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Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees



I am very pleased to present the 2005-2006 Annual Report of the Committees Directorate, describing the activities and expenditures of the Directorate and the many committees to which it provides administrative, procedural and other support.

Committee work is at the very heart of the Senate, and the high activity levels that characterize Senate committees continued during this fiscal year. Of particular note was that more Canadians appeared before Senate committees to give testimony than in each of the three previous fiscal years, despite the fact that there was a period of dissolution during which a federal election was held. Indeed, over 1,300 witnesses appeared before Senate committees in 2005-2006.

The 38th Parliament was dissolved on November 29, 2005, and the 39th Parliament opened on April 3, 2006. The fact that many activity indicators approached the five-year average demonstrates that when the Senate was in session, committees were extraordinarily active. Their work included not only meetings in Ottawa, but also public hearings across the country, as well as fact-finding visits within Canada and abroad. The Senate Committees Directorate provided the logistical and other support necessary for Senate committees to undertake 21 trips in 2005-2006, a number which significantly exceeds the average. These trips provided valuable evidence and information to be used in Senate committee reports, while giving Canadians across the country an opportunity to appear before a parliamentary committee in their own communities.

The Senate Committees Directorate is proud to provide the highest quality of support to these and all other aspects of committee work in order to help committees attain their objectives.

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 subject matters. The Committees Directorate serves those committees in matters of administration, parliamentary procedure and information relating to committee tasks and objectives. In the fulfillment of its mission, the Senate Committees Directorate is responsible for:

- providing superior service to all Senators serving on committees;
- performing duties in a courteous, professional and impartial manner;
- respecting the principle of confidentiality in working with Senators and in supporting committees;
- promoting the public image of the Senate in particular and of Parliament in general;
- observing the *Rules* and other directives of the Senate;
- developing human resources;
- encouraging 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 2005-2006, the Directorate provided support to 20 standing, special, and joint committees (and 1 subcommittee).*

<i>Committees Directorate</i>	
(32 person years 2005-2006) **	
<i>Operating Expenditures</i>	
Directorate:	\$1,924,180.26
Committees:	\$2,044,549.15
Witnesses:	\$193,765.64

Committee Activities

Committees account for much of the activity in the Senate. On average, over 50 bills are examined and 40 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, the number of members required for quorum, and the general area of study are set under Rule 86(1) of the *Rules of the Senate*. In 2005-2006, the Special Senate Committee on the Anti-terrorism Act was also active.

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal year since 2001.

* 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.

** In addition to these person years, employees of the Committees Directorate are assigned to the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate (6 person years), the Office of the Deputy Clerk (1 person year), and the Office of the Principal Clerk, Procedure (1 person year).

Activity Indicators	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03	2001-02	5 year average
Meetings	396	408	445	453	544	449.2
Reports	90	113	144	121	139	121.4
Hours in Committee	830.6	730.2	793.2	850.1	1,117.2	864.3
Witnesses	1,319	1,249	1,284	1,191	1,885	1,385.6
Bills	51	50	64	28	64	51.4
Fact-Finding Hours	355.6	143.5	223.9	226.0	341.5	258.1
Pre-Studies/ Subject matter	3	4	2	1	2	2.4
Special Studies Undertaken	38	49	55	57	38	47.4
Trips	21	11	9	13	25	15.8

The following table illustrates the various orders of reference received by Senate committees in the fiscal year 2005-2006.

Orders of Reference	No. of Meetings	% of Total Meetings	No. of Hours	% of Total Hours
Bills and Subject Matter of Bills	99	25.0	174.3	21.0
Special Studies	252	63.6	574.2	69.1
Permanent (Internal, Rules, Library, Selection, Scrutiny, Conflict of Interest)	45	11.4	82.1	9.9
Total	396	100	830.6	100

Legislation

The following table compares the number of bills referred to Senate committees since 2001.

Years	Bills	Total No. of Meetings	Total No. of Hours	Total No. of Witnesses
2005-06	51	99	174.3	338
2004-05	50	104	147.2	286
2003-04	64	100	198.1	480
2002-03	28	77	126.3	280
2001-02	64	154	283.7	753
Five-Year Average	51.4	106.8	186.2	427.4

Special Studies

The following table compares the number of special studies undertaken by Senate committees since 2001.

Years	Special Studies	Total No. of Meetings	Total No. of Hours	Total No. of Witnesses	Hours of Fact-Finding Missions
2005-06	38	252	574.2	950	348.6
2004-05	49	233	486.3	935	143.5
2003-04	55	268	490.2	763	223.9
2002-03	57	273	558.6	806	226.0
2001-02	38	270	633.6	1,000	341.5
Five-Year Average	47.4	259.2	548.6	890.8	256.7

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 by staying 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 verbatim 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 the involvement of Aboriginal communities and businesses in economic development activities in Canada, held public hearings in Prince George, Vancouver, Kelowna, British Columbia and Tsuu T'ina, Alberta, from October 24 to 28, 2005.

The **Special Senate Committee on the Anti-Terrorism Act**, for its review of the provisions and operation of the *Anti-terrorism Act*, conducted fact-finding missions in Washington, D.C. from September 19 to 22, 2005, and in London, United Kingdom, from November 8 to 10, 2005.

The **Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources**, for its study on issues related to energy, conducted a fact-finding mission to Paris, France, and Vienna, Austria, from September 5 to 10, 2005.



Members of the Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee meet with Ambassador Hall in Vienna



Members of the Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, with representatives of OPEC, Vienna

The **Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans**, for its study on the federal government's new and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans, conducted a fact-finding mission in British Columbia in October 2005 after having held public hearings in Vancouver, British Columbia, on October 24, 2005.



Members of the Fisheries and Oceans Committee, being greeted by Chief Keith Atleo on their arrival at Ahousat, British Columbia.

The **Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs**, for its study on the development and security challenges facing Africa, conducted a fact-finding mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, Nigeria and Ethiopia, from October 6 to 23, 2005. It also travelled to Washington, D.C., and New York City from November 8 to 11, 2005.



Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, at Goma Airport, Congo

The **Standing Committee on Human Rights**, for its study on Canada's international obligations in regards to the rights and freedoms of children, conducted a fact-finding mission in London and Edinburgh, United Kingdom, and Oslo, Norway, from October 7 to 15, 2005. The Committee also held public hearings in Fredericton, New Brunswick; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; St. John's, Newfoundland; and Halifax, Nova Scotia, from June 13 to 16, 2005.

The **Standing Committee on National Finance**, for its study on the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, conducted a fact-finding mission in London, United Kingdom, and Dublin, Ireland, from November 1 to 9, 2005.

The **Standing Committee on National Security and Defence**, for its study on Canadian security and military preparedness, conducted fact-finding missions in Washington, D.C., and New York from April 14 to 21, 2005, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from May 5 to 6, 2005, in London, United Kingdom; Brussels, Belgium; Kabul, Afghanistan; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from May 7 to 20, 2005; and in Toronto, Ontario, from October 25 to 26, 2005. The Committee also held public hearings in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from May 5 to 6, 2005.



Members of the National Security and Defence Committee, on a fact-finding mission in Toronto – Demonstrations by the Toronto Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) Team and the Toronto Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Response Team



Members of the National Security and Defence Committee, on a fact-finding mission to the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The Aircraft Carrier in the background is the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75).

The **Standing Committee on Official Languages**, for its study on the application of the *Official Languages Act*, conducted a fact-finding mission in Church Point, Île Madame, Chéticamp and Halifax, Nova Scotia, from September 19 to 23, 2005.

The **Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology**, for its study on issues concerning mental health and mental illness, conducted fact-finding missions in the Yukon and the North West Territories on June 3, 2005, in St. John's, Newfoundland, on June 14, 2005 and in Iqaluit, Nunavut, on October 17, 2005. The Committee also held public hearings in Halifax, Nova Scotia and Fredericton, New Brunswick from May 9 to 11, 2005, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Regina, Saskatchewan, Vancouver, British Columbia, Edmonton, Alberta and St. John's, Newfoundland, from May 31 to June 16, 2005, and in Montreal, Quebec, on June 21, 2005.

The **Standing Committee on Transport and Communications**, for its study on the current state of Canadian media industries, held public hearings in Halifax, Nova Scotia; Moncton, New Brunswick, and St. John's, Newfoundland, from April 18 to 22, 2005.

Parliamentary Internet

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the Parliamentary Internet site (www.parl.gc.ca) to ensure that it provides useful information and is user-friendly. We value the 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 *A Guide for Witnesses Appearing Before Senate Committees* are also posted.

The KIOSK system monitors, located at various entrances in the Senate precincts, also allow visitors to access information about Senate committees.

