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# *Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees*



It is my pleasure to present the 2009-2010 Annual Report of the Senate Committees Directorate, describing the activities and expenditures of the directorate and the many committees to which it provides administrative, procedural and other support.

The Second Session of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament began on January 26, 2009, and committees soon became active. Activity levels remained high until prorogation which ended the session on December 30, 2009. The Third Session of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament began on March 3, 2010 with the Speech from the Throne held in the Senate Chamber. The next day, the Selection Committee reported its recommendations for committee membership, and committee organization meetings were held shortly thereafter.

Despite the prorogation period, all activity indicators surpassed the five-year average, including the number of meetings, reports, hours in committee, witnesses, bills considered, special studies undertaken, fact-finding hours and trips. It was a very productive year. In addition, the Committees Directorate took advantage of the non-sitting periods to produce or update a wide variety of documents and working tools. These include the production of a *Guide for Chairs and Deputy Chairs* which is available on the Intrasen. Other documents, such as *Fundamentals of Senate Committees*, were also updated.

The Committees Directorate is proud to provide professional, non-partisan support to Senate committees to help them attain their objectives. We greatly appreciate the feedback we receive from committee chairs and deputy chairs which helps us to assess and improve our services. In addition, the directorate is pleased with the very positive feedback it receives through surveys given to witnesses following their appearance. The responses indicate a very high level of satisfaction, with 99% of witnesses rating the overall services of the Committees Directorate as 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale. These numbers, combined with responses indicating that 99% of witnesses considered their appearance to be useful, demonstrate that the directorate is providing high-quality support to a process that Canadians value.

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Dr. Heather Lank  
Principal Clerk

# *Mission Statement*

The Senate of Canada, as part of the Parliament of Canada, is an integral part of the federal legislative process. As a legislature, the Senate has established a number of select committees to deal with the examination of bills, estimates and special studies on various subjects. The Committees Directorate serves those committees in the areas of administration, parliamentary procedure and information relating to committee tasks and objectives. In the fulfillment of its mission, the Senate Committees Directorate has the responsibility to:

- provide superior service to all Senators serving on committees;
- perform duties in a courteous, professional and impartial manner;
- respect the principle of confidentiality working with Senators and in supporting committees;
- promote the public image of the Senate in particular and Parliament in general;
- observe the Rules, regulations and policies of the Senate;
- develop human resources; and
- encourage innovation to improve the operations of the directorate.

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## Part I – General Information

### Overview of Activities and Expenditures

#### Operating Expenditures

During fiscal year 2009-2010, the directorate provided support to 20 standing, special, and joint committees (and 3 subcommittees).\*

<b>Committees Directorate</b>	
(32 person years 2009-2010 )	
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	
Directorate:	\$2,186,908
Committees:	\$1,332,551
Witnesses:	\$223,920

#### Committee Activities

Committees account for much of the activity of the Senate. On average, over 50 bills are examined and 50 special studies are undertaken each year. Each committee is unique in subject matter and purpose. Some committees rarely examine legislation, while others focus almost entirely on bills. There are currently nineteen standing committees of the Senate. The size of committees, their general areas of study and the number of members required for quorum are set under Rule 86(1) of the *Rules of the Senate*. In 2009-2010, the Special Senate Committee on Aging was also active.

\* 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 Directorate.



## Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal years since 2005-2006.

<b>Activity Indicators</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>5-year average</b>
Meetings	514	361	444	541	396	451.2
Reports	131	117	151	154	90	128.6
Hours in Committee	867.1	643.2	775.3	1033.8	830.6	830
Witnesses	1,424	1,112	1,381	1,627	1,319	1,372.6
Bills	51	43	66	40	51	50.2
Fact-Finding Hours	439.6	160.9	283.4	371.9	355.6	313.3
Pre-Studies/ Subject-matter	3	1	3	1	3	2.2
Special Studies Undertaken	63	61	64	58	38	56.8
Trips	20	14	15	26	21	19.2

The following table illustrates the various orders of reference received by Senate committees in the fiscal year 2009-2010.

<b>Orders of Reference</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>% of Total Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Hours</b>	<b>% of Total Hours</b>
Bills and Subject-Matter of Bills	92	17.9	173.6	20.0
Special Studies	362	70.4	622.4	71.8
Permanent (Conflict, Internal, Rules, Library, Selection, Scrutiny)	60	11.7	71.1	8.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>867.1</b>	<b>100</b>

**Legislation**

The following table compares the number of bills referred to Senate committees since 2005-2006.

<b>Years</b>	<b>Bills</b>	<b>Total No. of Meetings</b>	<b>Total No. of Hours</b>	<b>Total No. of Witnesses</b>
2009-10	51	86	165.1	398
2008-09	43	85	159.0	338
2007-08	66	121	203.2	429
2006-07	40	100	216.8	427
2005-06	51	99	174.3	338
<b>Five-Year Average</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>183.7</b>	<b>386.0</b>

**Special Studies**

The following table compares the number of special studies undertaken by Senate committees since 2005-2006.

<b>Years</b>	<b>Special Studies</b>	<b>Total No. of Meetings</b>	<b>Total No. of Hours</b>	<b>Total No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>Hours of Fact-Finding Missions</b>
2009-10	63	362	622.4	984	439.6
2008-09	61	228	429.4	670	160.9
2007-08	64	271	509.3	911	283.1
2006-07	58	359	694.4	1,186	371.9
2005-06	38	252	574.2	950	348.6
<b>Five-Year Average</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>294.4</b>	<b>565.9</b>	<b>940.2</b>	<b>320.8</b>

**Consulting Canadians and Others**

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

When committees travel outside Canada to inquire into matters, the meetings are called fact-finding missions, which means they are not considered official proceedings and no transcripts are published. The information gathered, however, is still valid to the committee's inquiry and can be used in a report of the committee.

The **Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples**, for its study on matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada - Issues pertaining to Indian Act elections, held public hearings in Winnipeg and Dauphin, Manitoba on May 24 to 27, 2009; and in Kelowna, Williams Lake and Vancouver, British Columbia on September 29 to October 2, 2009. The committee also had a fact-finding mission in Vancouver, British Columbia on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

The **Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry**, for its study on the current state and future of Canada's forest sector, conducted fact-finding missions in Saint-Leonard, New-Brunswick from November 1 to 3, 2009 and in Quebec City on November 24, 2009.

The **Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources**, for its study on emerging issues related to its mandate, conducted a fact-finding mission in Washington, D.C. from September 29, to October 2, 2009.

The **Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans**, for its study on issues relating to the federal government's current and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans, conducted a fact-finding mission in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay, Nunavut; Hay River and Inuvik, Northwest Territories; Sitka and Juneau, Alaska and Victoria, British Columbia from September 17 to 27, 2009. The committee also held public hearings in Yellowknife and Inuvik, Northwest Territories from September 21 and 23, 2009.

The **Standing Committee on Foreign and International Trade**, for its study on the rise of China, India and Russia in the global economy and the implications for Canadian policy, conducted a fact-finding mission in Khanty-Mansiysk and Moscow, Russia from October 11 to 16, 2009; and in Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China from November 8 to 14, 2009.

The **Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs**, for its study on the DNA Identification Act, conducted a fact-finding mission at the Ottawa-DNA Data Bank on April 23, 2009.

The **Standing Committee on National Security and Defence**, for its study on Canada's national security policy, conducted fact-finding missions to the Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax and CFB Greenwood in Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince-Edward-Island; and to CFB Gagetown in New Brunswick from July 6 to 9, 2009; in Toronto, Windsor and Niagara Falls, Ontario from July 14 to 17, 2009; in Halifax, Nova Scotia and Saint John and Saint Stephen, New Brunswick from July 22 to 24, 2009; in Calgary, Raymond, Coutts and Milk River, Alberta from September 8 to 11, 2009; in Vancouver, British Columbia from September 30 to October 2, 2009; and to CFB Petawawa, Kingston, CFB Trenton and CFB Borden, in Ontario from November 17 to 19, 2009.

The **Subcommittee on Cities of the Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology**, for its study on current social issues pertaining to Canada's largest cities, conducted a fact-finding mission in Toronto, Ontario on May 15, 2009; in Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta from May 19 to 20, 2009; in Montréal, Quebec on June 8, 2009; and in Regina, Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, Manitoba and in Vancouver, British Columbia from July 13 to 15, 2009.

The **Standing Committee on Transport and Communications**, for its study on the wireless sector, conducted a fact-finding mission in Paris, France and London, England from May 18 to 22, 2009; and in Tallinn, Estonia and in Brussels, Belgium from November 8 to 13, 2009.

### **Parliamentary Internet**

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the Parliamentary Internet site ([www.parl.gc.ca](http://www.parl.gc.ca)) to ensure that it provides useful information and is user-friendly. We value the relevance of this medium to enhance the visibility of Senate committees.

All committee reports, press releases, and appropriate directorate documents are converted into HTML and/or PDF format and posted on the Internet. Information on the Internet about Senate committees, including the date, time and place of meetings, expected witnesses, radio frequencies and whether the meeting will be webcast and/or video-recorded for broadcasting on CPAC are updated on a regular basis. Key directorate documents such as the *Annual Report*, *Fundamentals of Senate Committees* and *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 2009-2010 reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

#### **Aboriginal Peoples**

- *New Voter Identification Procedures and Related Impacts on Aboriginal Peoples and Communities* (May 2009)

#### **Aging (Special)**

- *Canada's Aging Population: Seizing the Opportunity* (April 2009)

#### **Agriculture and Forestry**

- *Beyond Freefall: Halting Rural Poverty* (June 2009)
- *The Canadian Forest Sector: Past, Present, Future* (December 2009)

#### **Banking, Trade and Commerce**

- *Recent Competition Act Changes: A Work in Progress* (June 2009)
- *Transparency, Balance and Choice: Canada's Credit and Debit Card Systems* (June 2009)

#### **Energy, Environment and Natural Resources**

- *With Respect, Canada's North* (May 2009)
- *Globe Conference 2008* (May 2009)
- *Report Addressing Bill C-10, Navigable Waters Protection Act* (June 2009)

#### **Fisheries and Oceans**

- *Rising to the Arctic Challenge: Report on the Canadian Coast Guard* (May 2009)
- *Nunavut Marine Fisheries: Quotas and Harbours* (June 2009)
- *Crisis in the Lobster Fishery* (June 2009)
- *Proposed Changes to the Convention of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Association (NAFO)* (November 2009)
- *Controlling Canada's Arctic Waters: Role of the Canadian Coast Guard* (December 2009)

#### **Foreign Affairs and International Trade**

- *Study on the 2008 Legislative Review of Export Development Canada* (June 2009)

#### **Human Rights**

- *Canada's Universal Periodic Review before the United Nations Human Rights Council* (May 2009)
- *The Public Sector Equitable Compensation Act* (June 2009)

#### **Library of Parliament**

- *Report on the Operations of the PBO within the Library of Parliament* (December 2009)

**Official Languages**

- *Francophone Arts and Culture: Living Life to its Fullest in Minority Settings* (June 2009)
- *Reflecting Canada's Linguistic Duality at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games: A Golden Opportunity – Follow-up Report* (September 2009)

**Scrutiny of Regulations**

- *Australia – New Zealand Scrutiny of Legislation Conference, July 2009* (October 2009)

**Social Affairs, Science and Technology**

- *Early Childhood Education: Next Steps* (April 2009)
- *A Healthy, Productive Canada: A Determinant of Health Approach* (June 2009)
- *In from the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness* (December 2009)

## Highlights of Special Study Reports

### **Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples**

#### ***New Voter Identification Procedures and Related Impacts on Aboriginal Peoples and Communities in Canada***

(Fifth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on May 7, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-359S)

On June 22, 2007, Parliament enacted legislation introducing new voter identification requirements for electors who are now required, *inter alia*, to prove both their identity and residence when voting in federal elections. In February 2009, the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, Marc Mayrand, reported that certain groups were disproportionately affected by the new requirements, citing evidence that Aboriginal electors face particular challenges. In April 2009, the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples agreed to examine the impacts of the legislation on Aboriginal electors; the committee expressed concern that the introduction of new voting requirements may have adversely, albeit unintentionally, affected the ability of First Nations, Inuit and Métis electors to exercise their fundamental right to vote.

The committee's report emphasizes the importance of establishing measures which would reduce the barriers experienced by First Nations, Inuit and Métis electors during the last general election as a result of the introduction of the new voter requirements. In particular, the report recommends that the federally issued Certificate of Indian Status, in combination with the voter information card received by all registered electors, be sufficient to meet the requirements of proof of voter eligibility for First Nations individuals. It also recommends that Elections Canada be provided with sufficient flexibility in the application of the law to better meet the unique circumstances of northern and rural communities, thereby reducing any unintended burden on the exercise of the right to vote.

