Senate regarding the membership of committees during this fiscal year. In the 1st session of the 43rd Parliament, the Senate appointed members of two committees through a motion on a temporary basis while political negotiations were being finalized. These committees are the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance and the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Committees with Intersessional Authority, such as the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators, continued to operate as provided for in section 19.1(2) of *The Parliament of Canada Act* and sections 38-40 of the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* respectively. These changes, along with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, starting in March 2020, led to a significant reduction in committee activity.

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	
33.8 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)	
Operating Expenditures	
Directorate:	\$11,251
Committees:	\$548,129
Witnesses:	\$255,733
Working meals:	\$55,488
Other:	\$1,793

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 activities for fiscal year 2019-20 were significantly reduced in comparison to previous years due to the dissolution of Parliament for the 2019 election and closures from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal years since 2015-16.

Activity Indicators	2019-20 ²	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16 ³	5-year average
Meetings	287	570	608	601	336	480.4
Reports	72	99	120	96	98	97
Hours in committee	565.0	966.2	948.2	999.8	493.4	794.5
Sitting weeks	14	23	26	25	19	21.4
Average hours in committee per week	40.3	42.0	36.4	40.0	25.9	36.9
Witnesses	1,367	2,215	1,980	1,937	1,023	1,704.4
Bills	27	56	50	54	20	41.4
Pre-studies/subject matter	6	24	8	9	7	10.8
Special studies undertaken	22	41	44	67	41	43
Trips	4	12	20	19	1	11.2
Fact-finding hours	0	242	251.1	280.5	3.5	155.4
Amount budgeted (\$)	809,172	1,334,124	1,906,803	2,464,051	86,737	1,320,177.4
Amount spent (\$)	588,161	669,951	836,424	903,558	32,765	606,171.8
Senators accounted for in budget	55	86	187	222	12	112.4
Senators who travelled	54	58	108	118	8	69.2

The following table compares the activities of Senate committees between the 42nd and 43rd parliaments during fiscal year 2019-20.

Activity Indicators	43rd Parliament October 2019 to March 2020	42nd Parliament April to September 2019
Meetings	29	258
Hours in committee	53.5	511.5
Sitting weeks	5	9
Average hours in committee per week	10.7	56.8
Trips	0	4
Fact-finding hours	0	0

² Election held in October 2019.

³ Election held in October 2015.

The following table illustrates the orders of reference considered by Senate committees during fiscal year 2019-20.

Orders of Reference	No. of meetings	% of total meetings	No. of hours	% of total hours
Bills and subject matter of bills	164	57.1%	362.1	64.1%
Special studies	64	22.3%	104.9	18.6%
Permanent committees ⁴	43	14.9%	69.5	12.3%
Total⁵	271	94.3%	536.5	95.0%

Trips

Every year, committees take trips 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. However, the information gathered remains valid to the committee's inquiry and can be used in a report of the committee.

Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

Press conference to promote the committee's final report (study on how the value-added food sector can be more competitive in global markets):

- ✧ Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (July 15, 2019)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (ENEV)

Public hearings (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):

- ✧ Vancouver, British Columbia; Calgary and Fort McMurray, Alberta; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Winnipeg, Manitoba (April 7 to 13, 2019)
- ✧ St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick; Quebec, Quebec (April 22 to 26, 2019)

Transport and Communications (TRCM)

Public hearings (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):

- ✧ Prince Rupert and Terrace, British Columbia (April 15 to 18, 2019)
- ✧ Edmonton, Alberta; Regina, Saskatchewan (April 29 to May 2, 2019)

⁴ 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 Committee of Selection; the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations; and, the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament.

⁵ Please note that totals may not add up due to rounding.

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](https://twitter.com/SenateCA) in English and [@SenatCA](https://twitter.com/SenatCA) in French). Furthermore, key directorate documents such as the Annual Report, Fundamentals of Senate Committees, FAQs and the Guide to Participating in a Senate Committee Study are also available online.

Contributions to Public Policy Development: Special Study Reports

The following list highlights the major 2019-20 special study reports, by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

- ✦ *Venezuela: An Uncertain Transition* (May 2019)
- ✦ *Cultural Diplomacy at the Front Stage of Canada's Foreign Policy* (June 2019)
- ✦ *Safety and Security for Global Affairs Canada Employees and Canadians Abroad* (June 2019)

Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

- ✦ *Made in Canada: Growing Canada's Value-Added Food Sector* (July 2019)

Aboriginal Peoples (APPA)

- ✦ *How did we get here? A concise, unvarnished account of the history of the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canada* (April 2019)

Arctic (Special) (ARCT)

- ✦ *Northern Lights: A Wake-Up Call for the Future of Canada* (June 2019)

Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

- ✦ *Open Banking: What it Means for You* (June 2019)

Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA)

- ✦ *Policy on Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Senate Workplace* (February 2020)

Charitable Sector (Special) (CSSB)

- ✦ *Catalyst for Change: A Roadmap to a Stronger Charitable Sector* (June 2019)

National Finance (NFFN)

- ✦ *First Interim Report on Defence Procurement – Summary of Evidence* (June 2019)

Official Languages (OLLO)

- ✦ *Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of the Justice Sector* (April 2019)
- ✦ *Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of Federal Institutions and Recommendations* (June 2019)

National Security and Defence (SECD)

- ✦ *Sexual Harassment and Violence in the Canadian Armed Forces* (May 2019)
- ✦ *Canadian Veterans' Use of Cannabis for Medical Purposes* (June 2019)

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

Venezuela: An Uncertain Transition

(Twenty-fourth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on May 7, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-3010S)

Since the committee began investigating and reporting on this country in 2016, the living conditions of Venezuelans have deteriorated significantly. Clashes between supporters of President Nicolás Maduro and those of President of the National Assembly Juan Guaidó—who declared himself interim president of the country in January 2019—have contributed to the already devastating downward spiral.

There is no obvious or near-term solution to the crisis in Venezuela. In this report, the committee proposed that Canada can assist with the crisis in Venezuela by continuing to provide humanitarian assistance; bringing together the Lima Group, of which Canada is a member, and the European Union-led International Contact Group; and preparing to support the country's reconstruction. The committee believes that a sustainable, peaceful and legitimate political solution to the crisis must be driven by the Venezuelans themselves.

Cultural Diplomacy at the Front Stage of Canada's Foreign Policy

(Twenty-sixth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 11, 2019;
Sessional Paper No.1/42-3100S)

In this report, the committee outlined the importance of establishing a framework that recognizes the importance of arts and culture in Canada's foreign policy would amplify the reach and influence of foreign policy activities, to the long-term benefit of Canada's international engagement. The committee recommended that the federal government develop a comprehensive strategy to enhance the role of cultural diplomacy as a pillar of Canadian foreign policy and explore opportunities for greater and more effective coordination with provinces, territories and municipalities in this area. The committee also recommended that Global Affairs Canada (GAC) be mandated to identify the resources and objectives required to develop a policy framework that will promote Canada's cultural profile on the international stage and to provide cultural diplomacy training to its employees, particularly those posted abroad.

Safety and Security for Global Affairs Canada Employees and Canadians Abroad

(Twenty-seventh Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 20, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-3160S)

In reviewing the Auditor General's fall 2018 report on physical security at Canada's missions abroad, as well as the response from Global Affairs Canada (GAC) to that report, the committee came to the conclusion that GAC has no greater responsibility than the security and safety of Canadians abroad.

The committee highlighted that there should be ongoing attention to security measures and upgrades; threat and vulnerability assessments; consular communications and outreach; and employee training and mental health. In particular, the committee believes that GAC should, in its Departmental Results Report, provide an update on its progress in implementing the recommendations in the Auditor General's report, and it recommends that additional steps be taken to promote and increase public awareness of the Registration of Canadians Abroad.

Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

Made in Canada: Growing Canada's Value-Added Food Sector

(Nineteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on July 15, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-3183S)

Between March 29, 2018, and April 11, 2019, the committee conducted a study to identify the challenges the value-added agriculture and agri-food sector still needs to overcome in order to grow and expand into global markets. It found that there is enormous untapped potential in this sector. The committee concluded its report with nine recommendations calling on the federal government to create an environment that facilitates increased access for Canadian products to international markets, supports innovation, research and development, and removes barriers to domestic growth, including updating the regulatory framework and facilitating interprovincial trade.

Aboriginal Peoples (APPA)

How did we get here? A concise, unvarnished account of the history of the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canada

(Fifteenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on April 11, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2933S)

For more than a century, the Crown used legislation and policies to attempt to assimilate Indigenous Peoples into Canadian society and dispossess them of their lands. The intergenerational legacy of these policies continues to impact the lives of Indigenous People, families and communities and has contributed to significant gaps in well-being between Indigenous and non-Indigenous People. Today, Indigenous People are working to revitalize, rebuild and regain control over their communities. While some have been successful, others are impeded from regaining control over their communities by federal legislation and policies.