Contributions to Public Policy Development: Special Study Reports

The following list highlights the major 2005-2006 reports by Committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Agriculture and Forestry

- *Cattle Slaughter Capacity in Canada* (May 2005)

Banking, Trade and Commerce

- *Falling Behind: Answering the Wake-up Call - What Can be Done to Improve Canada's Productivity Performance?* (June 2005)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

- *Sustainable Development: It's Time to Walk the Talk* (June 2005)
- *Water in the West: Under Pressure* (November 2005)

Fisheries and Oceans

- *Canada's New and Evolving Policy Framework for Managing Fisheries and Oceans* (May 2005)

Human Rights

- *To Examine and Report Upon Key Legal Issues Relating to the Division of On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property* (May 2005)
- *Canadian Adherence to the American Convention on Human Rights: It is Time to Proceed* (May 2005)
- *Who's in Charge Here? Effective Implementation of Canada's International Obligations with Respect to the Rights of Children* (November 2005)

National Defence and Security

- *Borderline Insecure* (June 2005)
- *Wounded: Canada's Military and the Legacy of Neglect* (September 2005)

Official Languages

- *French-Language Education in a Minority Setting: A Continuum from Early Childhood to the Postsecondary Level* (June 2005)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology

- *A Proposal to Establish a Canadian Mental Health Commission* (November 2005)

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Cattle Slaughter Capacity in Canada

(Seventh Report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on May 19, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-548S)

Following the Committee's report entitled *The BSE Crisis – Lessons for the Future* (April 2004), the federal government announced in September 2004 a strategy to reposition the Canadian livestock industry. In accordance with the Committee's April 2004 recommendations, one of the goals of this strategy was to increase domestic slaughter capacity and reduce the Canadian beef industry's dependence on the U.S. packing infrastructure.

In this report, the Committee took a critical look at the tools the government put in place to reach this goal and made recommendations on a number of topics including: financial assistance and food inspection requirements for packing plant start-ups and expansions; development of a national inspection standard to facilitate inter-provincial trade; new food and feed safety regulations; traceability of meat products; and international market development and Canadian policy on beef imports.

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

Falling Behind: Answering the Wake-up Call - What Can be Done to Improve Canada's Productivity Performance?

(Fifteenth Report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on June 22, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-623S)

The committee's fifteenth report examined the rate of productivity growth in Canada relative to other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries and the extent to which the rate of productivity growth in this country is limiting economic growth.

In light of Canada's recent productivity performance, the report provided recommendations aimed at enhancing our productivity growth and international competitiveness, including: development of a "productivity prism" through which federal policies and programs are assessed to determine their impact on productivity; implementation of a comprehensive productivity-enhancing plan that addresses the corporate and personal income tax systems, foreign investment restrictions, access to financing, and international and internal trade; and the creation of a multi-stakeholder Forum on Productivity to measure productivity performance and assess the productivity effects of federal initiatives.

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

Sustainable Development: It's Time to Walk the Talk

(Eighth Report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on June 14, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-597S)

The report, entitled *"Sustainable Development: It's Time to Walk the Talk"* is the result of a study of promises made in Government of Canada throne speeches, audits by the Commissioner

of the Environment and Sustainable Development, and meetings with academics, environmentalists and senior government officials.

This report made five recommendations to move the Government on a determined path to sustainable development, including the establishment of a permanent Cabinet Committee on Sustainability and the Environment, as well as the creation of a clear Federal Sustainable Development Strategy.

Water in the West: Under Pressure

(Thirteenth Report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on November 24, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-921S)

This report is the result of 16 meetings with federal ministers, scientists, experts, academics and stakeholders from November 2004 to November 2005.

The report made five recommendations to the federal government, including ensuring: that all of Canada's major aquifers be mapped by 2010; that governments work together to develop a standard methodology for collecting and reporting water-related data; that funding be restored for longitudinal water studies; that the federal government bolster its support for the National Water Research Institute and the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration; and that the government create a National Water Council to identify and address key water issues that require Government of Canada attention.

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

Canada's New and Evolving Policy Framework for Managing Fisheries and Oceans

(Third Report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on May 19, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 3/37- 549S)

On May 19, 2005, the Committee tabled an interim report on its study of Canada's new and evolving policy framework for managing fisheries and oceans. The report reflected work by the Committee since it began this study in October 2004. During its study, the Committee heard from a wide range of witnesses, including government officials, diplomatic representatives, academics, fishers, and community leaders from both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The Committee was particularly interested in how changes in fisheries policy would affect coastal communities and their inhabitants.

Initially work focussed on ownership in the fisheries, in particular individual catch quotas in the form of "individual quotas" (IQs) and "individual transferable quotas" (ITQs) – a form of private ownership of fish stocks. Attention was also given to the use of "trust agreements" on the Atlantic Coast, and the Committee also heard about fisheries management regimes in other jurisdictions, such as those in New Zealand.

The Committee's interim report contained nine distinct recommendations.

A government response to the report was requested, pursuant to Rule 131, and this response was provided in late November 2005.

Standing Committee on Human Rights

***To Examine and Report Upon Key Legal Issues Relating
to the Division of On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property***
(Seventeenth report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on May 10, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-521S)

The Committee has been following the issue of on-reserve matrimonial real property since June 2003 and has released a series of interim reports bringing attention to the need for broad yet timely consultations and calling for concrete actions.

This seventeenth report was in response to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's response to the Committee's December 2004 report. The Committee was concerned that the Minister asked the House of Commons Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development to further examine this issue, which in the opinion of the Senate Committee had already been sufficiently analysed. The Senate Committee emphasized that action is required and expressed concern that no further delays should occur.

The Committee's mandate was extended to allow for the continued monitoring of developments on this subject.

***Canadian Adherence to the American Convention on Human Rights:
It is Time to Proceed***

(Eighteenth report (Interim) tabled in the Senate on May 17, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-531S)

In May 2003, the Committee published a report entitled "Enhancing Canada's Role in the OAS: Canadian Adherence to the American Convention on Human Rights." In this report, the Committee recommended that the Government of Canada take all necessary actions to ratify the American Convention on Human Rights with a view to achieving ratification by July 28, 2008.

Because Canada has still not ratified the Convention, the Committee produced this report to update information concerning the Inter-American system for the protection of human rights and to recommend action. This report stands as a call for action, recommending that the Government of Canada establish a clear timeframe for the consultations between the federal, provincial and territorial governments, that this timeframe be made public, and that the consultations and discussions concerning ratification of the *American Convention on Human Rights* be expanded so as to include representatives of the Canadian public and Canadian human rights organizations.

***Who's in Charge Here? Effective Implementation of Canada's
International Obligations with Respect to the Rights of Children***

(Nineteenth Report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on November 3, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-869S)

The Committee undertook a study to understand the impact of international children's rights instruments on Canadian law. One of its primary aims was to look at the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child* and examine whether Canadian policy and legislation reflect the provisions of international human rights instruments, and whether this country is in compliance with its international obligations. After discussing the history of the Convention and children's rights in

Canada, this interim report explains how international human rights treaties operate in Canada through domestic law. In Chapter 4, the Committee describes and discusses problems with domestic implementation of the *Convention on the Rights of the Child* based on evidence gathered during months of hearings, both in Canada and abroad.

Emerging from these discussions, the Committee's key recommendations were that the federal government consider itself obliged to comply fully with the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, and work with the provinces, territories, Parliamentarians, and interested stakeholders to establish a more effective means of negotiating, incorporating and implementing its international human rights obligations. The Committee also recommended that ratification of any international human rights instruments be accompanied by enabling legislation in which the federal government considers itself legally bound by its international human rights commitments. In terms of practical steps to ensure that there is full respect for Canada's rights and obligations in relation to children, the Committee recommended that an independent Children's Commissioner be established to monitor implementation of the Convention and protection of children's rights in Canada. An interdepartmental implementation working group for children's rights should also be established to coordinate activities, policies, and laws on children's rights issues.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

Borderline Insecure

(Eighth Report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on June 14, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-599S)

In June 2005, the Committee published an assessment of vulnerabilities at Canada's land border crossings. The Committee acknowledged that while a number of measures have been taken in the more than three and a half years since 9/11, there remains an unsettling lack of progress on both sides of the border to improve efficiency and strengthen security at land border crossings. Beyond the obvious need for upgrades to infrastructure and systems, the Committee believes that the only way to twin good security with good commerce is to change the culture at border crossings.

This report looks at the big picture of land border crossings -- how we must adjust our priorities to make them do what we need them to do -- and further examines the human challenges of border personnel, training, and equipment. Finally, it looks at operations, infrastructure challenges at Windsor-Detroit, and future directions for Committee studies. The report contains a series of 26 recommendations, each with explanations of how and why the Committee came to the conclusions that fostered the recommendations.