### **Special Senate Committee on Aging**

#### ***Canada's Aging Population: Seizing the Opportunity***

(Third Report (final) tabled in the Senate on April 21, 2009  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-316S)

This report summarizes the evidence received by the committee regarding Canada's Aging Population. The report contains 32 recommendations which set out a comprehensive vision for government, organizations and individuals to embrace the challenges of an aging population. These include:

- move immediately to take steps to promote active aging and healthy aging and to combat ageism;
- provide leadership and coordination through initiatives such as a National Integrated Care Initiative, a National Caregiver Strategy, a National Pharmacare Program, and a federal transfer to address the needs of provinces with the highest proportion of the aging population;
- ensure the financial security of Canadians by addressing the needs of older workers, pension reform and income security reform;
- facilitate the desire of Canadians to age in their place of choice with adequate housing, transportation, and integrated health and social care services; and
- act immediately to implement changes for those populations groups for which it has a specific direct service responsibility, and in relation to Canada's official language commitments.

## **Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry**

### ***Beyond Freefall: Halting Rural Poverty***

(Fourth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on June 4, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-435S)

This report was tabled by the Committee in a previous session. It was re-tabled for procedural reasons: the committee requesting a government response.

The report reflects the views provided to the committee from expert witnesses and rural Canadians in every province and territory. The report makes 68 recommendations aimed at reducing rural poverty and rural decline in Canada and increasing the federal government policy commitment in rural issues.

### ***The Canadian Forest Sector: Past, Present, Future***

(Eighth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on December 10, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-897S)

In the spring of 2009, the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry began a detailed study of the Canadian forest sector. The interim report is based on the committee's public hearings held in April, May and June of 2009.

Over the last years, the forest sector has experienced a substantial decline in production. This decline is mostly market-driven since it can be explained by the decreasing demand for products made of Canadian wood. The decline in demand is structural (e.g., sharp reduction in newsprint due to the growing popularity of electronic publication) as well as cyclical (e.g., collapse of the residential construction market in the United States). It can also be explained by the increasing competition from Asian countries, particularly in the further processed market segment such as furniture and kitchen cabinets. Other factors explaining the current problems experienced by the industry include the strong Canadian dollar, the high price of energy, difficulties accessing credit and the U.S. subsidies to its forest industry. The forest system crisis has significant economic, social and ecological side effects. When the demand for Canadian wood products plummeted, the most immediate effect was a large number of layoffs and plant closures. There are also social implications; about 300 communities in Canada heavily depend on the forestry industry. Finally, on the ecological side, when prices for the wood fibre are pressured downward by economic forces, it may result in a slowdown in sustainable forest management activities.

Although forest resources are under exclusive provincial jurisdiction, the federal government has played an increasingly important role in the forest sector over the years. The federal government's major areas of involvement in forestry includes research and development; sustainable development, ecosystem-based management and climate change; regional and community development; and finally, development of international markets and resolution of trade disputes.

Four recommendations are presented in the interim report. Three of them address the immediate problems facing the industry —access to credit, unfair import competition and the tax credit for research and development. One recommendation deals with the long-term goal of harmonizing the provincial building codes in Canada in order to facilitate and increase the use of wood in the non-residential sector. The proposals for the continuation of the committee's work, also included in the interim report, are designed to explore and evaluate possible new strategic long-term positioning for the industry.

## **Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce**

### ***Recent Competition Act Changes: A Work in Progress*** (Second Report (final) tabled in the Senate on June 11, 2009; Sessional Paper No. 2/40- 454S)

The legislation implementing certain provisions in the 2009 federal budget was studied by the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance, despite the inclusion in Part 12 of that bill of proposed amendments to the *Competition Act*, which would normally be studied by the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce (hereafter, the committee). At least in part for that reason, on March 12, 2009, the committee was authorized to examine and report on Part 12 of the budget implementation bill.

Consequently, in May 2009, after the budget implementation bill received Royal Assent, the committee studied the recently enacted changes to the *Competition Act*. These changes reflected, in part, recommendations in the 2008 final report of the Competition Policy Review Panel entitled *Compete to Win* and proposed changes in Bill C-19 (1<sup>st</sup> Session, 38<sup>th</sup> Parliament), which died on the Order Paper with the dissolution of Parliament in 2005.

Witnesses told the committee of their concern about the inclusion of proposed changes to the *Competition Act* in a budget implementation bill and the consequential absence of debate over important issues concerning competition law. That being said, while they generally agreed that the recently enacted changes were beneficial to competition, they spoke to the committee about such issues as dual-track conspiracy, two-stage pre-merger notification and administrative monetary penalties. The committee's June 2009 report summarized witness views about issues they believe require improvement; the committee did not make recommendations.

### ***Transparency, Balance and Choice: Canada's Credit and Debit Card Systems*** (Fourth Report (final) deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on June 30, 2009; Sessional Paper No. 2/40-641S)

In accordance with an order of reference of March 3, 2009, the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce studied "the credit and debit card systems in Canada and their relative rates and fees, in particular for businesses and consumers."

The committee undertook its study within the context of growing use of credit and debit cards relative to cash for making retail purchases, increased competition in the credit and debit card markets, innovations in chip technology, changes in credit card terms and conditions as they apply to consumers, and regulatory and legal scrutiny of the pricing and terms governing credit and debit card use in a number of developed and developing countries, among other considerations.

The committee's report, which was tabled in June 2009, made five recommendations, including: the establishment of an oversight board that would, among other things, make recommendations on regulatory or legislative measures, monitor and publish information on certain fees, and establish – and ensure compliance with – a code of conduct for payment systems participants; federal action in respect of merchant charges and information disclosure; federal action regarding the calculation and setting of certain fees; requirements about information disclosure by card issuers; and legislative or regulatory measures regarding credit card terms and conditions as well as card issuer actions.



## **Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources**

### ***With Respect, Canada's North***

(Sixth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on May 13, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-370S)

The report entitled *With Respect, Canada's North* represented the work conducted during the 39<sup>th</sup> Parliament, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session by the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources. At the time, Senator Tommy Banks was the Chair and Senator Pierre Claude Nolin was the Deputy Chair. The report summarized the fact-finding mission to the Western Arctic from June 1 - 6, 2008 by the Honourable Senators Banks, Brown, McCoy, Milne, Mitchell and Sibbeston and contained nine recommendations.

### ***Globe Conference 2008***

(Seventh Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on May 27, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-396S)

The report entitled *Globe Conference 2008* summarized the participation of the Honourable Senators Adams, Banks and Mitchell and, from the Library of Parliament, Frédéric Beaugard-Tellier and Sam Banks, at the GLOBE 2008 conference during the 39<sup>th</sup> Parliament, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session. The Globe Conference is a biennial international conference on the business of the environment. The 2008 program dealt with four main themes: climate and energy, finance and sustainability, corporate sustainability, and building better cities.

### ***Report Addressing Bill C-10, Navigable Waters Protection Act***

(Ninth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on June 11, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-469S)

Bill C-10, the *Budget Implementation Act, 2009*, received Royal Assent on March 12, 2009. Part 7 of the Act amended Part I of the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*. That same day, the committee was authorized by the Senate to examine and report on those elements dealing with the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* (Part 7), contained in Bill C-10, the *Budget Implementation Act, 2009*. After extensive hearings involving over 30 witnesses, in addition to receiving 13 official submissions, the committee tabled their report entitled *Report Addressing Bill C-10, Navigable Waters Protection Act* which provided four recommendations to the federal government.

## **Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans**

### ***Rising to the Arctic Challenge: Report on the Canadian Coast Guard***

(Second Report (interim) deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on May 4, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-347S)

*Rising to the Arctic Challenge* highlighted the vital and considerable work performed by the Canadian Coast Guard and made fourteen recommendations. The report concluded that a stronger Coast Guard is needed to protect Canadian interests, and that more thought must be given to its future role in projecting Canada's sovereignty in the region. Among other things, the committee recommended the acquisition of new heavy ice-breakers capable of operating year-round in the Arctic Archipelago and on the extended continental shelf. The report called on the Coast Guard to recruit Inuit whenever possible, and also for the creation of an Arctic Strategy Advisory Committee, led by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, to monitor and to advise in the development and implementation of an effective and integrated strategy for the North.

***Nunavut Marine Fisheries: Quotas and Harbours***

(Fourth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 6, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-436S)

The committee's report entitled *Nunavut Marine Fisheries: Quotas and Harbours* made eight recommendations. It called for the implementation of existing small harbour development plans to foster the expansion of small-boat, community-based fishing in Nunavut. The committee recommended that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) continue its existing policy off the Southern part of Baffin Island, which prohibits access of 0B turbot to non-Nunavut interests until Nunavut has achieved a level of access to adjacent marine resources comparable to levels of access enjoyed by other coastal jurisdictions in their adjacent fisheries. Additionally, the committee proposed that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans put in place a policy giving Nunavut stakeholders the right of first refusal to purchase, at a competitive rate, all fishery quotas in Nunavut's adjacent waters that are transferred or sold. The report recommended that DFO substantially increase funding for exploratory research in Nunavut's adjacent waters, by committing to a multi-year, multi-species research program. Furthermore, it recommended that DFO assess the impact of all vessel activity on whales and in concert with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, develop protective management measures, such as vessel exclusion zones at certain times of the year.

***Crisis in the Lobster Fishery***

(Fifth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 9, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-455S)

Recognizing the severe difficulties facing the Atlantic lobster fishery in spring 2009, the committee convened a panel to discuss the matter on May 26, 2009. The committee tabled a report in June 2009, which presented three recommendations to address immediate challenges and to ensure long-term viability of the fishing industry.

***Proposed Changes to the Convention of the Northwest  
Atlantic Fisheries Association (NAFO)***

(Sixth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on November 19, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-862S)

The proposed changes to the NAFO Convention were also a subject the committee examined during this fiscal year. In a report tabled in November 2009, the committee asked the government to take more time to review the new treaty.

***Controlling Canada's Arctic Waters: Role of the Canadian Coast Guard***

(Seventh Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on December 10, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-895S)

Recognizing the value of visiting Canada's regions, the committee held public hearings in Yellowknife and Inuvik and undertook fact-finding work in Manitoba, Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, Alaska and British Columbia in September 2009. In December 2009, the committee published a report entitled *Controlling Canadian Arctic Waters: Role of the Canadian Coast Guard*, which made nine recommendations. Among other things, the committee recommended that all foreign vessels entering Canadian Arctic waters be required to report to NORDREG – the Arctic Canada Traffic System – regardless of vessel size or tonnage. The committee believed that full control of northern waters requires strengthening the Canadian Coast Guard, including the provision of new, year-round, multi-purpose polar icebreakers. Armed Coast Guard vessels should also provide platforms for Arctic marine enforcement in conjunction with other agencies. The report called on the Coast Guard to look towards a year-round northern operation administered in the North to demonstrate that Canada is serious about protecting Canadian interests and those of northern residents, and for the creation of a Cabinet committee on Arctic

affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister and including Ministers whose portfolios touch on the North, to further develop Arctic policy in cooperation with the three territorial governments.

### **Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade**

#### ***Study on the 2008 Legislative Review of Export Development Canada***

(Ninth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on June 9, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-453S)

In its report *Study on the 2008 Legislative Review of Export Development Canada (EDC)*, the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade made nine recommendations to the Government of Canada that it believes will improve EDC's operations and the future competitiveness of Canada's exporters. These include a recommendation that the EDC, if needed, continue to play a role in the short-term export credit insurance market. The committee also recommends that the Government of Canada, within a two-year period, report on the experiences of EDC in the domestic credit market and evaluate the continued need for its presence.

The study was part of the legislatively mandated ten-year review of the *Export Development Act*. The objective of the review is to assess how EDC is evolving, and should continue to evolve, to address the competitive demands of international trade on behalf of its stakeholders, and to make recommendations where appropriate.

The committee undertook the study under exceptional circumstances. The economic downturn was taking hold and, as part of its response, the Government of Canada introduced its 2009 Budget which announced a temporary expansion in EDC's mandate. Moreover, following the conclusion of the committee's consultations, in May 2009, the Minister of Finance increased EDC's long- and short-term borrowing limits in order to meet the increased demands for its services. As a result, developments directly affecting EDC were unfolding in real time during the course of the committee's consultations.

### **Standing Committee on Human Rights**

#### ***Canada's Universal Periodic Review before the United Nations Human Rights Council***

(Second Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on May 28, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-402S)

On May 28, 2009, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights released its third report in relation to the United Nations Human Rights Council entitled *Canada's Universal Periodic Review before the United Nations Human Rights Council*. This brief report was written shortly after Canada underwent its first review of its human rights record under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism before the Council. The committee concluded that the processes and procedures undertaken in preparation for Canada's UPR lacked clarity and transparency. It recommended that the Government of Canada prepare and publicly announce a plan for the next UPR that could establish broad and meaningful engagement with relevant stakeholders, parliamentarians and the Canadian public.