Beginning in 2016, the committee undertook a study to identify steps that the federal government could take to move towards a new relationship with Indigenous People. Given the scope of this subject, the committee decided to undertake the study in three phases, with the first focussing on the history of the relationship. This interim report examined the history of the relationship between First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples and Canada, and was based primarily on witness testimony from a diverse group of over 50 witnesses.

Arctic (Special) (ARCT)

Northern Lights: A Wake-Up Call for the Future of Canada

(Fourth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 11, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-3107S)

On June 11, 2019, the committee tabled its final report in the Senate. This report was an urgent wake-up call. The committee's mandate was to study "the significant and rapid changes to the Arctic and impacts on original inhabitants." As the Government of Canada prepares a new policy framework for the Arctic, the committee proposed recommended important changes to federal policy in areas such as Canada's sovereignty and safety, devolution of federal programs and services, and investments in infrastructure to support the well-being and future prosperity of Arctic communities. The committee made recommendations that Arctic residents have raised time and time again.

The committee made 30 recommendations in its report, divided into four main themes: healthy economies to benefit the Arctic; culture as a pathway to strong and healthy communities; science, Indigenous knowledge and environmental conservation; and the Arctic in a global context.

Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

Open Banking: What it Means for You

(Thirty-second Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 19, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-3145S)

On June 19, 2019, the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce tabled its report on the potential benefits and challenges of implementing “open banking” within the Canadian financial sector. Open banking is a regulatory framework that would give consumers a secure way to access and control their personal financial data while using new digital financial products and services that are often offered by fintech companies. Over the course of ten meetings, the committee heard testimony from representatives from government departments and agencies, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Competition Bureau Canada, the legal community, academia, the financial sector and other business groups and consumer advocates. The report contains three recommendations to be implemented immediately and seven recommendations for the longer term. The short-term recommendations focussed on ways the federal government could help consumers safeguard their financial data while using new financial products and services. The other recommendations addressed how the federal government could ensure the implementation of a safe and effective open banking framework in Canada in order to ensure Canada’s global competitiveness in the sector. These recommendations included modernization of Canada’s privacy laws and accreditation of fintech companies that want to offer products and services through an open banking system.

Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA)

Policy on Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Senate Workplace

(Third Report [interim] presented in the Senate on February 6, 2020)

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. On March 21, 2019, in its second report, 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. On February 6, 2020, the committee adopted a revised version of the *Policy on Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Senate Workplace*, as recommended by the Subcommittee on Human Resources. The report also contained recommendations for the Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators and the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedure and the Rights of Parliament to be authorized to respectively examine and report on the appropriate consequential amendments to the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* and the *Rules of the Senate*.

Charitable Sector (Special) (CSSB)

Catalyst for Change: A Roadmap to a Stronger Charitable Sector

(First Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 20, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-3150S)

The committee was established in January 2018 with the goal of examining the impact of laws and policies governing Canada's charitable and non-profit sector. Over the course of its study, the committee held extensive consultations with 160 witnesses including government officials, legal professionals, board members, funders, volunteers and staff. In addition to witness testimony, the committee launched an electronic consultation process that received 695 respondents. The responses helped identify the largest issues currently facing the sector such as volunteer and staff retention, a shift in funding patterns, and an out-of-date legal framework governing the sector. The study concluded with a final report tabled on June 20, 2019. It contained 42 recommendations, which include developing a national volunteer strategy and identifying a "home" for the sector within a specific federal agency or department.

National Finance (NFFN)

First Interim Report on Defence Procurement – Summary of Evidence

(Forty-third Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 20, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-3158S)

On October 4, 2018, the Senate authorized the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance to examine and report on the processes and financial aspects of Canada's system of defence procurement. Over six meetings, the committee met with 24 witnesses, including departmental officials, representatives from the Independent Panel for Defence Acquisition, the three major shipyards and industry associations, as well as academics, think tank analysts and retired senior public servants.

These witnesses provided a range of opinions and options to improve the governance, accountability, transparency, industrial benefits, contracting and capacity of the defence procurement system.

In June 2019, the committee tabled an interim report in the Senate that summarized the evidence heard and some preliminary observations.

Official Languages (OLLO)

Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of the Justice Sector

(Twelfth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on April 10, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-2923S)

This interim report presented the views of justice sector experts on what can be done to modernize the *Official Languages Act* (the Act). Three key messages stand out in this report. First, greater consistency is needed between the provisions of the Act that deal with legislative bilingualism and judicial bilingualism. Second, the Act must guarantee equal access to justice in both official languages. Third, the mechanisms for implementing the Act need to be reviewed. Modernizing the Act is an opportunity for the federal government to ensure the substantive equality of Canada's two official languages in the legislative and judicial areas.

Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of Federal Institutions and Recommendations

(Thirteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 13, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-3118S)

This final report focused on federal institutions that play a key role in implementing the *Official Languages Act* (the Act). The committee reviewed the roles and responsibilities of Canadian Heritage, the Minister responsible for Official Languages, the Treasury Board, the Privy Council Office, the Public Service

Commission, Justice Canada and the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages. The committee identified gaps in the Act's implementation and ways to modernize these roles and responsibilities.

This final report examined in greater detail proposals made in the four interim reports tabled by the Senate committee between February 2018 and April 2019. It examined the role played by certain federal institutions in implementing measures that address translation, the enumeration of rights-holders, the bilingual character of the national capital, immigration and the disposal of federal real property.

The key finding of this fifth and final phase of the study is that the Act must be strengthened and fully implemented. The 20 recommendations made in the report focused on correcting the problems associated with the implementation of the Act across four themes: leadership and cooperation, compliance, enforcement principles and judicial bilingualism.

National Security and Defence (SECD)

Sexual Harassment and Violence in the Canadian Armed Forces

(Twenty-third Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on May 16, 2019;
Sessional Paper No.1/42-3036S)

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence spent six months studying harmful and inappropriate sexual behaviour in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the impact of changes made since Operation HONOUR was implemented in 2015. Among the committee's recommendations were policy changes to make it clear that complainants can pursue their case outside of the military system should they so choose; to provide adequate funding and resources to the Sexual Misconduct Report Centre so that it can adequately support complainants; and to ensure that the CAF makes available medical, psychological, social, legal, and financial support to all CAF members, former members and Department of National Defence civilians, who experience or are affected by sexual misconduct in their "workplace", with the understanding that military organizations are "total institutions" where members live, work, train and socialize together.

Canadian Veterans' Use of Cannabis for Medical Purposes

(Twenty-sixth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 12, 2019;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-3110S)

In the spring of 2018, the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs began a study on Canadian veterans' use of cannabis for medical purposes. In addition to Veteran Affairs Canada (VAC) officials, the subcommittee heard from researchers, health professionals, cannabis producers and veterans' groups. The report set out the information collected on Canadian veterans' use of cannabis for medical purposes and included pertinent recommendations. More specifically, the report addressed VAC's medical cannabis reimbursement policy. It outlined the consensus view that more research on the use of cannabis for medical purposes is greatly needed. The report also described certain aspects of the experiences of veterans who use medical cannabis. Finally, the report considered some of the potential impacts of the recent legalization of recreational marijuana.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2019-20

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

A. General Information

During the 2019-20 fiscal year, the committee tabled the final report on its special study of the impact and utilization of Canadian culture and arts in Canadian foreign policy and diplomacy. The committee also issued an interim report on the evolving political, economic and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, and another on the safety and security of Global Affairs Canada employees and Canadians abroad. Both studies were undertaken pursuant to the order of reference allowing the committee to study foreign relations and international trade in general.