Wounded: Canada's Military and the Legacy of Neglect

(Fourteenth Report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on September 28, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-759S)

In September 2005, the Committee published a report measuring the current capacity of Canada's armed forces against their role to protect Canadians and act in Canada's national interests at home and abroad. This first in a series of three reports documents in detail a large number of themes that, taken together, undermine the capabilities and the effectiveness of Canada's armed forces. While the Committee acknowledges that Canada has a first-class professional fighting force, it also offers insights into the weaknesses that chronic underfunding

has brought to the Canadian Forces. Cuts to defence spending have resulted in long-term vulnerabilities that limit the ability of Canada's armed forces to defend Canada's sovereignty and advance its vital interests outside its borders.

This first report provides a basis for greater understanding of the crisis facing the Canadian Forces. A second report will put forward a list of proposed solutions to the vulnerabilities, and a third and final report will take a look into the future and determine how Canadians can best shape their military to pursue our nation's interests in the decades to come.

Standing Committee on Official Languages

***French-Language Education in a Minority Setting:
A Continuum from Early Childhood to the Postsecondary Level***
(Sixth Report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate on June 14, 2005;
Sessional Paper No. 1/38-598S)

On June 14, 2005, the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages tabled an interim report pertaining to French-language education in a minority setting. It outlines the issues raised by more than fifty witnesses who appeared before the Committee from the fall of 2003 to the spring of 2005. This report was adopted by the Senate on July 18, 2005.

The testimony gathered during this study highlights the tremendous challenges for French-language education in a minority setting, in spite of the guaranteed recognition of language rights provided in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the *Official Languages Act*. The findings and issues are part of a process of reflection that is consistent with that of the federal government's Action Plan for Official Languages, which states that the federal policy on official languages needs to be improved.

The report concludes that as education is the institution with the greatest impact on the transmission of language and culture, Francophone communities in a minority setting should be able to take control of this institution from early childhood to the post-secondary level. Once this objective has been achieved, a large step will have been made toward genuine linguistic duality, a fundamental value of Canadian society that is founded on the equal status of both official-language communities.

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

A Proposal to Establish a Canadian Mental Health Commission
(Sixteenth report, (Interim) tabled in the Senate November 24, 2005;
Sessional Paper No 1/37-920S)

The report stresses the importance of the establishment of a Canadian Mental Health Commission. The Committee feels that the entire complex, pervasive problem of mental illness and addiction in Canadian society has been neglected for many years. The Canadian Mental Health Commission would provide a much needed national (*not federal*) focal point that would keep mental health issues in the mainstream of public policy debates in Canada until effective solutions are developed and implemented.

The report presents all the Committee's suggestions for the implementation of the Commission:

- The guiding principles of the Commission
- Mission and mandate of the Commission
- Method of operation of the Commission
- Activities of the Commission
- Composition of the Board of the Commission
- Staff of the Commission
- Funding for the Commission

The report was tabled on November 24, 2005, following the announcement by the Minister of Health of the previous government of the establishment of a Canadian Mental Health Commission. The new government has not confirmed the establishment of the Commission.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2005 -2006

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

A. General Information

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples was created in 1990, following a motion presented by the Honourable Len Marchand, an Aboriginal Senator from British Columbia. Prior to its creation, the Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology considered bills that affected Aboriginal peoples. In fiscal year 2005-2006, the Committee continued its special study on the involvement of Aboriginal communities and businesses in economic activities in Canada. The Committee held 15 meetings and heard 92 witnesses on this topic, including those at the end of October 2005, while the Committee held public hearings in Prince George, Vancouver and Kelowna (British Columbia), and on Tsuu T'ina land, near Calgary (Alberta).

On the legislative front, the Committee examined and reported two bills to the Senate, without amendment:

- Bill C-54, First Nations Oil and Gas and Moneys Management Act; and
- Bill C-56, Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act.

On February 22, 2005, the Committee received an order of reference from the Senate to study the subject matter of Bill S-16, An Act providing for the Crown's recognition of self-governing First Nations of Canada. In 2005-2006, the Committee held 5 meetings and heard 16 witnesses in this regard but was unable to present a report before the end of the session.

Finally, on May 11, 2005, the Minister of State (Northern Development) appeared before the Committee to answer questions raised by the detailed government response requested by the Senate on November 3, 2004, to the report *Urban Aboriginal Youth: An Action Plan for Change*, adopted in the previous session.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	The involvement of Aboriginal communities and businesses in economic development activities in Canada	2005-04-14	-	Budget
Sixth	Bill C-56 (Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the Tax Treatment Agreement)	2005-05-21	6	Bill reported without amendment
Seventh	Bill C-54 (Provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation)	2005-11-24	9	Bill reported without amendment

* In the individual committee profiles:

- Chart B (Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2005-2006, even if their appearance was in a previous fiscal year.
- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006) 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 2005-2006.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	25	49.5	-	132	3
2004-05	19	26.5	29.4	64	5
2003-04	20	35.7	-	60	5
2002-03	30	54.8	7.7	94	3
2001-02	22	30.6	-	46	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$108,337.69
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$30,225.20</u>
TOTAL	\$138,562.89

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Nick G. Sibbeston (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

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

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

The Honourable Senators Angus, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Buchanan, P.C., Christensen, Fitzpatrick, Gustafson, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Léger, Mercer, Pearson, Sibbeston, St. Germain, P.C., Trenholme Counsell, and Watt

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Adams, Campbell, Champagne, P.C., Dyck, Gill, Lovelace Nicholas, Nancy Ruth, Peterson, Tardif, and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Gaétane Lemay

Research and Administrative Support:

Lisa L. Patterson (Library of Parliament), Mary Hurley (Library of Parliament), Frédéric Beauregard-Tellier (Library of Parliament), and Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

A. General Information

The main order of reference of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry dealt with the present state and future of agriculture and forestry in Canada. In recent years, agriculture has had to face many unexpected events that put this part of the economy and society in jeopardy: the potato wart in Prince-Edward Island in 2001, the 2001 drought across Canada, and more recently the BSE crisis. This order of reference has allowed the Committee to hear witnesses when such an unexpected event occurs and when it is important for the Senate to have a grasp of the issue so that it can be part of the solution.

In 2005, the closing of the U.S. border to Canadian live cattle and the need to process Canadian livestock in Canada was a question of survival for this industry. The government had clearly stated its goal to increase the Canadian packing capacity. The Committee reviewed the government's policies and programs pertaining to this goal as well as their implementation. It published a report in May 2005 entitled *Cattle Slaughter Capacity in Canada*, which was well received by the industry.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Present state and the future of agriculture and forestry in Canada	2005-04-19	-	Budget
Sixth	Bill C-40 (Canada Grain Act and the Canada Transportation Act)	2005-05-18	4	Bill reported without amendment
Seventh	Present state and the future of agriculture and forestry in Canada	2005-05-19	14	Interim report entitled <i>Cattle Slaughter Capacity in Canada</i>
Eighth	Bill S-38 (Commitments by Canada regarding spirit drinks of foreign countries)	2005-06-23	9	Bill reported with three amendments

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006) 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 2005-2006.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	10	12.4	-	27	4
2004-05	23	37.1	29.5	66	5
2003-04	26	46.8	-	70	7
2002-03	28	63.8	20.5	96	4
2001-02	37	76.1	88.0	118	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$3,079.00
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$2,024.19</u>
TOTAL	\$5,103.19

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joyce Fairbairn, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leonard J. Gustafson (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Callbeck, Fairbairn, P.C., Gustafson, Harb, Hubley, Kelleher, P.C., *Kinsella (or Stratton), Mahovlich, Mercer, Oliver, Ringuette, Sparrow, and Tkachuk

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Chaput, Gill, Kinsella, Lynch-Staunton, Mitchell, Peterson, Robichaud, P.C., Segal, and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Line Gravel

Research and Administrative Support:

Frédéric Forge (Library of Parliament), Marc Leblanc (Library of Parliament) and Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce

A. General Information

During this fiscal year, the Committee continued its extensive examination of consumer issues arising in the financial services sector. The Committee had completed its hearings and was in the process of considering its report when the federal election was called.

As part of its enquiry into the present state of the financial system, the Governor of the Bank of Canada, David Dodge, appeared before the Committee on two occasions – in April and October – to discuss the Bank's monetary policy. The Committee also held hearings in September on the status of income trusts in Canada.

Using an innovative approach for gathering expert testimony, the Committee held two roundtable discussions during this fiscal year. The purpose of these roundtables was to study particular topics within a limited period of time in order to be able to provide timely reports on issues having a bearing on the Canadian economy. The first roundtable dealt with Canada's productivity and competitiveness. The Committee's report, which was well-received by stakeholders, made recommendations regarding the changes that are needed to enhance our country's productivity performance, which has significant implications for the standard of living of Canadians. The subject of the second roundtable was demographic change in Canada. During its hearings, the Committee heard thought-provoking evidence on the demographic changes that will affect Canadians in the next few decades and how, as a society, we should respond. The Committee was in the process of considering its report when Parliament was dissolved.