#### ***The Public Sector Equitable Compensation Act***

(Third Report (final) tabled in the Senate on June 11, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-467S)

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights studied and reported on the *Public Sector Equitable Compensation Act* (PSECA), which replaced the former pay equity complaints-based system for federal public employers found in the *Canadian Human Rights Act*. The new system under the PSECA requires that, among other measures, both public sector employers and bargaining agents take steps to ensure

that employment wages are equitable and then report on their efforts. The committee recommended that the government create a mechanism to allow for consultation with relevant stakeholders in the development of the PSECA regulations; consult with stakeholders to investigate what can be offered in the way of legal assistance funding for individuals who are unable to approach their union for assistance with an equitable compensation complaint; and, ensure adequate funding and resources for the assessment and job classification systems created by the PSECA.

### **Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament**

#### ***Report on the Operations of the PBO within the Library of Parliament***

(Third Report (final) tabled in the Senate on June 16, 2009)

In its report on the activities of the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO), the Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament clarified the PBO's role and status within the Library of Parliament. The report had the unanimous support of all members of the committee, who represented all parties in the Senate and the House of Commons.

The purpose of the committee's study was to review issues involved in implementing the services of the Parliamentary Budget Officer, and to recommend lasting solutions designed to promote better understanding of his status, mandate and work he does in support of parliamentarians.

The committee had found in the course of its study that the Parliamentary Budget Officer did not have access to the funds required to carry out all aspects of his mandate appropriately. The committee considers important that the Parliamentary Librarian and the Parliamentary Budget Officer work together to solve this problem, following established procedures. The report proposes 10 recommendations aimed, among other things, at increasing funding for the Parliamentary Budget Officer, consistent with his following existing procedures at the Library of Parliament and respecting the confidentiality of the work of parliamentarians and committees; and permitting the publication of independent reports as long as they are presented first to parliamentarians.

### **Standing Committee on Official Languages**

#### ***Francophone Arts and Culture: Living Life to its Fullest in Minority Settings***

(Third Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on June 4, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40- 434S)

The committee released a report on Francophone arts and culture in June 2009 summarizing testimony from the public hearings held in Ottawa and New Brunswick. The committee made eight recommendations to ensure Francophone minority communities have access to resources that support the development of arts and culture and enhance their vitality.

#### ***Reflecting Canada's Linguistic Duality at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games: A Golden Opportunity – Follow-up Report***

(Fourth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on September 15, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-642S)

With regard to the 2010 Games, the committee continued to hold public hearings to gain a full understanding of the concerns of principal stakeholders. In September 2009, it released a second follow-up report presenting sixteen recommendations. The committee highlighted the following points: inadequate resources were dedicated to translation and interpretation; employees and volunteers need to provide an active offer of service in the two official languages; and French-language services must be

available to the travelling public. The committee recommended that an evaluation be conducted after the Games to determine the extent to which language requirements were met.

### **Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations**

#### ***Australia – New Zealand Scrutiny of Legislation Conference, July 2009***

(Fourth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on October 28, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-815S)

In July 2009, representatives of the Standing Joint Committee attended the Australia-New Zealand Scrutiny of Regulations conference in Canberra, Australia. Since 1980, this biennial conference has been held for Australian and New Zealand parliamentary committees whose functions include the scrutiny of primary and delegated legislation. The theme of the 2009 conference was "Scrutiny and Accountability in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

The committee's joint chair, Mr. Andrew Kania, M.P., presented two papers. The first paper set out an overview of the history, mandate and procedures of Canada's Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations. The second dealt with issues pertaining to the use of incorporation by reference in federal delegated legislation.

Australia and New Zealand both have very active and innovative scrutiny committees, and opportunities to interact with the members and staff of these committees are not frequent. Attending the Canberra conference offered a valuable opportunity to learn from the work of other scrutiny committees in Commonwealth jurisdictions, as well as to share the joint committee's own experience.

### **Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology**

#### ***Early Childhood Education: Next Steps***

(Fifth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on April 28, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/ 40-338S)

In April 2009, after hearing testimony from childcare providers and advocates from Canada, officials from Human Resources and Social Development Canada and international experts on human development, the committee tabled its final report entitled: *Early Childhood Education and Care: Next Steps*.

In this report, the committee examined the state of early learning and child care in Canada in view of the OECD report "*Starting Strong II*", released on September 21-22, 2006 which rated Canada last among 14 countries on spending on early learning and child care programs. Throughout the report, the committee outlined several ideas regarding the expansion and integration of more comprehensive services for parents and children, the re-evaluation of budgeting commitments to families and the need for incremental increases to assure the availability of quality child care spaces as well as all programs for parents and children focused on healthy childhood development and early learning.

#### ***A Healthy, Productive Canada: A Determinant of Health Approach***

(Eighth Report (final) tabled in the Senate on June 3, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-429S)

In June 2009, the committee tabled its final report entitled: *A Healthy, Productive Canada: A Determinant of Health Approach*. This report, which includes 22 recommendations, is the culmination of a two-year study by the committee's Subcommittee on Population Health.

Ultimately, the subcommittee found that Canada is seriously falling behind countries such as the United Kingdom and Sweden and stated that it is unacceptable for a wealthy country such as Canada to continue to tolerate such disparities in health. Furthermore the subcommittee stressed that disparities may widen even further with the current economic crisis, which is unprecedented in terms of its global reach and impact. The subcommittee concluded that a whole of government approach is required with intersectoral action embracing business, volunteers and community organizations.

***In from the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness***

(Thirteenth Report (interim) tabled in the Senate on December 8, 2009;  
Sessional Paper No. 2/40-888S)

The recommendations in the report, *In From the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness*, are the summation of a two-year cross-country study by the committee's Subcommittee on Cities. Subcommittee members heard testimony from more than 170 witnesses, including people living in poverty, several of them homeless, as well as universities, think tanks, provincial and local governments and community organizations.

Based on the findings of this extensive study, the report's first and fundamental recommendation is that Canada and all provinces and territories adopt the goal of lifting people out of poverty. Included among the vast range of measures recommended by the committee to realize this core goal are the coordination of a nationwide federal-provincial initiative on early childhood education; the development of a national housing and homelessness strategy; and the creation of a basic income floor for all Canadians who are severely disabled.

## Part II – Committee Profiles 2009-2010

### Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

#### A. General Information

In the fiscal year 2009-2010, the committee received four orders of reference, three for legislation, the other for a special study of a Government Response. The committee also carried on work from its global order of reference from the previous fiscal year; on February 25, 2009, the committee had received an order of reference to examine and report on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, and on other matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.

Pursuant to this broad order of reference, the committee focused on a study of elections held pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Act. As of the end of March, 2010, the committee had held 17 meetings and heard 87 witnesses in the course of this study.

The committee also undertook a brief study on voter identification procedures with respect to Aboriginal peoples. During the course of this study two meetings were held and two witnesses were heard. The study resulted in the fifth report of the committee entitled *New Voter Identification Procedures and Related Impacts on Aboriginal Peoples and Communities in Canada*. It was tabled in the Senate on May 7, 2009.

With respect to the Government Response to the fifth report on the issue of new voter identification procedures, the committee did not have an opportunity to study this response in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

On the legislative front, Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Indian Oil and Gas Act, was reported without amendment on May 5, 2009, having been referred to the committee on April 23, 2009. On June 4, 2009, the committee received an order of reference to examine Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Cree-Naskapi (of Quebec) Act. It reported this bill without amendment on June 9, 2009. On June 17, 2009, Bill C-41, An Act to give effect to the Maanulth First Nations Final Agreement and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, was referred to the committee. It was reported without amendment on June 18, 2009.

#### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Third	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2009-04-28	-	Budget

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (cont'd)</b>				
Fourth	Bill C-5 (Indian Oil and Gas Act)	2009-05-05	14	Bill reported without amendment
Fifth	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2009-05-07	23	Interim report <i>New Voter Identification Procedures and Related Impacts on Aboriginal Peoples and Communities in Canada</i>
Sixth	Bill C-28 (Cree-Naskapi (of Quebec) Act)	2009-06-09	9	Bill reported without amendment
Seventh	Bill C-41 (Maanulth First Nations Final Agreement)	2009-06-18	9	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2009-06-18	-	Budget
Ninth	Matters generally relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	2009-12-11	-	Budget
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-11	-	Expenses from the previous session

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	46	81.2	2.2	161	8
2008-09	21	34.8	-	64	7
2007-08	15	21.0	19.8	43	5
2006-07	30	46.8	20.2	101	6
2005-06	25	49.5	-	132	3



**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$163,710
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$13,983</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$177,693</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Gerry St. Germain, P.C. (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Nick G. Sibbeston (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Brazeau, Brown, Campbell, Carstairs, P.C., \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dyck, Hubley, Lang, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Peterson, Raine, Sibbeston and St. Germain, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cook, Cordy, Dawson, Downe, Duffy, Fraser, Fairbairn, P.C., Johnson, Nolin, Martin, Merchant, Patterson, Stewart Olsen, Stratton and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Gaëtane Lemay (until June 2009)

Marcy Zlotnick (from July 2009)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Tonina Simeone and Mary Hurley (Library of Parliament)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant) (until September 2009)

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant) (from October 2009)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Gerry St. Germain, P.C. (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lillian Dyck (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Brazeau, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Demers, Dyck, Hubley, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Patterson, Poirier, Raine, Stewart Olsen, Sibbeston and St. Germain, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Fairbairn, P.C. and Ogilvie

Committee Clerk:  
Marcy Zlotnick

Analysts and Administrative Support:  
Tonina Simeone, Jodi Bruhn and Marion Ménard (Library of Parliament)  
Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

### A. **General Information**

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry was given a new mandate to examine and report on the current state and future of the forestry sector in Canada. Pursuant to this order of reference, the committee tabled an interim report in December 2009 entitled *The Canadian Forest Sector: Past, Present, Future*. The report makes a diagnosis of problems in the forest industry. Specifically, it describes the causes and origins of the crisis that the industry is going through. The role and responsibilities of the federal government with respect to the forestry sector are also evaluated. The interim report makes four recommendations and proposes themes for further study.

The committee also requested a government response to a previous report of the committee entitled *Beyond Freefall: Halting Rural Poverty*. For procedural reasons, the report was re-tabled in the Senate and the government response was received and tabled in the Senate on November 17, 2009.

### B. **Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Second	Study on the Forest sector	2009-05-07	-	Budget
Third	Study on Agriculture and Agri-food	2009-05-07	-	Budget
Fourth	Rural poverty in Canada	2009-06-04	-	Final report <i>Beyond Freefall: Halting Rural Poverty</i>
Fifth	Bill C-29 (Agricultural loans - repeal the Farm Improvement Loans Act)	2009-06-11	4	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Study on the Forest sector	2009-10-01	-	Supplementary Budget
Seventh	Study on the Forest sector	2009-12-10	-	Budget
Eighth	Study on the Forest sector	2009-12-10	70	Interim report <i>The Canadian Forest Sector: Past, Present, Future</i>

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-10	-	Expenses from the previous session

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
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Committee Clerk:  
Josée Therien

Analysts and Administrative Support:  
Frédéric Forge and Mathieu Frigon (Library of Parliament)  
Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:  
The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:  
The Honourable Senator Fernand Robichaud, P.C. (Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection):  
The Honourable Senators \*Cowan (or Tardif), Duffy, Eaton, Fairbairn, P.C. \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Mahovlich, Mercer, Mockler, Ogilvie, Plett, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C. and Segal

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:  
The Honourable Senators Finley and Raine

Committee Clerk:  
Josée Therien

Analysts and Administrative Support:  
David Suprenant and Mathieu Frigon (Library of Parliament)  
Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

### A. General Information

During the period of 2009-2010, the committee worked on four bills:

- Bill S-8, An Act to implement conventions and protocols concluded between Canada and Colombia, Greece and Turkey for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.
- Bill S-232, An Act to amend the Patent Act (drugs for international humanitarian purposes) and to make a consequential amendment to another Act.
- Bill C-4, An Act respecting not-for-profit corporations and certain other corporations.
- Bill S-203, An Act to amend the Business Development Bank of Canada Act (municipal infrastructure bonds) and to make a consequential amendment to another Act.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Second	C-10 Elements dealing with the Competition Act (Part 12) - Budget Implementation Act, 2009	2009-06-09	12	Final report <i>Recent Competition Act Changes: A Work in Progress</i>
Third	Bill C-4 (Not-for-profit corporations)	2009-06-22	10	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Fourth	Credit and debit card systems in Canada	2009-06-30	28	Final report <i>Transparency, Balance and Choice: Canada's credit and debit card systems</i>
Fifth	Bill S-8 (The <i>Canada-Colombia-Greece-Turkey-Tax Convention Act, 2009</i> )	2009-12-10	4	Bill reported without amendment
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-11	-	Expenses from the previous session

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**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witness</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2009-10	35	60.0	-	98	5
2008-09	22	43.0	-	98	2
2007-08	31	56.2	-	121	11
2006-07	36	70.6	25	153	14
2005-06	27	55.5	-	107	11

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$5,800
Witnesses Expenses:	\$10,099
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,899</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael A. Meighen (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators \*Cowan (or Tardif), Eyton, Fox, P.C., Gerstein, Goldstein, Greene, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Massicotte, Meighen, Moore, Oliver and Ringuette

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Callbeck, Carstairs, P.C., Dawson, Day, Di Nino, Frum, Greene, Hubley, Johnson, Mahovlich, Merchant, Peterson, Raine, Robichaud, P.C., Tkachuk and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Line Gravel

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marc-André Pigeon (Library of Parliament)

Louise Pronovost (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael A. Meighen (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators \*Cowan (or Tardif), Gerstein, Greene, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Kochhar, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Massicotte, Meighen, Moore, Oliver, Ringuette, Rivard and St. Germain, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Di Nino, Seidman and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Line Gravel

Analysts and Administrative Support:

John Bulmer (Library of Parliament)

Louise Pronovost (Administrative Assistant)



## Standing Committee of Conflict of Interest for Senators

### A. **General Information**

The Committee on Conflict of Interest for Senators was created under the *Rules of the Senate* to be responsible for all matters relating to the *Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* adopted in 2005, and to exercise general direction over the Senate Ethics Officer. The committee's responsibilities are detailed in the Code.