With respect to legislation, the committee studied and reported two bills without amendment: Bill C-85, An Act to amend the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, and Bill C-82, An Act to implement a multilateral convention to implement the tax treaty related measures to prevent base erosion and profit shifting. On February 20, 2020, the Senate asked the committee to undertake a pre-study of Bill C-4, An Act to implement the Agreement between Canada, the United States of America and the United Mexican States. The committee held three meetings on the subject, but the bill was introduced in the Senate on March 13, 2020, and considered and adopted on the same day, putting an abrupt end to the committee's work.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20⁶

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
Twenty-third	Bill C-85, An Act to amend the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act and to make related amendments to other Acts	2019-05-02	9	Bill C-85, without amendment
Twenty-fourth	Study on foreign relations and international trade generally	2019-05-07	8	Special study leading to an interim report entitled <i>Venezuela: An Uncertain Transition</i>
Twenty-fifth	Bill C-82, An Act to implement a multilateral convention to implement tax treaty related measures	2019-06-04	9	Bill C-82, without amendment

⁶ Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2019-20) indicates the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	to prevent base erosion and profit shifting			
Twenty-sixth	Study of the impact and utilization of Canadian culture and arts in Canadian foreign policy and diplomacy, and other related matters	2019-06-11	61	Special study leading to a final report entitled <i>Cultural Diplomacy at the Front Stage of Canada's Foreign Policy</i>
Twenty-seventh	Study on foreign relations and international trade generally	2019-06-20	6	Special study leading to an interim report entitled <i>Safety and Security for Global Affairs Canada Employees and Canadians Abroad</i>

1st Session, 43rd Parliament				
<u>Report Number</u>	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
First	Rule 12-26	2020-02-27	-	Rule 12-26 – Expenses incurred by the committee during the First session of the Forty-second Parliament

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁷

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	17	21.5	-	57	6
2018-19	38	49.4	-	119	6
2017-18	43	51.6	-	130	7
2016-17	38	46.6	36.8	104	7
2015-16	21	25.3	-	49	5

⁷ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20) 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 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	\$7,206
TOTAL	\$7,206

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

(*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 Party of Canada) (retired)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Paul J. Massicotte (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

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

Other senators who participated as members of the committee during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Busson, Cormier, Lankin, P.C., and Tannas

Committee Clerk:

Marie-Ève Belzile

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marion Ménard (Library of Parliament)
Billy Joe Siekierski (Library of Parliament)
Pascal Tremblay (Library of Parliament)
Jacqueline Sirois (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd 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 Party of Canada)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Paul J. Massicotte (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Boehm, Bovey, Cordy, Coyle, Dawson, Dean, *Gold, P.C. (or Gagné or LaBoucane-Benson), Greene, Housakos, Massicotte, Ngo, *Plett (or Martin) and Saint-Germain

Other senators who participated as members of the committee during fiscal year 2019-20:

The Honourable Senators Dalphond, Griffin, Harder, P.C., and MacDonald

Committee Clerk:

Gaëtane Lemay

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brian Hermon (Library of Parliament)
Simon Richards (Library of Parliament)
Sadaf Noorishad (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

A. General Information

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

- ✧ Bill C-281, An Act to establish a National Local Food Day;
- ✧ The subject matter of those elements contained in Subdivision C of Division 9 of Part 4, insofar as it relates to food, and in Subdivision J of Division 9 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures;
- ✧ The government response to the fourteenth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry entitled “Feast or Famine: Impacts of climate change and carbon pricing on agriculture, agri-food and forestry.”

The committee continued its study on how the value-added food sector can be more competitive in global markets. As a follow-up to its report *Made in Canada: Growing Canada's Value-Added Food Sector*, the committee travelled to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, to hold a press conference on July 15, 2019.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20⁸

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
Sixteenth	Bill C-281, An Act to establish a National Local Food Day	2019-05-29	5	Bill C-281, with amendment
Seventeenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Subdivision C of Division 9 of Part 4, insofar as it relates to food, and in Subdivision J of Division 9 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures	2019-06-20	13	Study on the subject matter of Division 9 of Part 4 and Subdivision J of Division 9 of Part 4 of Bill C-97
Eighteenth	Study on how the value-added food sector	2019-06-20	-	Budget

⁸ Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2019-20) indicates the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	can be more competitive in global markets			
Nineteenth	Study on how the value-added food sector can be more competitive in global markets	2019-07-15	103	Special study leading to a final report entitled <i>Made in Canada: Growing Canada's Value-Added Food Sector</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁹

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	14	22.13	-	46	4
2018-19	34	60.4	56.9	156	5
2017-18	45	81.5	26.1	194	5
2016-17	39	69.7	29.5	105	2
2015-16	25	44.3	3.5	99	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	\$16,090
Witness Expenses	<u>\$13,819</u>
TOTAL	\$29,909

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20 (*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 Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Ghislain Maltais (Conservative Party of Canada) (retired)

The Honourable Senator Donald Neil Plett (Conservative Party of Canada) (since April 2019)

⁹ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20) 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 2019-20.

Members of the committee:

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

Other senators who participated as members of the committee during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Cormier, Dasko, Deacon (Ontario), Gold, Housakos, Klyne, Manning, McIntyre (retired), Pratte (resigned) and Ravalia

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman (until July 2019)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Corentin Bialais (Library of Parliament)
Xavier Deschenes-Philion (Library of Parliament)
Offah Obale (Library of Parliament)
Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant) (until October 2019)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples (APPA)

A. General Information

During the 2019-20 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 focused 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 2019-20¹⁰

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifteenth	Study on the new relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples	2019-04-11	126	Interim report on a special study entitled: <i>How did we get here? A concise, unvarnished account of the history of the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canada</i>
Sixteenth	The subject matter of Bill C-91, An Act respecting Indigenous languages	2019-04-30	40	Subject matter study of Bill C-91
Seventeenth	The subject matter of Bill C-92, An Act respecting First	2019-05-13	46	Subject matter study of Bill C-92

¹⁰ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families			
Eighteenth	Study on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples	2019-05-16	-	Budget
Nineteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 25 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures	2019-06-06	11	Subject matter of Division 25 of Part 4 of Bill C-97
Twentieth	Bill C-262, An Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	2019-06-11	13	Bill C-262, without amendment
Twenty-first	Bill C-91, An Act respecting Indigenous languages	2019-06-13	5	Bill C-91, with amendment
Twenty-second	Bill C-92, An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families	2019-06-13	3	Bill C-92, with amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20¹¹

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	19	48.3	-	115	8
2018-19	32	52.3	20.4	99	4
2017-18	36	67.8	27	144	5

¹¹ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20.

2016-17	33	59.4	31.5	105	3
2015-16	19	29.9	-	56	6

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	\$975
Witness Expenses	<u>\$40,830¹²</u>
TOTAL	\$41,805

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

(*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 Liberals)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Christmas, Coyle, *Day (or Mercer), Doyle, Dyck, Francis, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), LaBoucane-Benson, Lovelace Nicholas, McCallum, McInnis, McPhedran, Ngo, 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 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Boyer, Deacon (Ontario), Duffy, Eaton (retired), Griffin, Housakos, Klyne, MacDonald, Manning, Martin, Miville-Dechéne, Oh, Simons, Sinclair, Stewart Olsen and Tkachuk (retired)

Committee Clerk:

Mireille Aubé

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brittany Collier (Library of Parliament)

Marlisa Tiedemann (Library of Parliament)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period

¹² This amount includes a witness expense that was incurred during the 1st session of the 42nd Parliament which was reimbursed during the 1st session of the 43rd Parliament.

Special Committee on the Arctic (ARCT)

A. General Information

The Special 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 impacts on original inhabitants. The committee was interested in the views of peoples and communities related to themes raised in the Arctic Policy Framework's discussion guide: infrastructure, the economy, science and Indigenous knowledge, protecting the environment, and the Arctic in a global context.

During the fiscal year, the committee completed its special study on the significant and rapid changes to the Arctic and their impacts on the original inhabitants, releasing its final report in June 2019. The report was translated into Inuktitut, with some sections also translated into Dogrib (Williideh), Gwich'in, and Inuvialuktun (Uummarmiutun). The committee also incorporated works by northern artists into its report.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20¹³

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
Third	Consider the significant and rapid changes to the Arctic and impacts on original inhabitants.	2019-05-16	-	Budget
Fourth	Consider the significant and rapid changes to the Arctic and impacts on original inhabitants.	2019-06-11	131	Special study leading to a final report entitled <i>Northern Lights: A Wake-Up Call for the Future of Canada</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
2019-20	8	17.4	-	34	2
2018-19	19	38.9	80	95	2
2017-18	6	8.3	-	11	-

¹³ Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2019-20) indicates the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

D. Expenses for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	\$3,131
Witness Expenses	<u>\$21,930</u>
TOTAL	\$25,061

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 Party of Canada)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Patricia Bovey (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

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

Other senators who participated as members of the committee during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

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

Committee Clerks:

Lynn Gordon (until June 2019)
Maxime Fortin (since June 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 continued its special study from the previous year on the potential benefits and challenges of open banking for Canadian financial services consumers, with specific focus on the federal government's regulatory role. In addition to the special study, the committee considered the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 1, 5 and 26 of Part 4, and in Subdivision A of Division 2 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures. The committee published two reports during the year, both related to the studies mentioned above.