In addition to its special studies, the Committee examined several pieces of legislation. During this fiscal year, the Committee reviewed and heard testimony on:

- Bill S-25, An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada;
- Bill S-19, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (criminal interest rate);
- Bill C-55, An Act to establish the Wage Earner Protection Program Act, to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts; and
- Bill C-259, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (elimination of excise tax on jewellery).

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	The domestic and international financial system	2005-04-20		Budget
Twelfth	Interprovincial barriers to trade	2005-04-20		Budget
Thirteenth	Productivity	2005-04-20		Budget
Fourteenth	Bill S-25 (Incorporation of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada)	2005-05-05	2	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Fifteenth	Productivity	2005-06-22	10	Report entitled <i>Falling Behind: Answering the Wake-up Call - What Can be Done to Improve Canada's Productivity Performance?</i>
Sixteenth	Bill S-19 (Criminal Code - criminal interest rate)	2005-06-23	17	Bill reported with one amendment
Seventeenth	Bill C-55 (Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act)	2005-11-24	6	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Eighteenth	Bill C-259 (Elimination of excise tax on jewellery)	2005-11-25	4	Bill reported without amendment

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006) 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 2005-2006.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	27	55.5	-	107	11
2004-05	29	44.6	-	107	8
2003-04	30	60.4	17.5	111	10
2002-03	37	76.3	12.2	128	14
2001-02	32	57.1	-	167	12

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures: \$27,746.88

Witness Expenses: \$12,324.88**TOTAL \$40,071.76****E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jerahmiel S. Grafstein (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator W. David Angus (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Angus, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Biron, Fitzpatrick, Grafstein, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Kelleher, P.C., *Kinsella (or Stratton), Massicotte, Meighen, Moore, Plamondon, and Tkachuk

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Banks, Chaput, Comeau, Cowan, Di Nino, Eggleton, P.C., Goldstein, Gustafson, Kinsella, McCoy, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Oliver, Phalen, St. Germain, P.C., Ringuette, Rompkey, P.C., Segal, Stratton, Tardif, and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Gérald Lafrenière

Research and Administrative Support:

June Dewetering (Library of Parliament), Jean Dupuis (Library of Parliament), Sheena Starky (Library of Parliament), and Nicole Bédard (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Conflict of Interest for Senators

A. General Information

The Senate 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 most 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 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee, 2005-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	6	15.4	-	-	-

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$642.69
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$642.69

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee, 2001-2006) 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 2005-2006.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

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

Research and Administrative Support:

Jamie Roberston (Library of Parliament) and Denine Martin (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

A. General Information

During the last Parliament, this Committee examined the progress of the One-Tonne Challenge. The Committee heard testimony from more than 35 witnesses. The result of the Committee's examination was a report entitled *The One-Tonne Challenge: Let's Get On With It!* which included 15 recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the Government of Canada's campaign to encourage individual Canadians to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

The Committee issued three other reports, one entitled *Sustainable Development: It's Time to Walk the Talk*, which was the result of a study of promises made in Government of Canada throne speeches, audits by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, and meetings with academics, environmentalists and senior government officials. This report made five recommendations to move the Government on a determined path to sustainable development, including the establishment of a permanent Cabinet Committee on Sustainability and the Environment, which the Minister of Finance should chair.

Another report issued by the Committee during this session was entitled *Water in the West: Under Pressure*. This report was the result of 16 meetings with government ministers, scientists, experts, academics and stakeholders from November 2004 to November 2005. The report contained five recommendations to the federal government, namely, that the government ensure that all of Canada's major aquifers are mapped by 2010; that the different levels of government work together to develop a standard methodology for collecting and reporting water-related data; that funding be restored for long-term, longitudinal water studies; that the federal government bolster its support for the National Water Research Institute and the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration; and, that the government create a national Water Council to identify and address key water issues that require Government of Canada attention.

As a follow-up to the Committee's 2002 report entitled "The International Aspects of Nuclear Reactor Safety", the Committee went on a fact-finding mission to Paris and Vienna to review more recent developments in this area. The principal findings and observations of Committee members were outlined in a report tabled in the Senate in November 2005.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	Bill C-15 (Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994)	2005-05-17	42	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Eighth	Issues related to its mandate	2005-06-14	51	Interim report entitled <i>Sustainable Development: It's Time to Walk the Talk</i>
Ninth	Bill S-36 (Export and Import of Rough Diamonds Act)	2005-06-16	4	Bill reported without amendment
Tenth	Bill S-12 (Act concerning personal watercraft in navigable waters)	2005-06-29	9	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	Issues related to its mandate	2005-11-22	-	Fact finding mission to Paris and Vienna
Twelfth	Bill C-66 (Act to authorize payments to provide assistance in relation to energy costs, housing energy consumption and public transit infrastructure)	2005-11-24	8	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	Issues related to its mandate	2005-11-24	17	Interim report entitled <i>Water in the West: Under Pressure</i>

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	22	48.7	41.6	70	7
2004-05	31	47.0	14.2	82	7
2003-04	29	41.7	17.0	74	10
2002-03	30	46.8	16.9	80	9
2001-02	39	77.8	58.0	179	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures: \$122,926.01

Witness Expenses: \$5,081.98**TOTAL \$128,007.99****E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Tommy Banks (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, Angus, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Banks, Buchanan, P.C., Christensen, Cochrane, Finnerty, Gill, Gustafson, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Lavigne, Milne, and Spivak

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Bryden, Chaput, Cook, Cowan, Dawson, Di Nino, Fraser, Grafstein, Gustafson, Hubley, Kenny, Losier-Cool, Massicotte, McCoy, Mitchell, Moore, Nancy Ruth, Peterson, Rompkey, P.C., and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Research and Administrative Support:

Lynne Myers (Library of Parliament), Frédéric Beauregard-Tellier (Library of Parliament), Kae Schade (Administrative Assistant) (until July 2005), and Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2005)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

A. General Information

During the 2005-2006 fiscal year, the Committee continued its major study into the federal government's new and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans. In this work, the committee was particularly interested in the potential effects of policy changes on coastal communities and their inhabitants. The Committee heard from a wide range of witnesses during its hearings in Ottawa – including government officials, diplomatic representatives, fishers, industry representatives, representatives of First Nations, and community leaders. In May 2005, the Committee tabled an interim report in the Senate, which examined the information gathered to date and contained nine interim recommendations.

The committee continued its hearings after the tabling of the interim report, and in late October 2005 visited the Pacific coast. A day of public hearings in Vancouver was followed by several days of fact-finding work in the Vancouver area, Prince Rupert, Tofino, and Ahousat. The Committee had the opportunity to meet with a range of individuals and organizations, including First Nations, fishers, plant workers, sports fisheries associations, unions, mayors, environmental groups, and academics. Travel to the Atlantic coast was also planned, but did not take place because of the dissolution of Parliament.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Issues relating to the federal government's new and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2005-05-19		Budget
Third	Issues relating to the federal government's new and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2005-05-19	42	Interim Report entitled <i>Canada's New and Evolving Policy Framework for Managing Fisheries and Oceans</i>

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	15	27.7	16.0	42	2
2004-05	17	22.4	-	34	2
2003-04	26	42.4	-	51	8
2002-03	17	24.0	1.2	23	4
2001-02	22	37.7	21.0	57	4

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$80,859.80
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$18,588.56</u>
TOTAL	\$99,448.36

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Gerald J. Comeau (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Elizabeth Hubley (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Adams, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Bryden, Comeau, Cook, Fitzpatrick, Hubley, Johnson, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Mahovlich, Meighen, Phalen, St. Germain, P.C., and Watt

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators De Bané, P.C., Cowan, Day, McCoy, Merchant, Peterson, and Robichaud, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Till Heyde

Research and Administrative Support:

Claude Emery (Library of Parliament) and Mirella Agostini (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs

A. General Information

The Committee continued its special study on the development and security challenges facing Africa, and Canadian foreign policy as it relates to the continent. Among other witnesses, the Committee heard from the President of Mali as well as the Science and Technology Minister of Mozambique, and from people of all walks of life during its fact-finding missions to Africa, the U.N., as well as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. The dissolution of Parliament brought this study to a halt.