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

### B. **Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2009-04-01	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Pursuant to rule 86(1)(t)	2009-04-28	-	Budget

### C. **Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	6	7.4	1	2
2008-09	9	9.2	-	2
2007-08	7	7.4	-	2
2006-07	3	1.4	-	1
2005-06	6	15.4	-	-

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**D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**  
**(For more details see Part III of this report)**

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

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**  
(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Angus, Carstairs, P.C., Joyal, P.C. and Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Michel Bédard (Library of Parliament)

Denine Martin (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Members not selected prior to March 31, 2010.

## Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

### **A. General Information**

The committee deals with matters relating to energy, the environment and natural resources generally, including: mining and natural resources, other than fisheries and forestry; pipelines, transmission lines and energy transportation; environmental affairs; and other energy-related matters.

Bill C-10, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on January 27, 2009 and related fiscal measures (the "Budget Implementation Act, 2009") received Royal Assent on March 12, 2009. It proposed numerous initiatives to implement "Canada's Economic Action Plan." Among those were amendments to the Navigable Waters Protection Act. In the spring of 2009 the committee was mandated by the Senate to examine and report on those elements dealing with the Navigable Waters Protection Act. The committee conducted a detailed review, hearing 34 witnesses over 9 meetings and receiving 13 official submissions and correspondence from members of the public and special interest groups. In June the committee tabled its report, which included four recommendations to the federal government.

On June 4, 2009, the Senate authorized the committee to examine and report on the current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy). The committee travelled to Washington, D.C. in the fall of 2009 on a fact-finding mission to meet with groups and individuals to discuss a range of issues within their mandate. Upon their return, the committee began the first phase of their two year study by inviting energy experts to discuss a number of key topics, including:

- Future energy supply and demand
- Canada's role as an energy provider
- Key drivers affecting Canada's energy system
- Climate change policies and carbon pricing -the effect on the energy system
- Key technologies (including carbon capture and sequestration) and other.

On March 11, 2010, the Senate once again authorized the committee to examine and report on the current state and future of Canada's energy sector (including alternative energy). The committee continued their study, hearing from expert witnesses, with the intention of releasing an interim report in the late spring of 2010.

The committee examined five bills during the 2009-2010 fiscal year:

- Bill S-212, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999. The committee had held two meetings on this bill by the time Parliament prorogued.
- Bill C-38, An Act to amend the Canada National Parks Act to enlarge Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada. The committee reported the bill to the Senate, without amendment on June 18, 2009.
- Bill C-16, An Act to amend certain Acts that relate to the environment and to enact provisions respecting the enforcement of certain Acts that relate to the environment. The committee reported the bill to the Senate, without amendment and with observations, on June 11, 2009.
- Bill S-208, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (clean drinking water). The committee reported the bill to the Senate, without amendment on June 18, 2009.

- Bill S-216, An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act and the Auditor General Act (involvement of Parliament). The committee reported the bill to the Senate, without amendment on April 2, 2009.

## B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Fifth	Bill S-216 (Federal Sustainable Development Act and the Auditor General Act - Involvement of Parliament)	2009-04-02	1	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Emerging Issues	2009-05-13	-	Interim report <i>With Respect, Canada's North</i>
Seventh	Emerging Issues	2009-05-27	-	Interim report <i>Globe Conference 2008</i>
Eighth	Bill C-16 (Acts that relate to the environment)	2009-06-11	12	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Ninth	Budget Implementation Act, 2009: Navigable Waters Protection Act (Part 7)	2009-06-11	34	Final Report <i>Report Addressing Bill C-10, Navigable Waters Protection Act</i>
Tenth	Emerging Issues	2009-06-11	-	Budget
Eleventh	Bill C-38 (Enlarge Nahanni National Park)	2009-06-17	2	Bill reported without amendment
Twelfth	Bill S-208 (Food and Drugs Act - clean drinking water)	2009-06-18	1	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector	2009-11-26	-	Budget
Fourteenth	The current state and future of Canada's energy sector	2009-12-10	-	Budget

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-10	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Current state and future of Canada's energy sector	2010-03-18	-	Budget

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	34	62.9	25.0	85	12
2008-09	22	44.6	36.0	71	10
2007-08	30	46.0	-	48	9
2006-07	33	53.6	12.0	76	5
2005-06	22	48.7	41.6	70	7

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$129,904
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$23,228</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$153,132</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator W. David Angus (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Grant Mitchell (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Adams, Angus, Banks, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Kenny, Lang, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Merchant, Mitchell, Neufeld, Peterson, Sibbeston, Spivak and St. Germain, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Brown, Callbeck, Campbell, Cowan, Dickson, Di Nino, Fraser, Frum, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Manning, Meighen, McCoy, Milne, Munson, Raine, Rompkey, P.C. and Seidman

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marc LeBlanc and Sam Banks (Library of Parliament)

Chelsea Saville (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator W. David Angus (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Grant Mitchell (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Angus, Banks, Brown, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Frum, Housakos, Lang, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), McCoy, Merchant, Mitchell, Neufeld, Peterson and Seidman.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators, Massicotte and Raine

Committee Clerk:

Lynn Gordon

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marc LeBlanc and Sam Banks (Library of Parliament)

Chelsea Saville (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

### A. General Information

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the committee focused a great deal of attention on issues related to the role of the Canadian Coast Guard in Canada's North and Canada's northern fisheries. The Arctic is rapidly growing in strategic and economic importance and, as a result, Canada faces a number of actual and potential challenges to its sovereignty and sovereign rights in the region. The committee released three reports on this subject during this fiscal year. The committee also studied the Atlantic lobster fishery and the Convention of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). It also heard from witnesses on other fisheries and oceans-related matters, such as marine conservation, biodiversity, sealing, and recent developments in Europe.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Second	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2009-05-04	52	Interim report <i>Rising to the Arctic Challenge: Report on the Canadian Coast Guard</i>
Third	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2009-05-07	-	Budget
Fourth	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2009-06-04	46	Interim report <i>Nunavut Marine Fisheries: Quotas and Harbours</i>
Fifth	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2009-06-09	5	Interim report <i>Crisis in the Lobster Fishery</i>
Sixth	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2009-11-19	3	Interim report <i>Proposed Changes to the Convention of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Association (NAFO)</i>
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (cont'd)</b>				

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	The evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2009-12-10	53	Interim report <i>Controlling Canada's Arctic Waters: Role of the Canadian Coast Guard</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-17	-	Expenses from the previous session

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	27	43.1	45.0	68	7
2008-09	18	34.4	18.2	51	3
2007-08	15	25.2	-	31	3
2006-07	20	37.2	10.2	57	7
2005-06	15	27.7	16.0	42	2

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$248,638
Witness Expenses:	\$13,434
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$262,072</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bill Rompkey, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Ethel M. Cochrane (Conservative)



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

The Honourable Senators Adams, Campbell, Cochrane, Cook, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Hubley, Johnson, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), MacDonald, Manning, Raine, Robichaud, P.C., Rompkey, P.C. and Watt

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Brown, Champagne, Comeau, Cowan, Dallaire, Downe, Eggleton, Finley, Greene, Meighen, Munson, Patterson Poy, Segal and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Claude Emery (Library of Parliament)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Bill Rompkey, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Cochrane, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Hubley, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), MacDonald, Manning, Patterson, Poirier, Poy, Raine, Rompkey, P.C., Nancy Ruth and Watt.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Claude Emery (Library of Parliament)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

### A. General Information

According to the *Rules of the Senate*, the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs deals with matters relating to foreign relations generally, including: treaties and international agreements; external trade; foreign aid; defence and territorial and offshore matters. The committee dates from 1938 when the Senate agreed to establish a Committee on External Relations in order to contribute to the debate on the political instability in Europe. On October 30, 2006, the Senate adopted a resolution to change the name of the committee to that of Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, a name which appropriately reflects the nature and the scope of the work done by the committee over the years, such as special studies on Canada-US Relations (1976-1982), the Free Trade Agreement (1988-1990), NAFTA (1991-1993), NATO (2000) Russia and Ukraine (2002), Africa (2007) and the 2008 Legislative Review of Export Development Canada (2009).

On March 4, 2008 and again on February 24, 2009, the committee received a mandate to study the rise of China, India and Russia in the global economy and the implications for Canadian policy. The main objective of this study is to better understand the high levels of economic growth of these countries in order to formulate concrete recommendations on Canada's policy response. The study is ongoing.

During the 2nd Session of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament, the committee considered the 2008 Legislative Review of Export Development Canada. The committee tabled its report on June 9, 2009 in which it made nine recommendations to the Government of Canada that it believes will improve EDC's operations and the future competitiveness of Canada's exporters.

In addition to these special studies, during this fiscal year the committee also dealt with Bill C-24, *Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act* (2nd Session, Fortieth Parliament) and with Bill C-2, *Canada-EFTA Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act* (2nd Session, Fortieth Parliament).

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Fifth	Bill C-2 (EFTA Free Trade Agreement)	2009-04-23	4	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	Study on China, India and Russia	2009-05-07	-	Budget
Seventh	Foreign relations in general	2009-05-07	-	Budget
Eighth	Study on China, India and Russia	2009-06-02	-	Budget
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (cont'd)</b>				

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Ninth	Review of Export Development Canada	2009-06-09	105	Final Report <i>Study on the 2008 Legislative Review of Export Development Canada</i>
Tenth	Bill C-24 (Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement)	2009-06-16	7	Bill reported without amendment but observation
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Study on China, India and Russia	2010-03-31	-	Interim report <i>Canada and Russia: Building on today's successes for tomorrow's potential</i>

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	30	33.8	84.0	62	7
2008-09	19	30.1	-	41	7
2007-08	26	35.3	-	66	10
2006-07	29	37.3	60.6	56	7
2005-06	21	33.1	69.6	72	6

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$233,464
Witness Expenses:	\$4,606
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$238,070</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Consiglio Di Nino (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Peter A. Stollery (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Corbin, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dawson, De Bané, P.C., Di Nino, Downe, Fortin-Duplessis, Grafstein, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mahovlich, Segal, Stollery and Wallin

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Dickson, Frum, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Housakos, Jaffer, Kinsella, Lang, MacDonald, Massicotte, Merchant, Nolin, Oliver, Prud'homme, P.C., Robichaud, P.C., Smith, P.C., Stewart Olsen, Stratton, Tkachuk and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Denis Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn and Jennifer Paul (Library of Parliament)  
Sylvie Simard (Administrative Assistant)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Peter A. Stollery (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, \*Cowan (or Tardif), De Bané, P.C., Di Nino, Downe, Finley, Fortin-Duplessis, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mahovlich, Nolin, Segal, Smith, P.C., Stollery and Wallin

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Frum, Jaffer, Johnson, Plett, Robichaud, P.C. and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Denis Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Natalie Mychajlyszyn (Library of Parliament)  
Sylvie Simard (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Human Rights

### **A. General Information**

In March 2009, the committee sought and received a number of orders of reference from the Senate to continue previous studies including: 1) monitoring the implementation of the committee's report *A Hard Bed to lie in: Matrimonial Real Property on Reserve*, tabled in the Senate November 4, 2003; 2) monitoring issues relating to human rights and, inter alia, to review the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations; 3) to examine issues of discrimination in the hiring and promotion practices of the Federal Public Service, to study the extent to which targets to achieve employment equity are being met, and to examine labour market outcomes for minority groups in the private sector; and 4) to monitor the implementation of recommendations contained in the committee's report entitled *Children: The Silenced Citizens: Effective Implementation of Canada's International Obligations with Respect to the Rights of Children*, tabled in the Senate on April 25, 2007.