It should be noted that the committee did not examine any legislation during this fiscal year.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20¹⁴

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Thirty-first	Examine and report on the potential benefits and challenges of open banking for Canadian financial services consumers, with specific focus on the federal government's regulatory role	2019-06-19	35	Final report on a special study entitled: <i>Open Banking: What it Means for You</i>
Thirty-second	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 1, 5 and 26 of Part 4, and in Subdivision A of Division 2 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on	2019-06-06	26	Subject matter study of Divisions 1, 5 and 26 of Part 4 and Subdivision A of Division 2 of Part 4 of Bill C-97

¹⁴ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	March 19, 2019 and other measures			
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20¹⁵

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witness	No. of Reports
2019-20	11	16.3	-	39	2
2018-19	36	54.6	-	156	10
2017-18	40	54.0	38.3	118	9
2016-17	43	63.8	11.8	157	8
2015-16	24	27.9	-	45	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$1,294</u>
TOTAL	\$1,294

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20
(*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 Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Black (Alberta), Dagenais, Day (retired), *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 (retired), Verner, P.C., Wallin, Wetston and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

¹⁵ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:
The Honourable Senators Campbell, Duncan, Galvez, Mockler and Moncion

Committee Clerk:
Lynn Gordon (until June 2019)

Analysts and Administrative Support:
Brett Stuckey (Library of Parliament)
Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)
Kalina Waltos (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period

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 2019-20¹⁶

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Thirty-ninth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-04-11	-	Legislative Budget (Committee Travel)
Fortieth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-05-09	-	Post-activity Expenditure Reports of Senate Committees for 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18
Forty-first	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-05-16	-	Legislative Budget (General Expenses)
Forty-second	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-06-13	2	Annual Report on Parliamentary Associations' Activities and Expenditures for 2018-19

¹⁶ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

1st Session, 43rd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2019-12-12	6	Senate Main Estimates for 2020-21
Second	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2020-02-06	-	Expenses incurred by the committee during the First Session of the Forty-second Parliament
Third	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2020-02-06	1	Special study leading to the report of the Subcommittee on Human Resources: <i>Policy on Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Senate Workplace</i>
Fourth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2020-02-27	4	Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ended March 31, 2019

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2019-20¹⁷

Fiscal Year	No. of Public Meetings	No. of Public Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	18	27.9	49	8
2018-19	18	21.5	33	11
2017-18	22	29.8	39	16
2016-17	24	33.3	24	8
2015-16	18	22.4	2	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

¹⁷ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20. The committee also held meetings in camera during the fiscal year 2018-19. Those meeting hours are not included in the table.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament (including Intersessional Authority)¹⁸

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

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sabi Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberals until November 2019; Progressive Senate Group in November 2019; non-affiliated since November 2019)

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 (retired), Verner, P.C., Wetston and *Woo

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Dalphond, Doyle, Forest-Niesing, Frum, Galvez, Gold, Housakos, Martin, Omidvar, Seidman, Stewart Olsen and Wells

1st Session, 43rd Parliament¹⁹

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sabi Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberals until November 2019; Progressive Senate Group in November 2019; non-affiliated since November 2019)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Carignan, P.C., Dawson, Dean, Forest, *Gold, P.C. (or Gagné or LaBoucane-Benson), Marshall, Marwah, Moncion, Munson, Plett, *Plett (or Martin), Saint-Germain, Seidman, Tkachuk (retired), Verner, P.C., Wetston and *Woo

¹⁸ Pursuant to paragraph 19.1(2) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration continues to exist during a period of prorogation or dissolution of Parliament and until the members of a successor Committee are appointed by the Senate. A motion to appoint new members of the committee was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2020. The membership listed above was valid from April 1, 2019, to December 4, 2019.

¹⁹ The membership listed above was valid from December 5, 2019, to April 10, 2020.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Doyle, Housakos, Klyne, Loffreda, MacDonald, Manning, Martin, Poirier, Smith, Stewart Olsen and Wells

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

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 for making decisions on behalf of the committee with respect to its agenda, inviting witnesses and scheduling meetings. If the full committee is unable to meet, the 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 2019-20

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:

- ✧ Fourteenth report: Exemptions and Exceptions to the *Senators' Office Management Policy*;
- ✧ Fifteenth report: Decision made on June 26, 2019;
- ✧ Sixteenth report: Decision made on September 11, 2019;
- ✧ Seventeenth report: Decisions made on September 11, 19 and 23, and on October 9, 2019;
- ✧ Eighteenth report: Exemptions and Exceptions to the *Senators' Office Management Policy*;
- ✧ Nineteenth report: Decision made on March 3, 2020.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The subcommittee held several meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament²⁰

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sabi Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

²⁰ Pursuant to paragraph 19.1(2) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration continues to exist during a period of prorogation or dissolution of Parliament and until the members of a successor Committee are appointed by the Senate. A motion to appoint new members of the committee was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2020. The membership listed above was valid from April 1, 2019, to December 4, 2019.

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberals until November 2019; Progressive Senate Group in November 2019; non-affiliated since November 2019)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sabi Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberals until November 2019; Progressive Senate Group in November 2019; non-affiliated since November 2019)

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 addresses recommendations and findings arising from internal audits.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2019-20

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

- ✧ Seventeenth report: Proposed Audit Plan for the Senate Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2018-19;
- ✧ Eighteenth report: Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the Year Ended March 31, 2019;
- ✧ Nineteenth report: Quarterly Financial Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019 and for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2019.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The subcommittee held several meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament (including Intersessional Authority)²¹

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lucie Moncion (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

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

²¹ Pursuant to paragraph 19.1(2) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and its subcommittees continues to exist during a period of prorogation or dissolution of Parliament and until the members of a successor Committee are appointed by the Senate. A motion to appoint new members of the committee was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2020. The membership listed above was valid from April 1, 2019, to April 11, 2020.

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Marshall and Munson

Subcommittee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson (until September 2019)

Marie-Ève Belzile (since October 2019)

Administrative Support:

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

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The subcommittee did not organize during this period.

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 to committees.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2019-20

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

- ✧ Twenty-fifth report: Recommended Allocations for Committee Budgets;
- ✧ Twenty-sixth report: Post-Activity Expenditures Report for 2017-18;
- ✧ Twenty-seventh report: Recommended Allocations for Committee Budgets;
- ✧ Twenty-eighth report: Recommended Allocations for Committee Budgets.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The subcommittee held three meetings in camera during fiscal year 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament (including Interseasonal Authority) ²²

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Josée Verner, P.C. (Independent Senators Group until November 2019, Canadian Senators Group since November 2019) (until September 2019)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative Party of Canada until November 2019, Canadian Senators Group since November 2019) (until November 2019)

Members of the subcommittee:

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

²² Pursuant to paragraph 19.1(2) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and its subcommittees continues to exist during a period of prorogation or dissolution of Parliament and until the members of a successor Committee are appointed by the Senate. A motion to appoint new members of the committee was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2020. The membership listed above was valid from April 1, 2019, to April 11, 2020.

Other senator who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2019-20 fiscal year:
The Honourable Senator Marshall

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.

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The subcommittee did not organize during this period.

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, including communication approaches used to promote the role and work of the Senate and senators.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2019-20

The Subcommittee on Communications reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The subcommittee held four meetings in camera during fiscal year 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament (including Intersessional Authority)²³

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sabi Marwah (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Dawson, Marwah, Saint-Germain and Tkachuk (retired)

Other senator who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Mitchell (retired) and Verner, P.C.

Subcommittee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

²³ Pursuant to paragraph 19.1(2) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and its subcommittees continues to exist during a period of prorogation or dissolution of Parliament and until the members of a successor Committee are appointed by the Senate. A motion to appoint new members of the committee was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2020. The membership listed above was valid from April 1, 2019, to April 11, 2020.

Administrative Support:

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

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The subcommittee did not organize during this period.

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 2019-20

The Subcommittee on Diversity reports to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The subcommittee did not meet during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

Vacant

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Elizabeth Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Marshall, Munson 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.

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The subcommittee did not organize during this period.

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 harmonization of working conditions and benefits of Senate employees, whether they work for the Administration, for a senator, or for an officer of the Senate. It also examines the working conditions and benefits of Senate employees and conducts the review of Senate policies referred to it by the committee.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2019-20

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

- ✧ Third report: Participation Rate and Attendance to the Mandatory Training on the Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace;
- ✧ Fourth report (1st Session, 42nd Parliament, 2019): Bargaining Mandates for Collective Agreements;
- ✧ Fourth report (1st Session, 43rd Parliament, 2020): Draft Policy on the *Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Senate Workplace*.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The subcommittee held several meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament (including Intersessional Authority) ²⁴

Chair:

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

²⁴ Pursuant to paragraph 19.1(2) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and its subcommittees continues to exist during a period of prorogation or dissolution of Parliament and until the members of a successor Committee are appointed by the Senate. A motion to appoint new members of the committee was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2020. The membership listed above was valid from April 1, 2019, to April 11, 2020.