In June 2005, the Committee reported without amendment Bill S-37, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Cultural Property Export and Import Act. In November 2005, the Committee reported without amendment Bill C-25, An Act Governing the Operation of Remote Sensing Space Systems.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006 * (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourth	Development and security challenges facing Africa	2005-04-14	-	Budget
Fifth	Foreign relations generally	2005-04-14	-	Budget
Sixth	Bill S-37 (Cultural Property Export and Import Act)	2005-06-29	5	Bill reported without amendment
Seventh	International Policy Statement	2005-09-29	-	Budget
Eighth	Examine the development and security challenges facing Africa	2005-09-29	-	Budget
Ninth	Bill C-25 (Operation of remote sensing space systems)	2005-11-24	7	Bill reported without amendment

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	21	33.1	69.6	72	6
2004-05	21	30.0	-	80	4
2003-04	22	27.2	65.9	43	7
2002-03	28	47.4	-	83	5
2001-02	23	47.7	12.0	56	11

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$231,647.41
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$2,783.23</u>
TOTAL	\$234,430.64

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Peter A. Stollery (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Consiglio Di Nino (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Carney, P.C., Corbin, De Bané, P.C., Di Nino, Downe, Eyton, Grafstein, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Poy, Prud'homme, P.C., Robichaud, P.C., and Stollery

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Dyck, Eggleton, P.C., Gustafson, Jaffer, Johnson, LeBreton, P.C., Mahovlich, Merchant, Nancy Ruth, Peterson, Poulin, Segal, and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

Research and Administrative Support:

Peter Berg (Library of Parliament), Michael Holden (Library of Parliament) and Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Human Rights

A. General Information

On March 15, 2001, the Senate amended its *Rules* to establish the new Standing Committee on Human Rights. This Standing Committee was created to be a conduit between governments and non-governmental agencies concerned with human rights issues. Canada has ratified a number of international instruments designed to protect human rights, and it plays a leading role in promoting those instruments.

The Committee serves as a forum for monitoring the implementation of human rights policies and international laws in Canada. The Committee provides recommendations to government agencies and others to improve adherence to Canada's human rights obligations while ensuring parliamentary input. Other goals of the Committee include encouraging and managing dialogue for a proper balance between security and other human rights concerns post 9/11, as well as trying to ensure the equal treatment of minorities.

In May of 2005, the Committee released a report in response to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's response to the Committee's December 2004 report on the issue of on-reserve matrimonial real property, a subject the Committee has been following since 2003. Also in May 2005, the Committee published a report pertaining to Canada's adherence to the American Convention on Human Rights. The Committee's most extensive project, an interim report tabled in November 2005, focused on the domestic implementation of the *U/V Convention on the Rights and Freedoms of the Child*. A final report on this matter is planned for late 2006.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventeenth	Recommendations contained in the Committee's report entitled <i>A Hard Bed to lie in: Matrimonial Real Property on Reserve</i>	2005-05-10	7	Interim report
Eighteenth	Monitor issues relating to human rights	2005-05-17	2	Interim report entitled: <i>Canadian Adherence to the American Convention on Human Rights: It is Time to Proceed</i>
Nineteenth	Canada's international obligations in regards to the rights and freedoms of children	2005-11-03	94	Interim report entitled: <i>Who's in Charge Here? Effective Implementation of Canada's International Obligations with Respect to the Rights of Children</i>

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	18	38.9	41.0	101	3
2004-05	14	22.1	27.0	46	16
2003-04	14	27.8	32.0	35	9
2002-03	14	22.3	36.8	31	3
2001-02	13	29.8	-	32	2

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures: \$189,912.05

Witness Expenses: \$6,100.68**TOTAL \$196,012.73****E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Landon Carter Pearson, retired November 16, 2005 (Liberal)

The Honourable Senator Sharon Carstairs, P.C., elected November 21, 2005 (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Carstairs, P.C., Ferretti Barth, *Kinsella (or Stratton), LaPierre, LeBreton, P.C., Oliver, Pearson, Poulin, and Poy

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Christensen, Dallaire, Losier-Cool, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Pépin, and Stratton

Committee Clerk:

Line Gravel

Research and Administrative Support:

Laura Barnett (Library of Parliament) and Louise Archambeault (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

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 2005-2006 * (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	Rule 86 (g)	2005-04-14	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2005-2006
Ninth	Rule 86 (g)	2005-04-21	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2005-2006
Tenth	Rule 86 (g)	2005-05-05	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2005-2006
Eleventh	Rule 86 (g)	2005-07-20	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2005-2006
Twelfth	Rule 86 (g)	2005-09-29	-	Supplementary Estimates (A) for fiscal year 2005-2006
Thirteenth	Rule 86 (g)	2005-11-24	-	Funds be released for fiscal year 2005-2006

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006) 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 2005-2006.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	14	20.0	8	6
2004-05	15	18.4	2	8
2003-04	19	25.2	2	9
2002-03	19	27.6	7	13
2001-02	17	18.6	5	10

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures: \$1,655.72

Witness Expenses: \$NIL**TOTAL \$1,655.72****E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator George Furey (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Pierre Claude Nolin (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Banks, Cook, Day, De Bané, P.C., Di Nino, Furey, Jaffer, Kenny, Keon, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Lynch-Staunton, Massicotte, Nolin, Poulin, Robichaud, P.C., and Stratton

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senator Chaput, Comeau, Goldstein, Phalen, Prud'homme, P.C., Rompkey, P.C., and Smith, P.C.

Committee Clerk:

Paul C. Bélisle (Clerk of the Senate)

Recording Secretary:

Gary O'Brien

Administrative Support to the Internal Economy Secretariat:

Lucie Lavoie

Julie Côté

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

A. General Information

During this fiscal year, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee studied the following bills:

- Bill C-10, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (mental disorder) and to make consequential amendments to other acts
- Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the DNA Identification Act and the National Defence Act
- Bill S-21, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (protection of children)
- Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (protection of children and other vulnerable persons) and the Canada Evidence Act
- Bill C-38, An Act respecting certain aspects of legal capacity for marriage for civil purposes
- Bill S-39, An Act to amend the National Defence Act, the Criminal Code, the Sex Offender Information Registration Act and the Criminal Records Act
- Bill C-49, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in persons)
- Bill C-53, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (proceeds of crime) and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to make consequential amendments to another Act

The Committee was able to complete its study and report on all of these bills, with the exception of Bill S-21 and Bill S-39, both of which died at dissolution on November 29, 2005. In addition, in the 2005-06 fiscal year, the Committee presented its report on Bill S-11, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (lottery schemes), which the Committee had studied in the previous fiscal year. The Bill was adopted by the Senate with the amendments proposed by the Committee, and subsequently died in the House of Commons at dissolution.

The Committee also held meetings concerning the petitions tabled during the 3rd Session of the 37th Parliament, calling on the Senate to declare the City of Ottawa, Canada's capital, a bilingual city, but did not table a report.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Bill S-11 (An Act to amend the Criminal Code (lottery schemes))	2005-04-12	6	Bill reported with amendments
Seventh	Study on the inclusion of non-derogation clauses in legislation	2005-05-10	-	Budget
Eighth	Study on declaring Ottawa to be a bilingual city	2005-05-10	-	Budget
Ninth	Bill C-10 (An Act to amend the Criminal Code (mental disorder))	2005-05-12	24	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Tenth	Bill C-13 (DNA Identification Act and the National Defence Act)	2005-05-18	4	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	Bill C-2 (Criminal Code - protection of children and other vulnerable persons)	2005-07-18	19	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Twelfth	Bill C-38 (Certain aspects of legal capacity for marriage for civil purposes)	2005-07-18	33	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	Bill C-49 (Criminal Code - trafficking in persons)	2005-11-24	2	Bill reported without amendment
Fourteenth	Bill C-53 (Criminal Code - proceeds of crime)	2005-11-24	3	Bill reported without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	35	76.8	106	9
2004-05	29	35.2	51	10
2003-04	31	57.7	104	12
2002-03	31	61.5	107	6
2001-02	43	92.9	205	13

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D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$11,478.45
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$24,496.77</u>
TOTAL	\$35,975.22

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lise Bacon (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator J. Trevor Eyton (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Bacon, Cools, Eyton, Joyal, P.C., *Kinsella (or Stratton), Mercer, Milne, Nolin, Pearson, Ringuette, Rivest, and Sibbeston

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Austin, P.C., Baker, P.C., Banks, Bryden, Chaput, Dallaire, Downe, Gustafson, Hubley, Mitchell, Nancy Ruth, Prud'homme, P.C., St. Germain, P.C., Stratton, P.C., and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Research and Administrative Support:

Margaret Young (Library of Parliament) and Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

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 related 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 report of the Auditor General; and
- ii. government finance.

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

The Funding of Foundations

In May 2005, the committee presented its eleventh report, a second interim report on the Main Estimates 2005-2006 dealing with the funding of foundations. The report summarized the Committee's work on this issue between June 2002 and May 2005, during which the Committee held nine meetings and heard 17 witnesses. These hearings allowed the Committee to review thoroughly the April 2002 and the February 2005 reports of the Auditor General of Canada on the accountability of foundations. The Committee also examined the progress being made by the federal government in addressing the accounting and accountability concerns raised by foundations.