Further to the order of reference to study issues related to human rights and, inter alia, the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations, the committee focused their attention on two primary issues.

The first dealt with the committee's ongoing interest in the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council. In 2009-2010, the committee focused on the Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process, and Canada's UPR before the Council. The committee tabled a brief report in relation to this review. Specifically, the report concluded that the processes and procedures undertaken in preparation for Canada's UPR lacked clarity and transparency. It recommended that the Government of Canada prepare and publicly announce a plan for the next UPR that could establish broad and meaningful engagement with relevant stakeholders, parliamentarians and the Canadian public.

The committee also began an examination of issues related to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, as well as its successor resolutions. The committee held four meetings on this subject, hearing from numerous witnesses.

In addition to its ongoing work, the committee undertook a new study into issues relating to the sexual exploitation of children in Canada. Eight meetings were held in relation to this study.

The committee considered one piece of legislation during the session. Bill S-223, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and to enact certain other measures in order to provide assistance and protection to victims of human trafficking, was studied by the committee and reported back to the Senate with amendments on December 8, 2009.

Finally, in approving the *Budget Implementation Act, 2009*, the Senate referred various elements of it to a number of committees for further *post facto* review. Specifically, the Human Rights Committee was asked to review Part 11, which contained the *Public Sector Equitable Compensation Act*. The committee held three meetings on this subject, reporting its recommendations to the Senate on June 11, 2009.

**B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Second	Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2009-05-28	18	Interim report <i>Canada's Universal Periodic Review before the United Nations Human Rights Council</i>
Third	Budget Implementation Act, 2009; elements dealing with equitable compensation	2009-06-11	10	Final report <i>The Public Sector Equitable Compensation Act</i>
Fourth	Bill S-223 (Immigration and Refugee Protection Act)	2009-12-08	8	Bill reported with 10 amendments
Fifth	Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2009-12-10	-	Budget
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-16	-	Expenses from the previous session

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	20	47.1	-	120	5
2008-09	14	33.1	-	78	8
2007-08	16	28.7	25.6	63	10
2006-07	24	58.3	13.6	125	9
2005-06	18	38.9	41.0	101	3

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$13,626</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,626</b>

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina Jaffer (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Brazeau, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Goldstein, Jaffer, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Nancy Ruth, Martin, Pépin and Poy

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Adams, Campbell, Demers, Lovelace Nicholas, McCoy, Mitchell, Mercer, Munson, Neufeld, Peterson, Ringuette, Stratton and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)  
Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Janis G. Johnson (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina Jaffer (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Baker, P.C., Brazeau, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Jaffer, Johnson, Kochhar, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mitchell and Nancy Ruth

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)  
Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration

### A. General Information

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration has a mandate to consider all matters of a financial or administrative nature relating to the internal management of the Senate. It reviews and authorizes the budget applications of committees and sets guidelines and policies on items such as senators' travel and budget expenditures. It also presents the Estimates of the Senate for approval. Under the *Rules of the Senate*, this committee is authorized to carry out its mandate on its own initiative rather than being dependent on an order of reference from the Senate.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Fourth	Article 86 (g)	2009-04-23	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2009-2010
Fifth	Article 86 (g)	2009-05-07	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2009-2010
Sixth	Article 86 (g)	2009-05-28	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2009-2010
Seventh	Article 86 (g)	2009-05-28	-	Revised guidelines for International Travel
Eight	Article 86 (g)	2009-06-16	-	Senate Policy on the Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace
Ninth	Article 86 (g)	2009-10-01	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2009-2010
Tenth	Article 86 (g)	2009-12-10	-	International trip report by the Honourable Senator Dyck
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-04	-	Expenses from the previous session

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.



**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2009-10	18	22.8	7	8
2008-09	11	9.5	3	9
2007-08	12	14.9	-	8
2006-07	18	33.9	2	14
2005-06	14	20.0	8	6

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	NIL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator George Furey (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Comeau, Cordy, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dawson, Downe, Furey, Greene, Jaffer, Kinsella, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), MacDonald, Massicotte, Munson, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., Stollery and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cook, Fox, Greene, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Hubley, Kinsella, MacDonald, Mitchell, Nolin, Prud'homme, P.C., Stratton and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Paul C. Bélisle (Clerk of the Senate) (until September 15, 2009)  
Gary O'Brien (Clerk of the Senate) (from October 1, 2009)

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Lucie Lavoie and Rachelle Parisien

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator George Furey (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Carignan, Comeau, Cordy, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Di Nino, Downe, Fox, P.C., Furey, Greene, Jaffer, Kinsella, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Marshall, Munson, Stewart Olsen and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Angus, Poulin, and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Gary O'Brien (Clerk of the Senate)

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Lucie Lavoie and Rachelle Parisien

## Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

### **A. General Information**

The vast majority of this committee's work is in considering legislation. During this fiscal year, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee studied and reported on the following bills:

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

- Bill S-205, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (suicide bombings).
- Bill S-4, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (identity theft and related misconduct).
- Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (organized crime and protection of justice system participants).
- Bill C-39, An Act to amend the Judges Act.
- Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (limiting credit for time spent in pre-sentencing custody).
- Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts.

The committee was also referred the following bills during this fiscal year but was unable to complete its study and report on these bills which died on the prorogation of the Second Session of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament:

- Bill S-215, An Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 (Property qualifications of Senators).
- Bill S-224, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Parliament of Canada Act (vacancies).
- Bill S-211, An Act to require the Minister of the Environment to establish, in co-operation with the provinces, an agency with the power to identify and protect Canada's watersheds that will constitute sources of drinking water in the future.
- Bill S-209, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (protection of children).
- Bill S-226, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (lottery schemes).
- Bill C-26, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (auto theft and trafficking in property obtained by crime).

During this fiscal year, the committee also concluded two special studies: its study on the provisions and operation of An Act to amend the National Defence Act (court martial) and its study of the motion to concur in the June 4, 2008 passage of the Official Languages Act by the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. The committee did not complete its study on the provisions and operation of DNA Identification Act prior to the prorogation of the session.

**B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Fourth	DNA Identification Act	2009-04-23	-	Budget
Fifth	National Defence Act (court martial)	2009-05-05	9	Final report <i>Equal Justice: Reforming Canada's System of Courts Martial</i>
Sixth	Bill S-205 (Criminal Code - suicide bombings)	2009-06-04	-	Bill reported with 1 amendment
Seventh	Bill S-4 (Criminal Code - identity theft and related misconduct)	2009-06-09	21	Bill reported with 5 amendments
Eighth	Study on the motion that the Senate concur in the June 4, 2008 passage of the <i>Official Languages Act</i> by the Legislature of Nunavut	2009-06-11	15	Final report <i>Language Rights in Canada's North: Nunavut's New Official Languages Act</i>
Ninth	Bill C-39 (Judges Act)	2009-06-18	4	Bill reported without amendment
Tenth	Bill C-14 (Criminal Code - organized crime and protection of justice system participants)	2009-06-18	8	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	Bill C-25 (Criminal Code - limiting credit for time spent in pre-sentencing custody)	2009-10-08	25	Bill reported with 2 amendments
Twelfth	Bill C-15 (Controlled Drugs and Substances Act)	2009-12-03	64	Bill reported with 4 amendments
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-18	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	DNA Identification Act	2010-03-18	-	Budget

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
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\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

			<b>Hours</b>		
2009-10	42	97.5	1.9	168	11
2008-09	28	48.2		74	9
2007-08	44	91.9		171	12
2006-07	62	153.8		231	10
2005-06	35	76.8		106	9

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$1,865
Witness Expenses:	\$44,315
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,180</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pierre Claude Nolin (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Angus, Baker, P.C., Bryden, Campbell, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dickson, Fraser, Joyal, P.C., \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Milne, Nolin, Rivest, Wallace and Watt

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., Chaput, Cook, Fortier-Duplessis, Grafstein, Hubley, Lang, Mercer, Merchant, Mitchell, Mockler, Peterson, Poulin, Raine, Rivard, Rompkey, P.C. and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Jennifer Bird (Library of Parliament)  
 Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant) (until October 2009)  
 Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant) (from October 2009)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator John D. Wallace (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Angus, Baker, P.C., Boisvenu, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., \*Cowan (or Tardif), Fraser, Joyal, P.C., Lang, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Rivest, Runciman, Wallace and Watt

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Patterson and Raine

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Jennifer Bird and Cynthia Kirkby (Library of Parliament)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on National Finance

### **A. General Information**

The committee was first created in May 1919 as the Committee on Finance, and in 1968 it became the Committee on National Finance. The committee's work is focused on matters relating to government spending. As stated in the *Rules of the Senate* (Rule 86(1)(i)), the committee has a mandate to examine matters relating to federal Estimates generally, including:

- i. the national accounts and the reports of the Auditor General; and
- ii. Government finance.

A large part of the committee's work is devoted to a review of the government's Estimates and issues arising out of that review.

#### *Study of the Estimates and Legislation*

As is customary, much of the committee's attention was focussed on the estimates, which outline the government's expenditure plans. The committee held several meetings to examine various aspects of the Government's planned expenditures for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, including the *Supplementary Estimates (B) 2008-2009*, *Supplementary Estimates (C) 2008-2009*, *Supplementary Estimates (A) 2009-2010*, *Supplementary Estimates (B) 2009-2010*, and *Supplementary Estimates (C) 2009-2010*. During these examinations, a range of issues were brought to the attention of the Senate by the committee.

As part of its hearings on the *Main Estimates 2009-2010*, the committee focussed on a variety of issues, including the new Treasury Board Vote 35 – *Budget Implementation Initiatives*, the funding and the operations of Atomic Energy of Canada limited, the spending of National Defence, the operations of the Royal Canadian Mint and the Privy Council Office. In addition, two measures of the Extraordinary Financing Framework -- the Insured Mortgage Purchase Program and the Canadian Secured Credit Facility -- were discussed on several occasions during their hearings on the Main Estimates. As is customary, the committee heard from the Public Service Commission of Canada.

The committee undertook a preliminary examination of the *Main Estimates 2010-2011* in March of 2010, considering a variety of issues. A more thorough examination of these Estimates would follow in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Six bills were also reported by the committee.

- Bill C-10, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on January 27, 2009 and related fiscal measures – reported without amendment
- Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, to validate certain calculations and to amend other Acts – reported without amendment, with observations
- Bill C-50, An Act to amend the Employment Insurance Act and to increase benefits – reported without amendment
- Bill C-51, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on January 27, 2009 and to implement other measures – reported with amendments
- Bill C-62, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act – reported without amendment, with observations
- Bill C-56, An Act to amend the Employment Insurance Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts – reported without amendment, with observations

The study of bills C-50 and C-56 were both preceded by studies of the subject-matter of those bills. In both cases the committee did not report separately on the pre-study. Furthermore, the amendments reported by the committee in relation to Bill C-51 were subsequently ruled out of order by the Speaker of the Senate, and evacuated from the report. Finally, the adoption of Bill C-10 was followed by an extended study of a number of elements of the legislation, which the committee reported on in its sixth report, tabled on June 11, 2009.