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative Party of Canada until November 2019; Canadian Senators Group since November 2019) (until November 2019)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Moncion, Munson, Saint-Germain, Seidman, Tannas and Tkachuk (retired)

Other senator who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator McPhedran

Subcommittee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Administrative Support:

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

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The subcommittee did not organize during this period.

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 and all other buildings that will be occupied by the Senate in the end state respect its heritage and remain in the best interests of the Senate.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2019-20

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:

- ✧ Fourth report: End-state Accommodation and Rehabilitation of the Victoria Building;
- ✧ Fifth report: Update on the Work of the Subcommittee.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee on the Long-Term Vision and Plan held various meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament (including Interseasonal Authority) ²⁵

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative Party of Canada until November 2019; Canadian Senators Group since November 2019) (until November 2019)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberals until November 2019; Progressive Senate Group in November 2019; non-affiliated since November 2019)

²⁵ Pursuant to paragraph 19.1(2) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and its subcommittees continues to exist during a period of prorogation or dissolution of Parliament and until the members of a successor Committee are appointed by the Senate. A motion to appoint new members of the committee was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2020. The membership listed above was valid from April 1, 2019, to April 11, 2020.

Members of the subcommittee:

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Bovey, Joyal, P.C. (retired) and Marwah

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.

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The subcommittee did not organize during this period.

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 is also called on, from time to time, to study issues related to the management of the Senate's annual budget, including the review of policies referred to it by the committee.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2019-20

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:

- ✧ Tenth report: Clarifications on the *Senators' Office Management Policy*;
- ✧ Eleventh report: Senate Main Estimates for 2020-21.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee

The subcommittee held several meetings in camera throughout fiscal year 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament (including Intersessional Authority) ²⁶

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lucie Moncion (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative Party of Canada until November 2019; Canadian Senators Group since November 2019)

Members of the subcommittee:

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

Other senator who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Marwah

²⁶ Pursuant to paragraph 19.1(2) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and its subcommittees continues to exist during a period of prorogation or dissolution of Parliament and until the members of a successor Committee are appointed by the Senate. A motion to appoint new members of the committee was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2020. The membership listed above was valid from April 1, 2019, to April 11, 2020.

Subcommittee Clerk:

Marie-Ève Belzile

Administrative Support:

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

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The subcommittee did not organize during this period.

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 subsequently amended on four occasions: May 2008, May 2012, April and June 2014. Each amendment was the result of recommendations made by the committee.

Committee membership is determined by a process that differs from all other committees. In accordance with the provisions of the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* and the *Rules of the Senate*, two members are elected by secret ballot in the respective caucuses of the government and opposition. A fifth member is then chosen by these four members. The chair of the committee must be chosen by at least four members of the committee. The members of the committee are constituted as an Intersessional Authority during prorogation and dissolution periods and until a new committee is appointed in the new parliamentary session.

During the 42nd Parliament, however, committee members were selected pursuant to a sessional order adopted on December 7, 2016 and continued on December 7, 2017, until the dissolution of Parliament. Notwithstanding Rule 12-27(1) and subsections 35(4), (5) and (8) of the Code, in December 2019, which was the beginning of the 43rd Parliament, the Senate adopted a motion to re-create the committee with Senators Joyal, P.C., Patterson, Seidman, Sinclair and Wetston until a motion was adopted by the Senate pursuant to Rule 12-27(1) or the Senate otherwise replaced the members of the committee. Shortly after Senator Joyal retired, the Senate adopted another motion to add Senator Tannas to the committee's membership.

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* and tabled an interim report in August 2019, a few weeks before the dissolution of the 42nd Parliament. During the subsequent Parliament, the committee received an order of reference from the Senate to examine developments and actions in relation to the committee's fifth report from the 1st Session of the 42nd Parliament. It also continued its consideration of matters relating to the *Senate Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators*.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20²⁷

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
Fifth	Consider the Senate Ethics Officer's Inquiry Report under the <i>Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i> concerning Senator Lynn Beyak, dated March 19, 2019, in accordance with section 49 of the <i>Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i>	2019-04-30	-	Report on the Senate Ethics Officer's Inquiry Report under the <i>Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i> concerning Senator Lynn Beyak, dated March 19, 2019
Sixth	Consider the Senate Ethics Officer's Inquiry Report under the <i>Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i> concerning former Senator Don Meredith, dated June 28, 2019, in accordance with section 49(5) of the <i>Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i>	2019-07-29	-	Report on the Senate Ethics Officer's Inquiry Report under the <i>Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i> concerning Senator Don Meredith, dated June 28, 2019
Seventh	Its own initiative for all matters relating to the <i>Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i> , pursuant to Rule 12-7(16) of the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>	2019-08-12	-	Interim report on the provisions of the <i>Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators</i>

1st Session, 43rd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
First	Examine developments and actions in relation to the committee's fifth report from the First	2020-01-30	-	Interim report on developments and actions in relation to the committee's fifth report

²⁷ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	session of the Forty-second Parliament			from the First session of the Forty-second Parliament
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20²⁸

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2019-20	13	28.8	-	4
2018-19	17	29.9	23	-
2017-18	16	20.4	3	3
2016-17	4	5.8	-	1
2015-16	6	4.3	2	1

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	\$832
TOTAL	\$832

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative Party of Canada) (until August 2019) (retired)

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Senate Liberals) (since August 2019) (retired)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Senate Liberals) (until August 2019) (retired)

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

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

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Administrative Support:

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

²⁸ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20) 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 2019-20.

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Senate Liberals until November 2019; Progressive Senate Group in November 2019; non-affiliated from November 2019 until January 2020) (retired)
The Honourable Senator Murray Sinclair (Independent Senators Group) (since February 2020)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative Party of Canada) (since January 2020)

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

The Honourable Senators Joyal, P.C. (retired), Patterson, Seidman, Sinclair, Tannas and Wetston

Committee Clerk:

Marie-Eve Belzile

Administrative Support:

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Special Committee on the Charitable Sector (CSSB)

A. General Information

In the 2019-20 fiscal year, the Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector continued its study on 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 tabled its final report in June 2019, *Catalyst for Change: A Roadmap to a Stronger Charitable Sector*, with over 40 recommendations. The work of the committee was completed with the tabling of its report and the dissolution of the 42nd Parliament. The committee was not reconstituted in the 1st Session of the 43rd Parliament.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20²⁹

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
First	Examine the impact of federal and provincial laws and policies governing charities, nonprofit organizations, foundations, and other similar groups; and to examine the impact of the voluntary sector in Canada	2019-06-20	158	Final report on the special study entitled: <i>Catalyst for Change: A Roadmap to a Stronger Charitable Sector</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
2019-20	3	10.2	-	37	1
2018-19	22	49.3	-	142	-
2017-18	1	0.3	-	-	-

²⁹ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$10,784</u>
TOTAL	\$10,784

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

(*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 Liberals)

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, Mockler, Omidvar, Seidman, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Maltais (retired)

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Havi Echenberg (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Sweeney (Library of Parliament)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant)

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

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, the committee studied two bills, as well as the subject matter of certain parts of one budget implementation bill.

First, the committee continued 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. In this fiscal year, it heard from 231 witnesses, held 29 meetings and traveled to British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Québec for public hearings. The committee presented its report to the Senate with amendment and observations in May 2019.

In June 2019, the committee completed its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 23 and 24 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019, and other measures. It heard from two witnesses and held one meeting on the subject. Division 23 of Part 4 amends the *Canada National Parks Act* to facilitate the establishment of Thaidene Nëné National Park Reserve of Canada at the eastern end of Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories. Division 23 of Part 4 of the bill also adjusts the boundaries of the Lake Louise and the Mount Norquay ski areas in Banff National Park. Division 24 of Part 4 of the bill amends the *Parks Canada Agency Act* to establish a standard, one-year appropriation authority for the Parks Canada Agency. The committee reported with its observations.