The Committee heard from the Auditor General, Ms. Sheila Fraser, on three different occasions. The Secretary of State for International Financial Institutions, the Comptroller General of Canada and officials from the Department of Finance and Industry Canada also appeared before the Committee. The Committee invited representatives from three different foundations to provide information about their operations and to express their views on the accountability issues raised by the Auditor General.

The Committee made seven recommendations with respect to the funding, audit, evaluation, reporting, and ministerial and parliamentary oversight of such foundations.

Officers of Parliament

In May 2005, the Committee presented its twelfth report, a third interim report on the Main Estimates 2005-2006 dealing with the Officers of Parliament. Over several meetings held between November 2004 and February 2005, the Committee discussed the expenditure plans of the Office of the Auditor General, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Office of the Privacy Commissioner, the Office of the Information Commissioner, and the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages. The Officers discussed their mandates, spending plans and challenges faced by their respective offices.

During its hearings, the Committee noted that the Officers of Parliament experienced difficulties with the way that their budgets are determined. Given that Officers of Parliament serve and report to Parliament, the Committee concluded that it would be appropriate for parliamentarians to be more actively involved in the preparation of the budget proposals that the Officers submit to Treasury Board. The Committee also noted inconsistencies in the appointment and removal

process for Officers of Parliament. As a result, the Committee recommended that parliamentarians be involved in the process of recruiting, approving and removing of Officers of Parliament.

Ministerial Accountability

As part of its examination of government spending in the context of greater accountability and transparency to Parliament, the Committee began a study on the issue of the accountability of ministers and deputy ministers. At the core of Canada's parliamentary system is the constitutional convention and practice of ministerial accountability. Ministers of the Crown are responsible and accountable to Parliament collectively, as part of Cabinet, and individually, as minister in charge of a department. This convention arises out of the democratic principle that only elected officials, and not the public servants who assist them, should be held accountable for the functioning of the government.

The Committee held five meetings with eight witnesses including a number of academics and former senior public servants. In November 2005, a delegation of Committee members traveled to Dublin, Ireland, and London, England, as part of a four day fact-finding mission to learn more about a method of accountability of senior public servants before Parliament for financial management, called the "accounting officer."

The Committee did not table a report on this study before the dissolution of Parliament in late November 2005.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	Bill C-8 (Financial Administration Act)	2005-04-14	2	Bill reported without amendment
Eighth	Bill C-30 (Parliament of Canada Act and the Salaries Act)	2005-04-21	3	Bill reported without amendment
Ninth	Bill C-33 (Provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 23, 2004)	2005-05-03	16	Bill reported without amendment
Tenth	Bill C-45 (Assistance and compensation to or in respect of Canadian Forces members and veterans)	2005-02-12	15	Bill reported without amendment
Eleventh	Main Estimates 2005-2006	2005-05-19	17	Report on Foundations
Twelfth	Main Estimates 2005-2006	2005-05-19	13	Report on Officers of Parliament
Thirteenth	Main Estimates 2005-2006	2005-06-09	-	Review
Fourteenth	Bill C-9 (Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec)	2005-06-16	3	Bill reported without amendment
Fifteenth	Bill C-43 (Budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005)	2005-06-28	4	Bill reported without amendment
Sixteenth	Bill C-48 (Minister of Finance to make certain payments)	2005-07-18	12	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Seventeenth	Supplementary Estimates (A) 2005-2006	2005-11-22	3	Review
Eighteenth	Bill C-11 (Disclosure of wrongdoings in the public sector)	2005-11-24	4	Bill reported with amendment

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	28	50.0	27.0	77	12
2004-05	26	43.8	-	68	8
2003-04	27	44.2	-	98	11
2002-03	21	33.1		52	10
2001-02	42	67.5	-	100	11

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$64,794.87
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$5,495.63</u>
TOTAL	\$70,290.50

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Donald H. Oliver (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Biron, Comeau, Cools, Day, Ferretti Barth, Finnerty, Harb, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Mahovlich, Murray, P.C., Oliver, Ringuette, and Stratton

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Austin, P.C., Banks, Bryden, Cowan, Downe, Eggleton, P.C., Forrestall, Kinsella, Losier-Cool, McCoy, Maheu, Mitchell, Nancy Ruth, Nolin, Rompkey, P.C., Segal, Smith, P.C., Tardif, Tkachuk, Trenholme Counsell, and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Catherine Piccinin

Research and Administrative Support:

Guy Beaumier (Library of Parliament), Odette Madore (Library of Parliament), Alex Smith (Library of Parliament) and Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

A. General Information

Created in early 2001, the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence has been at the forefront of studies on security, especially in response to the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States and the increased concern about national security throughout the world.

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. Four broad areas of study were included in the mandate: the capabilities of the Departments of National Defence and Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness; the working relationships between various agencies involved in intelligence gathering and analysis; the review mechanisms for the agencies involved in intelligence gathering; and the security of borders and critical infrastructure.

During the past year, the Committee has focused on two key projects:

- examining the vulnerabilities of Canada's land border crossings, resulting in the June 2005 report, *Borderline Insecure*; and,
- conducting a comprehensive review of Canadian defence policy, resulting in three reports, the first of which was released in September 2005, *Wounded – Canada's Military and the Legacy of Neglect*.

The Committee continues to be very active in the Senate, both in terms of number of reports as well as hours worked. During the past year, the Committee has travelled to military bases in all regions of Canada and has also visited military installations in the United States, Europe and Afghanistan. In addition, the Committee held 11 town hall meetings to hear the views of Canadians on the future of the Canadian Forces.

In November 2005, the Committee reported without amendment but with observations, Bill C-26, An Act to Establish the Canada Border Services Agency.

Since its creation, the Committee has tabled twelve substantive reports on various issues such as the strength of the Canadian Forces, airport security, emergency preparedness, border security, coastal defence and defence policy, as well as a thirteenth report assessing the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Ninth	The services and benefits provided to veterans	2005-06-14	-	Budget
Tenth	The need for a National Security Policy	2005-06-14	-	Fact-Finding trip to the U.S.
Eleventh	The need for a National Security Policy	2005-06-14	-	Fact-Finding trip to Europe
Twelfth	The need for a National Security Policy	2005-06-14	193	Interim Report entitled <i>Borderline Insecure</i>
Thirteenth	The need for a National Security Policy	2005-06-14	-	Fact-Finding trip to Afghanistan
Fourteenth	The need for a National Security Policy	2005-09-28	16	Interim Report entitled " <i>Wounded: Canada's Military and the Legacy of Neglect</i> ".
Fifteenth	Bill C-26 (Canada Border Services Agency)	2005-11-01	4	Bill reported without amendment but with observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	24	100.8	119.2	82	8
2004-05	49	159.5	12.8	217	7
2003-04	37	105.5	62.3	133	15
2002-03	38	126.3	123.5	109	9
2001-02	23	69.0	104.5	61	5

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D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$526,810.75
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$13,120.05</u>
TOTAL	\$539,930.80

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Colin Kenny (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael Forrestall (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Atkins, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Banks, Cordy, Day, Forrestall, Kenny, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Lynch-Staunton, Meighen, and Munson

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Chaput, Mercer and Nolin

Committee Clerks:

Jodi Turner and Barbara Reynolds.

Research and Administrative Support:

Steven James (Library of Parliament), Jim Cox (Library of Parliament), Liam Price (Library of Parliament), Alana Blouin (Administrative Assistant), and Lucy Laflamme (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs

A. General Information

During the last Parliament, the Subcommittee was given authority to continue its study on Veterans' Services and Benefits, Commemorative Activities and Veterans Charter. The Subcommittee began examining the issues of sustainability in commemorative activities undertaken by the Department of Veterans Affairs to keep alive for all Canadians, the memory of veterans' achievements and sacrifices. Under the same order of reference, the Subcommittee also focused on the services and benefits provided to veterans, with particular attention to: access to priority beds; availability of alternative housing and enhanced home care; standardization of services and monitoring and accreditation of long-term care facilities.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

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

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses
2005-06	1	1.0	-	-
2004-05	5	4.3	3.0	9
2003-04	11	11.1	-	19
2002-03	11	13.1	-	25
2001-02	8	12.1	1.0	30

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$237.00
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$237.00

* In the individual committee profiles:

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006) 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 2005-2006.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael A. Meighen (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Atkins, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Banks, Day, Forrestall, Kenny, *Kinsella (or Stratton), and Meighen

Subcommittee Clerk:

Keli Hogan

Research and Administrative Support:

Liam Price (Library of Parliament) and Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Official Languages

A. General Information

In October 2002, at the start of the 2nd Session of the 37th Parliament, the Senate dissociated itself from the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages and struck its own Standing Committee on Official Languages.