In addition to the bills reported on, the committee also considered Bill S-227, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act and the Excise Tax Act (tax relief for Nunavik). The committee held two meetings in relation to this bill, but had not completed its study at the time of the prorogation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

## B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Sixth	Budget Implementation Act, 2009: Parts 1-6, Parts 8-10 and Parts 13-15, and in particular those dealing with employment insurance	2009-06-11	22	Final report <i>The Budget Implementation Act, 2009</i>
Seventh	Bill C-18 (Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act)	2009-06-11	4	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Eighth	Main Estimates 2009-10	2009-06-11	45	Second interim report on 2009-10, Main Estimates
Ninth	Supplementary Estimates (A), 2009-2010	2009-06-16	11	Review
Tenth	Bill C-50 (Employment Insurance Act)	2009-11-05	3	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	Supplementary Estimates (B) 2009-10	2009-12-08	8	Review
Twelfth	Bill C-51 (Economic Recovery Act - stimulus)	2009-12-08	27	Bill reported with 2 amendments
Thirteenth	Bill C-62 (Excise Tax Act)	2009-12-14	8	Bill reported without amendment but with observations

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (cont'd)</b>				
Fourteenth	Bill C-56 (Employment Insurance Act)	2009-12-15	-	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-16	-	Expenses from the previous session
Second	Supplementary Estimates (C) 2009-10	2010-03-24	14	Review
Third	2010-2011 Estimates	2010-03-25	3	Review

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	44	75.9	-	183	12
2008-09	31	56.2	-	126	12
2007-08	35	64.3	-	129	15
2006-07	32	53.1	-	82	13
2005-06	28	50.0	27.0	77	12

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	\$6,384
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,384</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Irving Gerstein (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, Chaput, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Day, De Bané, P.C., Di Nino, Eggleton, P.C., Gerstein, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mitchell, Nancy Ruth, Neufeld, Prud'homme, P.C. and Ringuette

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Baker, P.C., Banks, Campbell, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., Dawson, Dickson, Downe, Fairbairn, P.C., Finley, Fox, Greene, Harb, Lang, MacDonald, Mahovlich, Martin, Merchant, Milne, Munson, Nolin, Oliver, Peterson, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., Stratton, Tkachuk and Wallin

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Guy Beaumier (Library of Parliament)  
Natalie Lemay-Paquette (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Irving Gerstein (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Day, Dickson, Eggleton, P.C., Finley, Gerstein, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Marshall, Murray, P.C., Neufeld, Poulin (Charette), Ringuette and Runciman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ogilvie, Nancy Ruth, Peterson, Plett and Raine

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Lydia Scratch and Sylvain Fleury (Library of Parliament)  
Natalie Lemay-Paquette (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

### A. General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence was created in early 2001.

After conducting an introductory survey of the major security and defence issues facing Canada, the committee concluded that there was an urgent need for a national security policy and this became the basis for subsequent orders of reference. Over time, the committee recognized four broad areas of study: the capabilities of the departments of National Defence and Public Safety Canada, the working relationships between various agencies involved in intelligence-gathering and analysis, the mechanisms to review the agencies involved in intelligence-gathering, and the security of borders and critical infrastructure.

During the past fiscal year, the committee considered a draft report related to its mandate. The draft report was not adopted prior to prorogation.

The committee also undertook seven fact-finding missions related to its mandate. In July 2009, the committee travelled to the Maritimes to visit CFB Halifax, CFB Greenwood and CFB Gagetown, as well as visiting the headquarters for Veterans Affairs Canada in Charlottetown, PEI. Later in July, smaller groups of committee members visited the land, sea and airport border crossings in Eastern Canada, Quebec and Ontario. In September 2009, additional committee members visited the land, sea and airport border crossings in Alberta and British Columbia. In November 2009, the committee visited military bases in Ontario, travelling to CFB Petawawa, CFB Trenton, CFB Borden, as well as visiting Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Third	The national security policy of Canada	2009-05-07	-	Budget
Fourth	The national security policy of Canada	2009-06-11	-	Supplementary Funds 2009-10
Fifth	Bill C-33 (War Veterans Allowance Act)	2009-06-17	2	Bill reported without amendment
Sixth	The national security policy of Canada	2009-10-08	-	Budget

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-16	-	Expenses from the previous session

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	23	55.5	161.5	28	5
2008-09	15	60.0	44.5	26	11
2007-08	18	68.7	114.0	71	7
2006-07	25	111.4	198.0	77	13
2005-06	24	100.8	119.2	82	8

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$233,151
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$5,081</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$238,232</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Colin Kenny (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pamela Wallin (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Banks, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Day, Kenny, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Manning, Meighen, Moore, Tkachuk, Wallin and Zimmer

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Carstairs, P.C., Comeau, Dallaire, Dawson, Downe, Fairbairn, P.C., Lang, Martin, Mitchell, Munson, Nolin and Stollery

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Allison Goody, Holly Porteous and Martin Auger (Library of Parliament)

Allison Button, Lucy, Laflamme, Chantal Laflamme and Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistants)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pamela Wallin (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Roméo Dallaire (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Banks, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Day, Lang, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Manning, Meighen, Nolin, Pépin, Wallin and Zimmer

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Patterson and Plett

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Holly Porteous and Martin Auger (Library of Parliament)

Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

## Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

### A. General Information

In the past session, the subcommittee had delegated to it from the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence, a mandate to study the services and benefits provided to members, veterans and families of the Canadian Forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to monitor commemorative activities undertaken on their behalf by Veterans Affairs Canada and to study the implementation of the New Veterans Charter.

During the past fiscal year, the subcommittee began a series of public hearings on the topic of the implementation of the New Veterans Charter. The subcommittee heard from numerous senior government officials, stakeholders and academics and gathered evidence geared towards eventually issuing an update-style report on the status of the Charter's implementation. At the time of prorogation, the subcommittee had not yet concluded its public hearings.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs' reports to the Standing Committee on National Security and Defence.

### C. Activities of the Subcommittee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses
2009-10	15	15.3	-	23
2008-09	6	6.7	36.0	15
2007-08	12	12.8	36.0	22
2006-07	8	8.4	6.9	22
2005-06	1	1.0	-	-

### D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	\$1,533
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,533</b>

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

**E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael Meighen (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Tommy Banks (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Banks, Day, Kenny, Meighen and Wallin

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Dallaire, Downe, Manning, Mitchell, Moore, Raine and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jim Cox (Library of Parliament)

Allison Button, Lucy Laflamme, Chantal Laflamme and Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistants)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 15, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Tommy Banks (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Fabian Manning (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Banks, Dallaire, Manning Meighen and Wallin

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators P  pin and Nolin

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jim Cox (Library of Parliament)

Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Official Languages

### A. **General Information**

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the committee continued consideration of Francophone culture in Canada, the use of official languages at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, and the implementation of Part VII of the *Official Languages Act*. It heard testimony from representatives of eleven federal departments and agencies, organizations representing Francophone and Anglophone communities, the Commissioner of Official Languages, and a former Supreme Court Justice. The committee wanted to learn more about the progress achieved, and recent initiatives to support the development of official language minority communities and the promotion of linguistic duality. During this fiscal year, the committee was also interested in other issues, such as minority language health services, implementation of the *Roadmap for Canada's Linguistic Duality* by targeted departments and agencies, and the Public Service Commission's management of second-language evaluation tests.

### B. **Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Second	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2009-06-02	-	Budget
Third	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2009-06-04	65	Interim report <i>Francophone Arts and Culture: Living Life to its Fullest in Minority Settings</i>
Fourth	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2009-09-15	31	Interim report <i>Reflecting Canada's Linguistic Duality at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games: A Golden Opportunity – Follow-up Report</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-16	-	Expenses from the previous session

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.



**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2009-10	21	37.3	11.0	70	4
2008-09	16	30.4	11.0	64	5
2007-08	18	25.2	-	40	6
2006-07	25	44.6	-	99	5
2005-06	6	15.7	40.7	7	2

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$795
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$795</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Maria Chaput (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Andrée Champagne, P.C. (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Champagne, P.C., Chaput, Comeau, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Fortin-Duplessis, Goldstein, Jaffer, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Losier-Cool, Mockler and Poulin

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Brazeau, Dawson, Duffy, Greene, Munson, Neufeld, Nolin, Pépin, Robichaud, P.C., Seidman and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Maria Chaput (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Andrée Champagne, P.C. (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Champagne, P.C., Chaput, De Bané, P.C., Fortin-Duplessis, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Losier-Cool, Mockler, Seidman and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Danielle Labonté

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

### A. General Information

In 1968, a Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders was established following a report by the Special Committee on the *Rules of the Senate*, which had been appointed to examine the Rules and to recommend improvements. This committee was replaced in June 1991 by the Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders, which assumed the function of examining the orders, customs and privileges of the Senate, a function previously performed by the Committee on Privileges which was a committee of all the senators present during the session. In September of 2001, the committee adopted its current name to better reflect its mandate and responsibilities.

In 2009-2010, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament submitted six substantive reports. Three reports of the committee recommended amendments to the *Rules of the Senate* on the following subjects: reinstatement of bills, questions of privilege, and conflict of interest for Senators. The committee also studied the rules and practices pertaining to the printing of the *Rules of the Senate* and the replacement of members on committees. In addition, the committee reported on a question of privilege that had been referred to it by the Senate.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Third	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2009-05-12	-	Questions of privilege
Fourth	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2009-05-13	1	Government's erroneous statement on its website "actionplan.gc.ca"
Fifth	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2009-05-27	-	Changes in the Rules to reflect the Conflict of Interest Code for Senators
Sixth	Committee substitutions	2009-10-08	2	Review
Seventh	Pursuant to Rule 86(1)(f)(i)	2009-10-27	-	Print updated versions of the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-16	-	Expenses from the previous session

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Fact-Finding Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2009-10	24	29.9	-	28	6
2008-09	9	11.6	-	10	3
2007-08	8	9.7	36.0	7	7
2006-07	10	11.4	-	12	3
2005-06	23	27.8	-	9	5

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	NIL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Donald Oliver (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Brown, Corbin, Cools, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Duffy, Fraser, Furey, Joyal, P.C., Keon, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Losier-Cool, McCoy, Nolin, Oliver, Robichaud, P.C. and Smith, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Carstairs, P.C., Champagne, P.C., Cordy, Harb, Kenny, MacDonald, Milne, Mockler, Tardif and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michel Bédard and Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Yolande Beaubien (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry Stratton (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Brown, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., Cools, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Duffy, Fraser, Furey, Joyal, P.C., Keon, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), McCoy, Ogilvie, Oliver, Smith, P.C., Stratton and Wallace

Committee Clerk:

Charles Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michel Bédard and Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Katy Treehuba (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee of Selection

### A. General Information

At the commencement of each session, a Committee of Selection is appointed to undertake two functions: the nomination of a Speaker *pro tempore* and the nomination of senators to serve on select committees.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Third	Rule 85(1)(b)	2009-09-30	-	The Honourable Senator Seidman added as a member of the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 85(1)(a) and 85(2)	2010-03-04	-	Nomination of the Honourable Senator Oliver as Speaker <i>pro tempore</i>
Second	Rule 85(1)(b)	2010-03-04	-	Nomination of senators to serve on the following committees

### C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	2	0.4	-	3
2008-09	3	0.5	-	3
2007-08	2	0.4	-	3
2006-07	5	0.8	-	5
2005-06	-	-	-	-

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures: NIL  
Witness Expenses: NIL

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry Stratton (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Brown, Carstairs, P.C., Cochrane, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Di Nino, Fairbairn, P.C., \*Hervieux-Payette, P.C. \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Munson, Robichaud, P.C. and Tkachuk

Other Senator who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senator Fraser

Committee Clerk:

Heather Lank

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 3, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Consiglio Di Nino (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators \*Cowan (or Tardif), Di Nino, Fortin-Duplessis, Fraser, Greene, \*Hervieux-Payette, P.C. \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Martin, Munson, Robichaud, P.C., and Stewart Olsen

Committee Clerk:

Heather Lank

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

### A. General Information

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament, the committee resumed and completed its special study on Early Learning & Child Care in Canada. In April 2009, after hearing testimony from childcare providers and advocates from Canada, officials from Human Resources and Social Development Canada and Canadian and international experts on human development, the committee tabled its final report entitled: *Early Childhood Education and Care : Next Steps*.

The committee also set out to examine and report on the accessibility of post-secondary education in Canada. This study was ongoing until the prorogation of Parliament.

In addition, five bills were referred to the committee: S-201, An Act to amend the Library and Archives of Canada Act (National Portrait Gallery); S-217, An Act respecting a National Philanthropy Day; C-6, An Act respecting the safety of consumer products; C-11, An Act to promote safety and security with respect to human pathogens and toxins; C-32, An Act to amend the Tobacco Act; and S-210, An Act respecting the World Autism Awareness Day.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Second	Bill C-17 (Beechwood Cemetery as the national cemetery of Canada)	2009-04-02	5	Bill reported without amendment
Third	Canada's Largest cities	2009-04-23	-	Budget
Fourth	Health of Canada's population	2009-04-23	-	Budget
Fifth	State of early learning and child care in Canada	2009-04-28	-	Final report <i>Early Childhood Education: Next Steps</i>
Sixth	Bill S-217 (National Philanthropy Day)	2009-05-14	1	Bill reported with 2 amendments
Seventh	Bill S-210 (World Autism Awareness Day)	2009-05-14	5	Bill reported without amendment
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (cont'd)</b>				

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.



Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	Health of Canada's population	2009-06-03	49	Final report <i>A Healthy, Productive Canada: A Determinant of Health Approach</i>
Ninth	Bill C-11 (Human pathogens and toxins)	2009-06-22	16	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Tenth	Bill C-32 (Tobacco Act)	2009-10-01	21	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	Canada's Largest cities	2009-11-26	-	Budget
Twelfth	Bill C-6 (Safety of consumer products)	2009-12-03	21	Bill reported with 17 amendments
Thirteenth	Canada's Largest cities	2009-12-08	51	Interim report <i>In from the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2010-03-18	-	Expenses from the previous session

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	27	44.5	-	89	13
2008-09	9	8.9	-	15	10
2007-08	27	47.5	-	102	16
2006-07	30	48.8	-	127	12
2005-06	41	105.9	11.2	256	6

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$14,251</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,251</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Joseph Keon (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, Champagne, P.C., Cook, Cordy, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dyck, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C., Fairbairn, P.C., Keon, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Martin, Pépin and Segal

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Brazeau, Cochrane, Corbin, Day, Dawson, Downe, Hubley, Grafstein, Lang, McCoy, Mercer, Merchant, Mitchell, Munson, Nolin, Ogilvie, Peterson, Raine, Rivard, Rompkey, P.C., Stewart Olsen and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Havi Echenberg and Daniel Thompson (Library of Parliament)  
Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Kelvin Kenneth Ogilvie (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, Champagne, P.C., Cordy, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Demers, Dyck, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C., Keon, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Martin, Merchant, Ogilvie and Seidman

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Mercer and Rivard

Committee Clerk:

Jessica Richardson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Havi Echenberg and Daniel Thompson (Library of Parliament)  
Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant)

## Subcommittee on Cities

### A. General Information

The subcommittee continued its study on the current social issues pertaining to Canada's largest cities. In order to fulfill its mandate, the subcommittee adopted a work plan that divided its review into four major building blocks. The first building block consisted of an examination of the capacity of Canada's major cities to cope with significant social challenges at a time when many responsibilities are being transferred to municipalities from senior levels of government. In December 2009, the subcommittee completed its study of the first building block and tabled its interim report entitled: *In from the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness* which made 74 recommendations to the federal government. This study was ongoing until the prorogation of Parliament.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

The Subcommittee on Cities reports to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology.

### C. Activities of the Subcommittee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses
2009-10	14	25.1	38.4	51
2008-09	17	36.5	8.9	91
2007-08	3	0.8		-
2006-07	2	1.6		6

### D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$81,701
Witness Expenses:	\$25,440
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107,141</b>

\* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

**E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Hugh Segal (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Cordy, Dyck, Eggleton, P.C., Martin and Segal

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Dawson, Keon, Lang, Merchant, Munson, Pépin and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Havi Echenberg (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Subcommittee not created.

## Subcommittee on Population Health

### A. General Information

During the Second Session of the Fortieth Parliament, the Subcommittee on Population Health completed its study on the impact of the multiple factors and conditions that contribute to the health of Canada's population. In June 2009, the committee tabled its final report entitled: *A Healthy, Productive Canada: A Determinant of Health Approach*. The committee made 22 recommendations and urged the government to take the lead to develop and implement a population health policy at the federal level.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

The Subcommittee on Population Health reports to the Standing Committee Social Affairs, Science and Technology.

### C. Activities of the Subcommittee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses
2009-10	3	3.1	-	3
2008-09	22	36.6	34.5	93
2007-08	18	29.7	62.9	58
2006-07	5	7.3	-	12

### D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$9,406
Witness Expenses:	\$3,784
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,190</b>

### E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Joseph Keon (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lucie Pépin (Liberal)

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

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

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, Champagne, P.C., Cook, Eaton, Fairbairn, P.C., Keon and Pépin

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Eggleton, P.C., Segal and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michael Toye and Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Subcommittee not created.

## Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

### **A. General Information**

During the Second Session of the Fortieth Parliament, the committee began a study on the wireless sector. Specifically, the committee's order of reference was to:

*Study emerging issues related to its communications mandate and to report on the wireless sector, including issues such as access to high-speed Internet, the supply of bandwidth, the nation-building role of wireless, the pace of the adoption of innovations, the financial aspects associated with possible changes to the sector, and Canada's development of the sector in comparison to the performance in other countries.*

Although the order of reference was in itself, quite broad, the committee focussed on six key areas:

1. Accessibility and Penetration;
2. Availability (hardware and applications);
3. Prices (voice and data), Terms of Contract and Extent of Competition;
4. Opportunities and Concerns;
5. International Dimensions; and
6. Role of Government.

In addition to hearing witnesses in Ottawa, the committee completed fact finding missions to the United Kingdom, France, Estonia and Belgium (both for the European Commission and the domestic Belgian market) to speak with those countries' experts in telecommunications.

In addition to its special study, the committee was referred several pieces of legislation including Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992 (reported with one amendment on May 7, 2009), Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act (reported without amendment on May 28, 2009), and Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Marine Liability Act and the Federal Courts Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (reported without amendment but with observations on June 18, 2009).

Other bills that were referred to the committee but which were not reported to the Chamber prior to prorogation include Bill S-220, An Act respecting commercial electronic messages and Bill C-27, An Act to promote the efficiency and adaptability of the Canadian economy by regulating certain activities that discourage reliance on electronic means of carrying out commercial activities, and to amend the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Act, the Competition Act, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act and the Telecommunications Act.

Finally, the committee considered a user fee amendment proposal from the Department of Public Works and Government Services concerning services relating to the Esquimalt Graving Dock, dated May 20, 2009, pursuant to the User Fees Act, S.C. 2004, c. 6, sbs. 4(2) (reported that it be approved on June 4, 2009).

**B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \***

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Second	Issues related to its communications mandate and to report on the wireless sector	2009-04-23	-	Budget
Third	Bill C-9 (Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992)	2009-05-07	4	Bill reported with one amendment
Fourth	Bill C-3 (Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act)	2009-05-28	5	Bill reported without amendment
Fifth	User Fees Amendment Proposal for services relating to the Esquimalt Graving Dock	2009-06-04	2	Review
Sixth	Bill C-7 ( Marine Liability Act)	2009-06-18	11	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2009-03-09	-	Expenses from the previous session

**C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010**

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	26	34.0	64.6	71	6
2008-09	8	8.3	-	9	4
2007-08	30	43.1	15.1	100	9
2006-07	35	51.6	7.0	88	8
2005-06	36	76.4	-	110	3

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures: \$163,798  
 Witness Expenses: 1,969

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.



**TOTAL** **\$165,767**

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lise Bacon (Liberal) (until August 25, 2009)

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Liberal) (from September 16, 2009)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Janis G. Johnson (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Adams, Bacon, Cochrane, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dawson, Eyton, Fox, P.C., Housakos, Johnson, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mercer, Merchant, Wallace and Zimmer

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Banks, Campbell, Cordy, Frum, Goldstein, Grafstein, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Hubley, Jaffer, Manning, Meighen, Mockler, Munson, Pépin, Plett, Prud'homme, P.C., Rivard, Rompkey, P.C., Seidman and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Vanessa Moss-Norbury

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Terrence Thomas, (Library of Parliament)

Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Cochrane, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Dawson, Fox, P.C., Frum, Housakos, Johnson, \*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), MacDonald, Martin, Mercer, Merchant, Plett and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Terrence Thomas, (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament

### A. General Information

Subject to the approval of its first report to the Senate, the Joint Committee recommends that it be authorized to assist the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons in directing and controlling the Library of Parliament, and that it be authorized to make recommendations to the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons regarding the governance of the Library and the proper expenditure of moneys voted by Parliament for the purchase of books, maps or other articles to be deposited therein.

In 2009-2010, the committee reviewed issues involved in implementing the services of the Parliamentary Budget Officer within the Library of Parliament. The study is ongoing.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Second	Parliament Vote 10 of the Estimates 2009-2010	2009-05-13	-	Review
Third	Permanent	2009-06-16	-	Interim report <i>Report on the Operations of the PBO within the Library of Parliament</i>
Fourth	Parliament Vote 10 of Supplementary Estimates (B) 2009- 2010	2009-11-25	-	Review

### C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	12	18.7	24	3
2008-09	5	5.8	6	1
2007-08	3	1.7	2	1
2006-07	2	0.2	-	1
2005-06	3	1.7	3	1

### D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010

(For more details see Part III of this report)

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

Budget Expenditures:	\$2,316
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,316</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sharon Carstairs, P.C., (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Carstairs, P.C., Greene, Jaffer and Stratton

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Lapointe, Mercer and Munson

Joint Committee Clerk:

Denis Robert

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Élise Hurtubise-Loranger and François Côté (Library of Parliament)

Sylvie Simard (Administrative Assistant)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Downe

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

The Honourable Senators Downe, Greene, Lapointe, MacDonald and Stratton.

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Housakos

Joint Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Élise Hurtubise-Loranger and François Côté (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

## Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations

### A. General Information

The joint committee's mandate is defined by the *Statutory Instruments Act*, which authorizes it to review and scrutinize certain statutory instruments made after January 1, 1972. In addition to its statutory order of reference, the Senate and the House of Commons have, since 1980, renewed an order of reference at the beginning of each session authorizing the joint committee to study the means by which Parliament can better oversee and control the government regulatory process. Taken together, the statutory and sessional references of the committee provide it with a broad jurisdiction to enquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

In the fiscal year from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, 14 meetings were held. While the committee rarely calls witnesses, it felt it necessary to do so this year. Michael Presley, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs Sector of the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, testified before the committee in May 2009.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Second	Section 19 of the <i>Statutory Instruments Act</i> , R.S.C. 1985, c. S-22,	2009-04-23	-	<i>Indian Act</i>
Third	Section 19 of the <i>Statutory Instruments Act</i> , R.S.C. 1985, c. S-22,	2009-06-18	-	<i>Broadcasting Licence Fees Regulations, 1997</i>
Fourth	Section 19 of the <i>Statutory Instruments Act</i> , R.S.C. 1985, c. S-22,	2009-10-28	-	Report <i>Australia – New Zealand Scrutiny of Legislation Conference, July 2009</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Section 19 of the <i>Statutory Instruments Act</i> , R.S.C. 1985, c. S-22,	2010-03-25	-	Expenses from the previous session

### C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>No. of Meeting Hours</b>	<b>No. of Witnesses</b>	<b>No. of Reports</b>
2009-10	11	15.0	1	4
2008-09	10	12.1	3	3
2007-08	12	14.9	4	2
2006-07	12	16.4	10	5
2005-06	9	10.9	5	1

**D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	\$14,512
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,512</b>

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator John Trevor Eyton (Conservative) (until July 12, 2009)  
The Honourable Senator John D. Wallace (from October 8, 2009)

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

The Honourable Senators Bryden, Cook, Dickson, Eyton, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Moore and Wallace

Joint Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee:

The Honourable Senator Harb, Ogilvie and P  pin

Administrative Support:

Peter Bernhardt (Library of Parliament)  
Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant) (until September 2009)  
Lyne H  roux (Administrative Assistant) (from October 2009)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament (March 4, 2010)**

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Yonah Martin

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

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, \* Dickson, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Martin, Moore, Poirier and Wallace

Joint Committee Clerk:

Marcy Zlotnick

Administrative Support:

Peter Bernhardt (Library of Parliament)

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

## Special Senate Committee on Aging

### A. General Information

During the Second Session of the Fortieth Parliament, the committee completed its broad mandate to review a wide range of complex issues to determine if Canada was providing the right programs and services at the right time to the seniors who needed them.

In April 2009, the committee tabled its final report entitled: *Canada's Aging Population: Seizing the Opportunity* which set out a comprehensive vision for government, organizations and individuals to embrace the challenges of an aging population.

### B. Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010 \*

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
Third	The implications of an Aging society in Canada	2009-04-21	-	Final report <i>Canada's Aging Population: Seizing the Opportunity</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament</b>				
First	Rule 104	2009-03-09	-	Expenses from the previous session

### C. Activities of the Committee:

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2009-10	-	-	-	1
2008-09	23	47.7	130	3
2007-08	14	30.5	79	4
2006-07	9	17.9	43	2

### D. Expenditures For Fiscal Year 2009-2010

(For more details see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures:	NIL
Witness Expenses:	NIL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NIL</b>

\* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2009-2010) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2009-2010, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2006-2010) 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 2009-2010.

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

(\* Indicates ex officio members)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Sharon Carstairs, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Joseph Keon (Conservative)

Original Members agreed to by Motion of the Senate:

The Honourable Senators Carstairs, P.C., Chaput, Cools, Cordy, \*Cowan (or Tardif), Keon,  
\*LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mercer and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Julie Cool (Library of Parliament)

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)



## Part III – Committee Expenditures

### Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2009-2010

Senate committees may apply for a budget, for example to engage the services of counsel and clerical help and to travel if so authorized by the Senate. Certain expenditures such as videoconferencing and travel expenses for witnesses are charged to a centralized budget. The budget process is described in the *Senate Administrative Rules (Chapter 3:06)*.