Finally, in June 2019, the committee examined Bill C-88, An Act to amend the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and the Canada Petroleum Resources Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. After holding one meeting and hearing from nine witnesses, the committee presented its report to the Senate with observations.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20³⁰

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Nineteenth	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	2019-05-28	231	Bill C-69 with amendment and observations

³⁰ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	amendments to other Acts			
Twentieth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 23 and 24 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures	2019-06-04	2	Subject matter study of Divisions 23 and 24 of Part 4 of Bill C-97
Twenty-first	Bill C-88, An Act to amend the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and the Canada Petroleum Resources Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	2019-06-19	9	Bill C-88, without amendment but with observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-2020³¹

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-2020	33	83.4	-	242	3
2018-2019	35	68.7	-	121	6
2017-2018	34	52.9	41.3	117	7
2016-2017	38	60.8	76.3	95	4
2015-2016	16	20.3	-	52	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019–2020

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

Budget Expenditures	\$492,092
Witness Expenditures	<u>\$17,847</u>
TOTAL	\$509,939

³¹ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-2020.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20
(*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 Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2019–20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Black (Alberta), Cormier, Duncan, Eaton (retired), Frum, Housakos, Maltais (retired), Manning, McCoy, McInnis, Mercer, Miville-Dechéne, Oh, Plett, Pratte (resigned), Ravalia, Saint-Germain, Stewart Olsen, Tannas and Tkachuk (retired)

Committee Clerk:

Maxime Fortin

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sam Banks (Library of Parliament)

Jesse Good (Library of Parliament)

Elda Donnelly (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (LCJC)

A. General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has the mandate to study matters relating to legal and constitutional matters 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 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 the 2019-20 fiscal year, the committee studied and reported on five government bills as well as the subject matter of certain parts of one budget implementation bill.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20³²

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Thirtieth	Bill C-58, An Act to amend the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	2019-04-30	43	Bill C-58, with amendment
Thirty-first	The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 17 of Part 4, and in Subdivisions B, C and D of Division 2 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures	2019-06-04	12	Subject matter study of Division 17 of Part 4, and Subdivisions B, C and D of Division 2 of Part 4 of Bill C-97
Thirty-second	Bill C-75, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Youth Criminal Justice Act and other Acts and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	2019-06-04	45	Bill C-75, with amendment
Thirty-third	Bill C-337, An Act to amend the Judges Act and	2019-06-05	4	Bill C-337, with amendment

³² Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	the Criminal Code (sexual assault)			
Thirty-fourth	Bill C-78, An Act to amend the Divorce Act, the Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act and the Garnishment, Attachment and Pension Diversion Act and to make consequential amendments to another Act	2019-06-17	20	Bill C-78, without amendment but with observations
Thirty-fifth	Bill C-93, An Act to provide no-cost, expedited record suspensions for simple possession of cannabis	2019-06-18	10	Bill C-93, without amendment but with observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20³³

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	21	48.8	-	114	6
2018-19	40	78.2	-	145	7
2017-18	33	56.4	-	155	9
2016-17	50	94.5	13.5	270	11
2015-16	30	51.2	-	168	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	\$19,136
TOTAL	\$19,136

³³ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20
(*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 Liberals) (retired)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu (Conservative Party of Canada)

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, Dyck, Gold, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Joyal, P.C. (retired), Lankin, P.C., McIntyre (retired), Pratte (resigned), *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk (retired), Busson, Dasko, Dean, Doyle, Forest, Frum, Housakos, Jaffer, Kutcher, MacDonald, McCoy, McInnis, Miville-Dechéne, Moodie, Pate, Ringuette, Sinclair and White

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Maxime Charron-Tousignant (Library of Parliament)

Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on National Finance (NFFN)

A. General Information

Historically, the committee has 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 federal government's expenditure plans. The committee held meetings to examine various aspects of the planned expenditures for 2019-20, such as the Main Estimates 2019-20, Supplementary Estimates (A), 2019-20, and Supplementary Estimates (B), 2019-20.

The committee held 12 meetings and heard from 59 witnesses as part of its pre-study of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures, which was ultimately reported without amendment but with observations. It also considered the subject matter of Bill C-101, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff and the Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act.

Finally, the committee began a special study on the processes and financial aspects of the Government of Canada's system of defence procurement. An interim report on this study was tabled in the Senate near the end of the 42nd Parliament.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20³⁴

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
Fortieth	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020	2019-06-10	40	First Interim Report on the 2019-20 Main Estimates
Forty-first	Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 31, 2019 and other measures	2019-06-13	4	Bill C-97, without amendment but with observations
Forty-second	The subject matter of Bill C-101, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff and the Canadian International Trade Tribunal	2019-06-19	3	Study of the subject matter of Bill C-101

³⁴ Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2019-20) indicates the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Forty-third	Study of the processes and financial aspects of the Government of Canada's system of defence procurement	2019-06-20	24	Special study leading to a report entitled <i>First Interim Report on Defence Procurement – Summary of Evidence</i>
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1st Session, 43rd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
First	Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020	2019-12-11	21	Final report on the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2019-20
Second	Rule 12-26	2020-02-27	-	Rule 12-26 – Expenses incurred by the committee during the First session of the Forty-second Parliament

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20³⁵

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	36	59.3	-	180	6
2018-19	59	95.7	6.5	325	12
2017-18	79	145.3	-	346	13
2016-17	57	96.9	-	263	10
2015-16	33	47.3	-	161	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$14,145</u>
TOTAL	\$14,145

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

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

³⁵ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20) 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 2019-20.

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Senate Liberals) (retired)

The Honourable Senator André Pratte (Independent Senators Group) (resigned)

Members of the committee:

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

Other senators who participated as members of the committee during fiscal year 2019-20:

The Honourable Senators Black (Ontario), Boisvenu, Busson, Campbell, Dalphond, Deacon (Nova Scotia), Dean, Gold, Jaffer, Lankin, P.C., Massicotte, Moncion, Moodie, Oh, Omidvar, Patterson and Ravalia

Committee Clerk:

Gaëtane Lemay

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Shaowei Pu (Library of Parliament)

Alex Smith (Library of Parliament)

Louise Martel (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motions of December 5, 2019, and February 25, 2020, in relation to committee membership:

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Senate Liberals until November 2019; Progressive Senate Group in November 2019; non-affiliated from November 2019 to January 2020) (until December 2019) (retired)

The Honourable Senator Éric Forest (Independent Senators Group) (since February 2020)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Dagenais, Day (retired), Deacon (Ontario), Duncan, Forest, Galvez, *Gold, P.C. (or Gagné), Klyne, Loffreda, Marshall, Mockler, *Plett (or Martin), Richards and Smith

Other senators who participated as members of the committee during fiscal year 2019-20:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Campbell, Dawson, Downe, Duffy, Eaton (retired), Forest-Niesing, Harder, P.C., Keating, Stewart Olsen, Tannas and Tkachuk (retired)

Committee Clerk:

Maxime Fortin

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Shaowei Pu (Library of Parliament)

Alex Smith (Library of Parliament)

Louise Martel (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Official Languages (OLLO)

A. General Information

In 2019-20, the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages completed its study on Canadians' views about modernizing the *Official Languages Act* (the Act). In April 2019, the committee tabled an interim report presenting the findings of the fourth phase of the study. In this report, the committee examined, in more depth, the issues related to judicial bilingualism, which are closely linked to those of legislative bilingualism. The final report, tabled in June 2019, presented the findings of the fifth phase of the study, dealing with the views of federal institutions, and set out 20 recommendations to the federal government on modernizing the Act. The committee also continued its study on the application of the Act, as well as the related regulations and directives for institutions subject to the Act.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20³⁶

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
Twelfth	Examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the Official Languages Act	2019-04-10	23	Special study leading to an interim report entitled <i>Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of the Justice Sector</i>
Thirteenth	Examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the Official Languages Act	2019-06-13	30	Special study leading to a final report entitled <i>Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of Federal Institutions and Recommendations</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20³⁷

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	5	5.4	-	4	2
2018-19	23	45.7	2	100	3
2017-18	26	48.4	8.5	111	6

³⁶ Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2019-20) indicates the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

³⁷ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20) 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 2019-20.

2016-17	21	39.0	12.7	76	1
2015-16	12	15.9	-	41	4

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20
(*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 Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

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

Other senators who participated as members of the committee during fiscal year 2019-20:

The Honourable Senators Forest-Niesing, Housakos and Jaffer

Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Sadaf Noorishad (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

A. General Information

The mandate of the Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans is to study issues relating to the fisheries and oceans generally. Among various topics, the committee is interested in the management of oceans, aquatic resources and fisheries, aquatic life and ecosystems, the fishing industry and the safety of waterways. It is also interested in the federal government's current and evolving framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans.

During the fiscal year, the committee concluded its examination of Bill C-55, An Act to amend the Oceans Act and the Canada Petroleum Resources Act as well as Bill C-68, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Acts. On May 3, 2019, the committee also received a government response to its eleventh report, entitled, *When Every Minute Counts – Maritime Search and Rescue*.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20³⁸

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twelfth	Bill C-55, An Act to amend the Oceans Act and the Canada Petroleum Resources Act	2019-04-04	4	Bill C-55, with amendment
Thirteenth	Bill C-68, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Acts in consequence	2019-05-27	51	Bill C-68, with amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20³⁹

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	11	20.50	-	60	2
2018-19	19	30.5	17	56	1
2017-18	30	35.1	51.8	55	5
2016-17	27	46.9	33.0	90	3

³⁸ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

³⁹ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20.