During fiscal year 2005-2006, the Committee examined a number of issues related to the application of the *Official Languages Act*. In particular, the committee tabled its report regarding French-language education in a minority setting, the result of a study undertaken in October 2003 and continued by the Committee in early 2005. The Senate adopted the report in July 2005 and requested a complete and detailed response from the Government.

The Committee also went on a fact-finding mission in Nova Scotia in September 2005, to find out about living in French in a minority setting. The Committee traveled more than 2,000 kms by bus to hold formal and informal meetings in Greenwood, Pointe-de-l'Église, Tusket, Halifax, Pomquet, Petit-de-Grat, Chéticamp and St-Joseph-du-Moine. More than 60 spokespersons and representatives from various organizations, media, government officials and schools were met and heard. The Committee was working on a report when Parliament was dissolved.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2005-04-21	-	Budget
Sixth	The application of the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2005-06-14	30	Interim Report entitled: <i>French-language Education in a Minority Setting: A Continuum from Early Childhood to the Postsecondary Level</i>

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- Chart C (Activities of the committee: A Four-Year Comparison, 2001-2006) 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 2005-2006.

C. Activities of the committee: A Four-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	6	15.7	40.7	7	2
2004-05	14	29.8	-	72	4
2003-04	22	44.5	-	95	9
2002-03	7	13.1	1.2	14	1

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures: \$35,554.12

Witness Expenses: \$2,044.44**TOTAL \$37,598.56****E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Eymard G. Corbin (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator John M. Buchanan, P.C. (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Chaput, Comeau, Corbin, Jaffer, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Lavigne, Léger, Merchant, Meighen, Murray, P.C., and St. Germain, P.C.

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Champagne, P.C., and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Gaëtane Lemay

Research and Administrative Support:

Andrée Tremblay (Library of Parliament), Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament) and Anita Vinette (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

A. General Information

In 1968, the Senate appointed a Special Committee on the *Rules of the Senate* to examine the *Rules* and to recommend improvements. In its Third Report, the Committee recommended the establishment of the Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders (Journals, October 31, 1968). This Committee was replaced in June 1991 by the Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders. It 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 2005-06, the Rules Committee submitted five substantive reports, the first of which concluded careful consideration of and a final draft of a Conflict of Interest Code for Senators, as required by legislation passed in the preceding Parliament. Other reports included a revision of the *Rules* to govern dispensing of clause-by-clause consideration of bills and another on the numbering of bills, both of which were adopted. The Committee introduced a new printed version of the *Rules of the Senate* to reflect changes made to them in the months previous and, finally, tabled a report in response to an order of reference regarding attendance at Committee meetings via teleconferencing and videoconferencing technology, stating that the Committee was not convinced that a change in the status quo was necessary at that time.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Rule 86(1)(f)	2005-05-11	-	Conflict of Interest Code
Fourth	<i>Rules of the Senate</i> be amended	2005-06-09	9	Clause-by-clause consideration of legislation
Fifth	Consideration of a new system of numbering for Senate bills	2005-06-29	13	Establishing a new system of numbering for Senate bills
Sixth	Revision of the October 2004 edition of the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>	2005-10-17	-	Updated version dated October 2005
Seventh	Rule 96(7)	2005-11-22	153	Participation of Senators by telephone or videoconference during meetings of select committees

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	22	27.8	9	5
2004-05	20	30.8	1	2
2003-04	41	64.7	49	8
2002-03	30	36.3	16	10
2001-02	37	65.6	10	10

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$6,697.21
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$2,250.28</u>
TOTAL	\$8,947.49

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

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

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator John Lynch-Staunton (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Chaput, Cools, Di Nino, Fraser, Furey, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., *Kinsella (or Stratton), LeBreton, P.C., Lynch-Staunton, Maheu, Milne, Poulin, Robichaud, P.C., and Smith, P.C.

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Carstairs, P.C., Comeau, Corbin, Eggleton, P.C., Fitzpatrick, Hubley, Johnson, Lavigne, Losier-Cool, Merchant, Mitchell, Ringuette, Rompkey, P.C., Stratton, and Watt

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Research and Administrative Support:

Jamie Robertson (Library of Parliament), Margaret Young (Library of Parliament) and Denine Martin (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

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 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	-	-	-	-
2004-05	2	0.6	-	3
2003-04	2	0.2	-	3
2002-03	3	0.6	-	4
2001-02	1	0.1	-	-

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures: NIL

Witness Expenses: NIL

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E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Rose-Marie Losier-Cool (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marjory LeBreton, P.C. (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators *Austin, P.C (or Rompkey, P.C.), Bacon, Carstairs, P.C., Comeau, Fairbairn, P.C., LeBreton, P.C., Losier-Cool, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Rompkey, P.C., Stratton, and Tkachuk

Committee Clerk:

Heather Lank

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

A. General Information

In 2005-2006, the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology continued its study on mental health. The study, which began in 2002, arose from the Committee's landmark study on acute care in Canada, during which the Committee learned that one-fifth of all Canadians are affected by mental illnesses sometime in their life. The Committee believes changes to the system are long overdue. Canada is the only G8 nation not to have a national mental health strategy.

The first phase of the study was to gain information on the prevalence, economic burden, stigma and discrimination associated with mental health problems and mental illness in Canada, and was completed in November 2004 with the publications of three interim reports: *"Mental Health, Mental Illness and Addiction: Overview of Policies and Programs in Canada," "Mental Health Policies and Programs in Selected Countries,"* and *"Mental Health, Mental Illness and Addiction: Issues and Options in Canada."*

In its second and final phase, the Committee held extensive public hearings in all provinces and conducted fact-finding meetings in all territories. The purpose of the hearings was to gather information, comments and reactions to the "Issues and Options" document published earlier by the Committee.

It was difficult for the Committee to gather testimony and personal stories because of the delicate nature of the testimony, the stigmatization and the discrimination related to mental illness issues. In order to permit as many people as possible to participate in the study, the Committee took an innovative approach to information gathering. It held two wide-ranging online consultations on mental health, mental illness and addiction via the internet. These online consultations gave participants more flexibility, allowing them to fill in the questionnaire at will. The online consultation, a historical first for the Senate, allowed citizens in every region of the country to participate.

The first e-consultation involved posting a questionnaire on the Committee's Web site at the time the interim reports were released in November 2004. During the two months of consultations, the Committee received more than 500 responses. The responses were used to better understand the issues related to mental health and addiction, and the suggestions and recommendations may also serve when preparing the final report.

A second e-consultation was launched on the Committee's Web site in the spring of 2005. It was a more detailed workbook that allowed Canadians to give feedback both on the state of the mental health system and on some of the options for change.

The art from "Les Impatients," a gallery of art created by persons with mental illness, intended to raise awareness and demystify mental illness within our communities, was featured throughout the consultation Web site.

The questionnaire was available on Internet for seven weeks. Close to 800 responses were received. The responses may also be used for the final report.

The Committee was unable to table its final report because of the dissolution of Parliament.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	Bill C-12 (Spread of communicable diseases)	2005-04-12	-	Bill reported with two amendments
Twelfth	Bill C-23 (the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development)	2005-07-18	3	Bill reported without amendment
Thirteenth	Bill C-22 (Department of Social Development)	2005-07-18	4	Bill reported without amendment
Fourteenth	Bill S-40 (Hazardous Materials Information Review Act)	2005-09-29	7	Bill reported without amendment
Fifteenth	Bill C-28 (Food and Drugs Act)	2005-11-22	9	Bill reported without amendment
Sixteenth	Issues concerning mental health and mental illness	2005-11-24	227	Report entitled: <i>A proposal to Establish a Canadian Mental Health Commission</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	41	105.9	11.2	256	6
2004-05	29	52.5	-	120	12
2003-04	31	66.4	12.4	201	12
2002-03	36	75.6	-	129	10
2001-02	54	171.0	-	428	14

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D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$379,981.92
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$47,596.77</u>
TOTAL	\$427,578.69

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael Kirby (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wilbert Joseph Keon (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Callbeck, Cochrane, Cook, Cordy, Fairbairn, P.C., Gill, Johnson, Keon, *Kinsella (or Stratton), Kirby, LeBreton, P.C., Morin, and Pépin

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Adams, Champagne, P.C., Chaput, Cowan, Dyck, Mercer, Pearson, Segal, Robichaud, P.C., St. Germain, P.C., Stratton, and Tardif

Committee Clerk:

Josée Thérien

Research and Administrative Support:

Howard Chodos (Library of Parliament), Tim Riordan (Library of Parliament) and Louise Pronovost (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications

A. General Information

The Committee generally deals with issues relating to transport and communications that the Senate has authorized it to study. During the 2005-2006 fiscal year it continued its wide-ranging examination of the Canadian news media. In addition to holding meetings in Ottawa, the Committee completed the cross-country hearings begun the previous fiscal year, holding public meetings in St. John's, Halifax and the Moncton area.