#### Meetings and Expenditures, 2006-2010

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses Pursuant to Rule 104 (B)	Total Expenditures (A+B)
2009-10	514	\$1,332,551	\$223,920	<b>\$1,556,471</b>
2008-09	361	\$1,030,767	\$184,223	<b>\$1,214,990</b>
2007-08	444	\$1,520,093	\$202,874	<b>\$1,722,967</b>
2006-07	541	\$1,888,324	\$220,022	<b>\$2,108,346</b>
2005-06	396	\$2,044,549	\$193,765	<b>\$2,238,314</b>

#### Explanation of Standard Categories

The following table provides each committee's budget and actual expenditures, divided between General Expenses (for all expenses unrelated to specific committee trips), and each committee trip. Expenditures are further broken down into three standard categories:

- **Transportation and Communications** (including airfare, hotels, per diems, working meals and ground transportation)
- **Professional and Other Services** (including research assistance, expert advisors, reporting and transcribing services and hospitality)
- **All Other Expenditures** (including advertising, courier charges, rental of meeting rooms, reporting and interpretation equipment, and printing)

## Committee Budgets and Expenditures Report for 2009-2010

Name of Committee <i>Session 40-2</i>	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Transportation & Communication	Prof. Services	All Others	Total Expenditures
<b>Aboriginal Peoples</b>						
<b>Study on General Matters</b>						
<i>General Expenses</i>		6,050	-	-	-	-
<i>Conference: Toronto</i>		17,485	-	1,795	-	1,795
<i>Promotion of Reports</i>		84,576	-	-	-	-
<i>Manitoba</i>		138,575	49,387	7,910	15,716	73,013
<i>New-Brunswick</i>		96,967	12,337	-	700	13,037
<i>Alberta</i>		130,512	-	-	-	-
<i>British Columbia</i>		172,495	49,506	5,360	20,738	75,604
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>646,660</b>	<b>646,660</b>	<b>111,230</b>	<b>15,065</b>	<b>37,154</b>	<b>163,449</b>
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>						
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>3,850</b>	3,850	-	-	-	-
<b>Study on Forest Sector</b>	<b>315,590</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>General Expenses</i>		13,500	-	5,547	-	5,547
<i>Conferences</i>		9,760	-	-	-	-
<i>Prince George - Whitecourt</i>		105,500	-	-	-	-
<i>St-Leonard</i>		80,300	26,326	-	48	26,374
<i>Quebec City</i>		28,300	11,540	-	29	11,569
<i>Kapuskasing</i>		30,500	-	-	-	-
<i>Washington</i>		47,730	-	-	-	-
<b>Study on Agri-Food in Canada</b>	<b>16,210</b>		-	-	-	-
<i>General Expenses</i>		6,450	-	-	-	-
<i>Conferences</i>		9,760	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>335,650</b>	<b>335,650</b>	<b>37,866</b>	<b>5,547</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>43,491</b>
<b>Banking, Trade and Commerce</b>						
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>8,300</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		8,300	-	-	5,800	5,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>5,800</b>
<b>Conflict of Interest for Senators</b>						
<i>General Expenses</i>		50,000	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Name of Committee <i>Session 40-2</i>	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Transportation & Communication	Prof. Services	All Others	Total Expenditures
<b>Energy, Environment and Natural Resources</b>						
<b>Study on Emerging Issues</b>	<b>176,100</b>				-	-
<i>General Expenses</i>		61,250		42,631		42,631
<i>Conference: Copenhagen, Denmark</i>		19,850	15,977			15,977
<i>Washington</i>		95,000	48,706	-	258	48,965
<b>Study on Energy Sector</b>	<b>186,500</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		8,250	-	-	-	-
<i>Conference: Vancouver</i>		34,150	-	475	-	475
<i>Vancouver</i>		144,100	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>362,600</b>	<b>362,600</b>	<b>64,683</b>	<b>43,106</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>108,047</b>
<b>Fisheries and Oceans</b>						
<b>Study on Government Policy Framework</b>	<b>398,650</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		8,750	-	-	119	119
<i>Conferences</i>		20,000	-	-	-	-
<i>Western Arctic</i>		369,900	218,115	15,088	15,317	248,519
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>398,650</b>	<b>398,650</b>	<b>218,115</b>	<b>15,088</b>	<b>15,436</b>	<b>248,638</b>
<b>Foreign Affairs and International Trade</b>						
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>9,000</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		3,000	-	-	-	-
<i>Conferences</i>		6,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Study on General Issues</b>	<b>10,000</b>	10,000	-			-
<b>Study on China-India-Russia</b>	<b>405,140</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		3,000	-	-	-	-
<i>Conference: British-Columbia</i>		300	-	300	-	300
<i>Conference: London</i>		6,700	947	2,653	-	3,600
<i>Russia</i>		128,753	84,368	8,173	24	92,565
<i>China</i>		266,387	126,077	10,188	734	136,999
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>424,140</b>	<b>424,140</b>	<b>211,392</b>	<b>21,314</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>233,464</b>
<b>Human Rights</b>						
<b>Study on National &amp; International Obligation</b>	<b>223,750</b>					
<i>Africa</i>		223,750	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223,750</b>	<b>223,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Name of Committee <i>Session 40-2</i>	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Transportation & Communication	Prof. Services	All Others	Total Expenditures
<b>Legal and Constitutional Affairs</b>						
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>22,350</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		22,350	-	-	398	398
<b>Study on DNA Act</b>	<b>1,300</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		200	-	-	-	-
<i>Ottawa</i>		1,100	690	-	-	690
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,650</b>	<b>23,650</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>1,088</b>
<b>Library of Parliament (Joint)</b>			-			
<i>General Expenses</i>		8,850	-	2,289	27	2,316
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,850</b>	<b>8,850</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2,316</b>
<b>National Security and Defence</b>						
<b>Study of the National Security Policy</b>						
<i>General Expenses</i>		149,007	-	99,313	310	99,622
<i>Conference: Washington</i>		20,000	3,947	-	60	4,007
<i>Promotion of Reports</i>		38,560	35,441	-	78	35,518
<i>East Coast Military Bases</i>		84,550	34,940	869	1,017	36,826
<i>Ontario Military Bases</i>		52,050	14,726	880	-	15,606
<i>Border Crossings, British Columbia</i>		23,538	12,694	-	782	13,476
<i>Border Crossings, Alberta</i>		23,688	10,793	-	697	11,490
<i>Border Crossings, Ontario</i>		24,788	4,928	-	572	5,500
<i>Border Crossings, Quebec</i>		7,867	1,303	-	-	1,303
<i>Border Crossings, Maritimes</i>		20,688	9,264	-	432	9,696
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>444,736</b>	<b>444,736</b>	<b>128,035</b>	<b>101,062</b>	<b>3,947</b>	<b>233,044</b>
<b>Official Languages</b>						
<b>Study of the Official Languages Act</b>	<b>136,800</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		5,000	-	-	65	65
<i>Conferences</i>		20,000				-
<i>Conference: Ottawa</i>			-	400	-	400
<i>Conference: Gatineau</i>			-	330	-	330
<i>Anglo Minority</i>		111,800	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136,800</b>	<b>136,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>795</b>
<b>Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)</b>						
<i>General Expenses</i>		8,100	-	311	901	1,212
<i>Conference: Australia - New Zealand</i>		26,586	13,129	165	7	13,301
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,686</b>	<b>34,686</b>	<b>13,129</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>14,512</b>

Name of Committee <i>Session 40-2</i>	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Transportation & Communication	Prof. Services	All Others	Total Expenditures
<b>Social Affairs, Science and Technology</b>						
<b>Subcommittee on Cities</b>	<b>251,843</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		20,071	-	2,400	8,991	11,391
<i>Conference: Toronto</i>		5,000	1,177	1,175	49	2,401
<i>Conference: Calgary</i>		15,000	1,668	1,520	23	3,211
<b>Subcommittee on Cities</b>						
<i>Regina - Winnipeg</i>		46,612	15,958	-	48	16,007
<i>Calgary - Edmondon</i>		52,568	24,018	-	48	24,066
<i>Vancouver</i>		51,168	14,514	-	19	14,533
<i>Toronto</i>		30,712	4,571	-	-	4,571
<i>Montreal</i>		30,712	5,520	-	-	5,520
<b>Subcommittee on Population Health</b>	<b>21,500</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		21,500	-	9,406	-	9,406
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>273,343</b>	<b>273,343</b>	<b>67,427</b>	<b>14,501</b>	<b>9,178</b>	<b>91,106</b>
<b>Transport and Communications</b>						
<b>Legislation</b>	<b>10,000</b>					
<i>Conferences</i>		10,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Study on Wireless Sector</b>	<b>408,450</b>					
<i>General Expenses</i>		18,000	-	-	-	-
<i>London - Paris</i>		178,650	61,334	7,432	55	68,821
<i>Tallinn - Brussels</i>		211,800	94,378	447	153	94,978
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>418,450</b>	<b>418,450</b>	<b>155,711</b>	<b>7,879</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>163,798</b>
<b>TOTAL 40-2</b>	<b>3,790,265</b>	<b>3,790,265</b>	<b>1,008,279</b>	<b>227,057</b>	<b>74,214</b>	<b>1,309,549</b>

	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
Name of Committee <i>Session 40-3</i>	Total Budget	Budget	Transportation & Communication	Prof. Services	All Others	Total Expenditures
<b>Aboriginal Peoples</b>						
<b>Study on General Matters</b>		500	-	261	-	261
<i>General Expenses</i>						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>Energy, Environment and Natural Resources</b>						
<b>Study on Energy Sector</b>	<b>38,660</b>					
<i>Conference: Vancouver</i>		38,660	16,240	5,533	85	21,857
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,660</b>	<b>38,660</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>5,533</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>21,857</b>
<b>Legal and Constitutional Affairs</b>						
<b>Study on DNA Act</b>	<b>2,575</b>					
<i>Conference: Toronto</i>		2,575	884	-	-	884
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>884</b>
<b>TOTAL 40-3</b>	<b>41,735</b>	<b>41,735</b>	<b>17,124</b>	<b>5,793</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>23,002</b>
<b>Total 40-2 &amp; 40-3</b>	<b>3,832,000</b>	<b>3,832,000</b>	<b>1,025,403</b>	<b>232,850</b>	<b>74,298</b>	<b>1,332,551</b>

## Witness Expense Breakdown for 2009-2010

40-2 COMMITTEE ACTIVITY	TOTAL	AMOUNT
<b>Aboriginal Peoples</b>	<b>13,983</b>	
Legislation		9,236
Study on General Matters		4,747
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>40,780</b>	
Study on Canada's Forest Sector		40,780
Study on Present and Future State		
<b>Banking, Trade and Commerce</b>	<b>9,527</b>	
Legislation		8,194
Study on Credit & Debit Cards		1,333
<b>Energy, Environment and Natural Resources</b>	<b>23,228</b>	
Legislation		17,776
Study on Energy Sector		4,759
Study on Emerging Issues		693
<b>Fisheries and Oceans</b>	<b>13,434</b>	
Study on Policy Framework		13,434
<b>Foreign Affairs</b>	<b>3,959</b>	
Study on Export Development in Canada		802
Study on China-India-Russia		3,157
<b>Human Rights</b>	<b>13,626</b>	
Study on Sexual Exploitation of Children		7,003
Elements in Bill C10		1,816
Study of Rights Obligations		4,807
<b>Legal and Constitutional Affairs</b>	<b>39,745</b>	
Legislation		32,656
Study on Nunavut Act		1,250
Study on National Defence Act		698
Study on DNA Identification Act		5,141
<b>National Finance</b>	<b>6,384</b>	
Legislation		6,384
<b>National Security and Defence</b>	<b>1,213</b>	
Study of the National Security Policy		1,213
<b>Subcommittee on Veterans</b>	<b>1,533</b>	1,533
<b>Official Languages</b>	<b>588</b>	
Legislation		588
<b>Social Affairs, Science and Technology</b>	<b>12,991</b>	
Legislation		11,473
Study on Post Secondary High-School		1,518
<b>Subcommittee on Cities</b>	<b>25,440</b>	25,440
<b>Subcommittee on Population Health</b>	<b>3,784</b>	3,784
<b>Transport and Communications</b>	<b>1,969</b>	
Legislation		567
Study on the Wireless Sector		1,401
<b>TOTAL 40-2</b>	<b>212,184</b>	<b>212,184</b>

<b>40-3 COMMITTEE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b> Legislation	<b>819</b>	819
<b>Banking, Trade and Commerce</b> Legislation	<b>572</b>	572
<b>Foreign Affairs and International Trade</b> Legislation	<b>647</b>	647
<b>Legal and Constitutional Affairs</b> Legislation	<b>4,570</b>	4,570
<b>National Security and Defence</b> Legislation	<b>3,868</b>	3,868
<b>Social Affairs, Science and Technology</b> Legislation	<b>1,260</b>	1,260
<b>TOTAL 40-3</b>	<b>11,735</b>	<b>11,735</b>
<b>TOTAL 40-2 and 40-3</b>	<b>223,920</b>	<b>223,920</b>