2015-16	10	8.8	-	2	6
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D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$15,792</u>
TOTAL	\$15,792

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

(*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 Party of Canada)

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, Poirier, *Smith (or Martin), Wells and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk (retired), Boniface, Bovey, Cormier, Duffy, Duncan, Forest-Niesing, Griffin, McIntyre (retired), Moodie, Patterson, Plett and Ravalia

Committee Clerk:

Chantal Cardinal

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Daniele Lafrance (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on Human Rights (RIDR)

A. General Information

During fiscal year 2019-20, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights held meetings under its general order of reference, looking at issues of national importance such as the forced sterilization of persons in Canada and the Passenger Protect Program. The committee heard testimony from the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, among others. The committee also continued its study on the human rights of prisoners in the federal correctional system. The Senate did not refer any bills to the committee during this period.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁴⁰

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	10	18.5	-	25	-
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

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	\$11,573
TOTAL	\$11,573

⁴⁰ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20) 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 2019-20.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

(*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 Ataullahjan (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Jane Cordy (Senate Liberals)

Members of the committee:

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

Other senators who participated as members of the committee during fiscal year 2019-20:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Cormier, Kutcher, LaBoucane-Benson, McCallum, Moncion, Petitclerc and White

Committee Clerk:

Barbara Reynolds

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jean-Philippe Duguay (Library of Parliament)

Alexandra Smith (Library of Parliament)

Sadaf Noorishad (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

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

A. General Information

In 2019-20, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament presented one substantive report. The eleventh report, entitled *Parliamentary Privilege: Then and Now*, was tabled in June 2019. This report served as a follow-up to its report in the previous Parliament (*A Matter of Privilege: A Discussion Paper on Canadian Parliamentary Privilege in the 21st Century*) and addressed issues such as the historical reasons for parliamentary privilege, the possibility of codifying the Senate's privileges, and protecting the rights and freedoms of third parties when parliamentary privilege is exercised.

Following the adoption of the tenth report of the Special Senate Committee on Senate Modernization (as amended), the Rules 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. The committee held four meetings and heard from two witnesses related to this order of reference prior to the dissolution of the 42nd Parliament.

B. Report to the Senate in 2019-20⁴¹

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(c), consideration of the orders and practices of the Senate and the privileges of Parliament	2019-06-20	8	Interim report entitled: <i>Parliamentary Privilege: Then and Now</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁴²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	4	3.7	--	2	1
2018-19	12	15.2	-	10	1
2017-18	16	15.5	-	1	5
2016-17	17	21.0	-	8	3

⁴¹ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

⁴² Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20.

2015-16	13	13.2	-	13	4
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D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	=
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

(*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 Party of Canada)

Deputy Chairs:

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

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. (retired), McCoy, Ringuette, Seidman, Sinclair, *Smith (or Martin), Wells, Woo and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Griffin, Maltais (retired) and Poirier

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Isabelle Brideau (Library of Parliament)

Laurence Brosseau (Library of Parliament)

Ginette Ricard (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence (SECD)

A. General Information

At the beginning of fiscal year 2019-20, the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence continued to hear witnesses on Bill C-71, An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms. After hearing from 73 witnesses, the committee presented its report on the bill with amendments and observations.

The committee then turned to Bill C-59, An Act respecting national security matters, for which it heard from 43 witnesses. The committee also studied Bill C-77, An Act to amend the National Defence Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts, hearing from 20 witnesses, and the subject matter of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures, hearing from 8 witnesses.

In May 2019, the committee released a report entitled *Sexual Harassment and Violence in the Canadian Armed Forces*. The report included recommendations following the committee's six-month study on harmful and inappropriate sexual behaviour in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the impact of changes made since Operation HONOUR was implemented in 2015.

The committee also tabled the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs' report entitled *Canadian Veterans' Use of Cannabis for Medical Purposes*, in June 2019.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20⁴³

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twenty-first	Bill C-71, An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms	2019-04-10	73	Bill C-71, with amendments and observations
Twenty-second	Bill C-59, An Act respecting national security matters	2019-05-15	43	Bill C-59, with amendments and observations
Twenty-third	Examine and report on Canada's national security and defence policies, practices, circumstances and capabilities	2019-05-16	15	Interim report on special study entitled: <i>Sexual Harassment and Violence in the Canadian Armed Forces</i>

⁴³ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Twenty-fourth	Bill C-77, An Act to amend the National Defence Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts	2019-05-29	20	Bill C-77, without amendment but with observations
Twenty-fifth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 10 and 21 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures	2019-06-06	8	Subject matter study of Divisions 10 and 21 of Part 4 of Bill C-97
Twenty-sixth	Special study on the services and benefits provided to members of the Canadian Forces; to veterans; to members and former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their families	2019-06-12	17	Interim report on special study entitled: <i>Canadian Veterans' Use of Cannabis for Medical Purposes</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁴⁴

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witness	No. of Reports
2019-20	17	43.6	-	101	6
2018-19	19	46.4	-	110	5
2017-18	18	44.8	-	76	7
2016-17	27	86.4	9.0	159	5
2015-16	18	48.0	-	105	7

⁴⁴ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$21,688</u>
TOTAL	\$21,688

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

(*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 Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer (Senate Liberals)

Members of the committee:

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Busson, Dasko, Deacon (Nova Scotia), Frum, Jaffer, Kutcher, Manning, McInnis, Miville-Dechêne, Ngo, Stewart Olsen, Wallin and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Mark Palmer

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Ariel Shapiro (Library of Parliament)

Christina Yeung (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs (VEAC)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs met once in fiscal year 2019-20 to adopt its report entitled *Canadian Veterans' Use of Cannabis for Medical Purposes*. The report set out the information collected by the subcommittee regarding Canadian veterans' use of cannabis for medical purposes and included pertinent recommendations. The report was subsequently adopted by the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence and tabled in the Senate on June 12, 2019.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2019-20

NIL

C. Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁴⁵

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2019-20	1	0.4	-	-
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 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	\$2,241
TOTAL	\$2,241

⁴⁵ Chart C ("Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-2020.

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Dagenais, McIntyre (retired), Mercer and Richards

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee as a member during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Jaffer and McInnis

Subcommittee Clerk:

Mark Palmer

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Isabelle Lafontaine-Émond (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The subcommittee did not organize during this period.

Committee of Selection (SELE)

A. General Information

Normally at the start of a new 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 2019-20

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁴⁶

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	1	0.1	-	-
2018-19	1	0.03	-	-
2017-18	4	1.1	-	2
2016-17	3	1.7	-	2
2015-16	3	0.6	-	4

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

⁴⁶ Chart C ("Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20
(*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 Party of Canada)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer (Senate Liberals)

The Honourable Senator Pamela Wallin (Independent Senators Group)

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 (retired), Wallin and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Omidvar

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Yuen Pau Woo (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Carolyn Stewart Olsen (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators, Cordy, Downe, Duncan, *Gold P.C. (or Gagné), Omidvar, *Plett (or Martin), Ringuette, Saint-Germain, Seidman, Stewart Olsen, Verner, P.C., and Woo

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

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.

During the spring of 2019, the committee's attention was focused on reviewing legislation referred to it by the Senate. It first examined Bill C-376, Sikh Heritage Month Act for which it adopted without amendment.

Afterwards, the committee completed its examination of Bill S-252, Voluntary Blood Donations Act (An Act to amend the Blood Regulations). Seven meetings on this bill were held during the previous year. Following testimony from experts in the field of plasmapheresis, advocates, patient groups and ethicists, the committee reported to the Senate on April 9, 2019, with the recommendation that the Senate not proceed further with this bill.

The committee then dealt with three government bills from the House of Commons during the 42nd Parliament, Bill C-81, Accessible Canada Act, Bill C-83, An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act and another Act and Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (bestiality and animal fighting). The committee reviewed each bill and made 7 amendments to C-81 and 11 amendments to C-83.

During the public hearings on Bill C-81, simultaneous interpretation was provided in American Sign Language (ASL) and in Langue des signes du Québec (LSQ). ASL and LSQ were also added afterwards to the video broadcast on the Senate's streaming service. In addition, all witness briefs and many committee documents for the public were made available in accessible formats.

Finally, the committee studied the subject matter of six separate divisions of Bill C-97, a budget implementation act. It tabled a report with observations and recommendations for the implementation of the legislation.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20⁴⁷

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Thirty-second	Bill C-376, An Act to designate the month of April as Sikh Heritage Month	2019-04-04	2	Bill C-376
Thirty-third	Bill S-252, Voluntary Blood Donations Act (An Act to amend the Blood Regulations)	2019-04-09	18	Recommendation to not proceed further with Bill S-252
Thirty-fourth	Bill C-81, An Act to ensure a barrier-free Canada	2019-05-07	24	Bill C-81, with amendment and observations
Thirty-fifth	Bill C-83, An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act and another Act	2019-05-30	27	Bill C-83, with amendment and observations
Thirty-sixth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 of Part 4, and in Subdivisions C, K and L of Division 9 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures	2019-06-06	29	Subject matter study of Divisions 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 of Part 4, and in Subdivisions C, K and L of Division 9 of Part 4 of Bill C-97
Twenty-seventh	Bill C-84, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (bestiality and animal fighting)	2019-06-13	8	Bill C-84, with observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁴⁸

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	18	35.5	-	101	6
2018-19	40	80.3	-	201	8

⁴⁷ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

⁴⁸ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20.

2017-18	47	71.6	4.0	193	13
2016-17	36	53.1	-	103	8
2015-16	24	32.2	-	62	6

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	<u>\$13,244</u>
TOTAL	\$13,244

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-29

(*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 Chantal Petitclerc (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Judith Seidman (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

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

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boyer, Griffin, Housakos, Kutcher, McInnis, Moncion, Moodie, Pate, Stewart Olsen and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)
 Laura Munn-Rivard (Library of Parliament)
 Ericka Dupont (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

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 2019-20 fiscal year, the committee examined several pieces of legislation.

Over the course of the 42nd Parliament, the committee concluded its examination of 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 as well as 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. The committee also examined the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part 4, and in Subdivision I of Division 9 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20⁴⁹

1st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixteenth	Report on the unauthorized disclosure of confidential committee documents, pursuant to Appendix IV of the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>	2019-05-16	-	Report on the unauthorized disclosure of confidential committee documents
Seventeenth	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	2019-06-03	139	Recommendation to not proceed further with Bill C-48
Eighteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part 4, and in Subdivision I of Division 9 of Part 4 of Bill C-97, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget	2019-06-06	18	Subject matter study of Divisions 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part 4 and Subdivision I of Division 9 of Part 4 of Bill C-97

⁴⁹ Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2019-20") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	tabled in Parliament on March 19, 2019 and other measures			
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁵⁰

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2019-20	20	44.4	-	139	3
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

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	\$290,390
Witness Expenses	<u>\$43,392</u>
TOTAL	\$32,570

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

(*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 Party of Canada) (retired)

Deputy Chairs:

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

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Senate Liberals)

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 (retired) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

⁵⁰ Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20") 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 2019-20.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee as members during the 2019-20 fiscal year:
The Honourable Senators Busson, Dagenais, Duncan, Mégie, Moncion, Neufeld (retired), Oh, Patterson, Poirier, Saint-Germain, Seidman, Stewart Olsen, Tannas and Wells

Committee Clerk:
Joëlle Nadeau

Analysts and Administrative Support:
Jed Chong (Library of Parliament)
Zackery Shaver (Library of Parliament)
Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament (BIL)

A. General Information

The Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament is authorized by the *Parliament of Canada Act* and an order of reference to advise the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons in the exercise of their authority over the Library of Parliament, and is empowered to make recommendations to the Speakers of both Houses with respect to the governance of the Library and the proper expenditure of moneys voted by Parliament for the purchase of books, maps or other articles to be deposited therein.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20⁵¹

1 st Session, 42nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of witnesses	Content
Third	Main Estimates 2019-20: Vote 1 under Library of Parliament	2019-05-30	5	Main Estimates 2019-20: Vote 1 under Library of Parliament

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁵²

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2019-20	1	1.3	8	1
2018-19	6	6.5	16	2
2017-18	-	-	-	-
2016-17	-	-	-	-
2015-16	1	0.08	-	-

⁵¹ Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2019-20) indicates the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2019-20, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

⁵² Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20) 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 2019-20.

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	-
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lucie Moncion (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Duffy, Eaton (retired), McInnis, Mercer and Moncion

Joint Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marion Ménard (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Sweeney (Library of Parliament)

Sadaf Noorishad (Administrative Assistant) (until September 2019)

Jacqueline Sirois (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2019)

Jamey Irwin (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2019)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

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 broad jurisdiction to inquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

In the 2019-20 fiscal year, the committee held 6 meetings and heard from 12 witnesses.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2019-20

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20⁵³

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2019-20	6	7.6	12	-
2018-19	14	18.9	20	1
2017-18	17	22.9	11	-
2016-17	16	24.5	12	2
2015-16	4	5.0	-	1

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Budget Expenditures	\$12
Witness Expenses	-
TOTAL	\$12

⁵³ Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2015-20) 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 2019-20.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2019-20

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Senate Liberals) (retired)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Day (retired), Duncan, Mégie and Stewart Olsen

Joint Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Shawn Abel (Library of Parliament)

Penny Becklumb (Library of Parliament) (until September 2019)

Geoffrey Hilton (Library of Parliament)

Cynthia Kirkby (Library of Parliament)

Geneviève Pilon (Library of Parliament)

Sadaf Noorishad (Administrative Assistant) (until September 2019)

Jacqueline Sirois (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2019)

Jamey Irwin (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2019)

1st Session, 43rd Parliament

The committee did not organize during this period.

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2019-20

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 charges pertain to general postage, coffee/tea/juice and light snacks/meals at committee meetings in Ottawa, and committee travel immunization.

Meetings and Expenditures, 2015-20

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total for Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses (B)	Other Expenses (C)	Total Expenditures (A+B+C)
2019-20	287	\$548,129	\$255,733	\$1,793	\$805,655
2018-19	570	\$669,951	\$452,843	\$2,176	\$1,124,970
2017-18	608	\$836,424	\$384,081	\$101,655	\$1,322,160
2016-17	601	\$903,558	\$360,857	\$101,916	\$1,366,331
2015-16	336	\$85,566	\$169,531	\$58,225	\$313,322

Explanation of Standard Categories

The following table provides each committee's budget and actual expenditures, divided between "expenses that are either unrelated to committee travel ("General Expenses") or specific to a committee trip ("Activity"). 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 2019-20

	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
Name of Committee 1st Session, 42nd Parliament	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transport, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenses	Total Expenditures
Aboriginal Peoples						
Special Study - First Nations, Inuit and Métis	1,850					
<i>General Expenses</i>		1,850	975	-	-	975
TOTAL	1,850	1,850	975	-	-	975
Agriculture and Forestry						
Special Study - Food Sector	16,090					
<i>Activity 1: Charlottetown</i>		16,090	-	9,490	6,600	16,090
TOTAL	16,090	16,090	-	9,490	6,600	16,090
Arctic						
Special Study - Changes to the Arctic	6,500					
<i>General Expenses</i>		6,500	3,131	-	-	3,131
TOTAL	6,500	6,500	3,131	-	-	3,131
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources						
Legislation	492,092					
<i>Activity 1: Western Canada</i>		280,888	25,250	229,738	25,900	280,888
<i>Activity 2: Eastern Canada</i>		211,204	18,000	173,504	19,700	211,204
TOTAL	492,092	492,092	43,250	403,242	45,600	492,092
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)***						
Joint Committee	2,250					
<i>General Expenses</i>		2,250	-	-	12	12
TOTAL	2,250	2,250	-	-	12	12
Transport and Communications						
Legislation	290,390					
<i>Activity 1: Prince Rupert & Terrace</i>		136,640	9,000	109,340	18,300	136,640

<i>Activity 2: Alberta & Saskatchewan</i>		153,750	12,300	116,900	24,550	153,750
TOTAL	290,390	290,390	21,300	226,240	42,850	290,390
TOTAL 42-1**	809,172	809,172	68,656	638,972	95,062	802,690

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

** Please note that there are no expenditures for the 1st Session, 43rd Parliament.

***Please note that the 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 2019-20

1st session, 42nd Parliament

	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	26,676	
Legislation		5,996
Special Study – New relationship between First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples		20,536
Special Study – Legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples		144
Agriculture and Forestry	58,701	
Legislation		13,565
Special Study – Climate changes		140
Special Study – Issues relating to agriculture and forestry generally		11,339
Special Study – 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 – 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	
Legislation		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 – Issues 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.

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	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	834	
<i>Legislation</i>		834
Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators	832	
<i>Legislation</i>		832
TOTAL 43-1	1,667	1,667

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