In addition to its hearings on the Canadian news media, the Committee also dealt with three bills during this fiscal year: Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, the Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act and the Oceans Act; Bill S-31, An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a bridge over the St. Lawrence River and a bridge over the Beauharnois Canal for the purpose of completing Highway 30; and Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Telecommunications Act.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	Bill C-3 (The Canada Shipping Act)	2005-06-09	56	Bill reported without amendment but with observations
Eighth	Bill S-31 (Construction and maintenance of a bridge over the St. Lawrence River and a bridge over the Beauharnois Canal)	2005-06-16	9	Bill reported without amendment
Ninth	Bill C-37 (Telecommunications Act)	2005-11-22	20	Bill reported with two amendments and with observations

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C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	36	76.4	-	110	3
2004-05	40	84.3	13.1	174	8
2003-04	35	69.5	-	104	3
2002-03	23	26.8	-	42	5
2001-02	38	64.8	11.0	147	9

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$144,336.67
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$5,166.14</u>
TOTAL	\$149,502.81

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative)

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

The Honourable Senators *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Baker, P.C., Carney, P.C., Eyton, Fraser, Gill, Johnson, *Kinsella (or Stratton), LaPierre, Merchant, Munson, Phalen, Tkachuk, and Trenholme Counsell

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Adams, Biron, Champagne, P.C., Chaput, Cordy, Dawson, De Bané, P.C., Downe, Eggleton, P.C., Hubley, Fox, P.C., LeBreton, P.C., Mahovlich, Mercer, Milne, Moore, Nancy Ruth, Nolin, St. Germain, P.C., Tardif, Watt, and Zimmer

Committee Clerk:

Till Heyde

Research and Administrative Support:

Terrence Thomas (Library of Parliament), Allison Padova (Library of Parliament) and Mirella Agostini (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament

A. General Information

The Joint Committee's mandate is to assist the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons in directing the Library of Parliament and to make recommendations regarding the operation of the Library and the proper expenditure of monies voted by Parliament for the purchase of books, maps and other articles. The Library is also responsible for the guide program and tours of Parliament.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Certificate of nomination for the Parliamentary Librarian	2005-11-23	1	Approval of William Young as Parliamentary Librarian

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	3	1.7	3	1
2004-05	2	1.6	5	1
2003-04	10	9.1	24	3
2002-03	3	2.2	3	-
2001-02	3	2.2	-	1

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures: NIL

Witness Expenses: NIL

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006) 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 2005-2006.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Co-Chair:

The Honourable Senator Marilyn Trenholme Counsell (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Lapointe, LeBreton, P.C., Poy, Stratton, and Trenholme Counsell

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Cordy and Hubley

Joint Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Administrative Support:

Nicole Raymond (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

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 Committee's statutory and sessional references give it broad jurisdiction to enquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Review of Statutory Instruments	2005-05-05	-	Disallowance

C. Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	9	10.9	5	1
2004-05	9	10.3	4	2
2003-04	12	13.1	11	4
2002-03	10	15.6	15	3
2001-02	11	16.6	3	6

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$1,056.37
Witness Expenses:	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$1,056.37

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- Chart C (Activities of the Committee: A Five-Year Comparison, 2001-2006) 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 2005-2006.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator John G. Bryden (Liberal)

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

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Biron, Bryden, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Kelleher, P.C.,
Lynch-Staunton, Moore, and Nolin

Other Senator who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senator Kinsella

Joint Committee Clerk:

François Michaud

Administrative Support:

Monique Régimbald (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Special Senate Committee on the Anti-terrorism Act

A. General Information

In October 2001, in direct response to the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, and at the request of the United Nations, the Canadian government introduced Bill C-36, the *Anti-terrorism Act*. Given the urgency of the situation then, Parliament was asked to expedite its study of the legislation, and the bill received Royal Assent in December 2001.

However, concerns were expressed that it was difficult to thoroughly assess the potential impact of this legislation in such a short period of time. For that reason, it was agreed that, three years later, Parliament would be asked to examine the provisions of the Act and its impact on Canadians with the benefit of hindsight. On December 13, 2004, the Senate established the Special Senate Committee on the *Anti-terrorism Act* to fulfill its legislative obligations in that regard.

In the course of the 2005-06 fiscal year, the Special Committee held meetings with government ministers and officials, international and domestic experts on the threat environment, legal experts, those involved in enforcement and intelligence gathering, as well as representatives of community groups and of the families of victims. In addition, the Committee conducted fact-finding visits to Washington, D.C., and London, U.K.

In November 2005, the Committee concluded its hearings, but did not table a report before dissolution of the 38th Parliament on November 29, 2005.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2005-2006* (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Review of the provisions and operation of the <i>Anti-terrorism Act</i>	2005-09-29	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Two-Year Comparison, 2001-2006

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2005-06	33	62.4	30.0	105	1
2004-05	14	28.1	--	26	2

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D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

(For more details see Part III of this Report.)

Budget Expenditures:	\$97,565.40
Witness Expenses:	<u>\$16,467.14</u>
TOTAL	\$114,032.54

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joyce Fairbairn, P.C. (Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator John Lynch-Staunton (Conservative)

Original Members agreed to by Motion of the Senate:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, *Austin, P.C. (or Rompkey, P.C.), Day, Fairbairn, P.C., Fraser, Harb, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., *Kinsella (or Stratton), Kinsella, and Lynch-Staunton

Other Senators who participated in the work of the Committee:

The Honourable Senators Austin, P.C., Chaput, Christensen, Cools, Kelleher, P.C., LeBreton, P.C., Losier-Cool, Mitchell, Munson, Nolin, Prud'homme, P.C., Rompkey, P.C., Smith, P.C., Stratton, and Zimmer

Committee Clerks:

Heather Lank and Adam Thompson

Research and Administrative Support:

Benjamin Dolin (Library of Parliament), Jennifer Wispinski (Library of Parliament) and Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

* ex officio members

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditures Report (2005–2006)

(1st Session, 38th Parliament)

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, 2001-2005

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses Pursuant to Rule 104 (B)	Total Cost (A+B)
2005-06	396	\$2,044,549	\$193,765	\$2,238,314
2004-05	408	\$1,179,869	\$144,531	\$1,324,400
2003-04	445	\$874,098	\$269,262	\$1,143,360
2002-03	453	\$1,360,349	\$226,082	\$1,586,431
2001-02	544	\$1,777,802	\$346,998	\$2,124,800

Explanation of Standard Categories

The following table provides a detailed account of each committee's budget and actual expenditures according to three standard categories:

- **Committee Trips**
 - expenses when on travel status, such as hotels, airfare, interpretation, reporting, transcribing, meeting rooms and working meals
- **Professional Services**
 - research assistance, expert advisors, legal services and working meals in Ottawa
- **Miscellaneous**
 - courier services, books and periodicals

Detailed Committee Expenditures Report by Budget Category (2005–2006) (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

Name of Committee	Total Budget	Committee Trips	Prof. Services	Miscellaneous	Total Expenditures	% of Budget
Aboriginal Peoples Legislation	36,540.00	0	1,466.09	0	1,466.09	4%
Study on Economic Development Activities	385,230.00	104,226.93	2,639.28	5.39	106,871.60	28%
Agriculture and Forestry Legislation	4,700.00	0	0	65.00	65.00	1%
Study on the Future of Agriculture	15,000.00	0	3,014.00	0	3,014.00	20%
Anti-Terrorism (Special)	231,532.00	92,260.65	5,304.75	0	97,565.40	42%
Banking, Trade and Commerce Legislation	30,000.00	0	3,428.34	5,800.00	9,228.34	31%
Study on Consumer Issues	28,000.00	0	19,634.47	0	19,634.47	70%
Study on Demographics	6,000.00	0	939.50	0	939.50	16%
Study on Inter-provincial trade barriers	6,000.00	0	0	0	0	0%
Study on Productivity	6,000.00	0	5,835.20	0	5,835.20	97%
Study on Financial Systems	94,900.00	888.96	448.75	0	1,337.71	1%
Conflict of Interest for Senators	1,500.00	0	605.70	36.99	642.69	43%
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources Legislation	20,000.00	0	11,599.65	0	11,599.65	58%
Study on Emergency Issues	366,502.00	107,547.78	3,778.58	0	111,326.36	30%
Fisheries and Oceans Study on Government Policy framework	361,146.00	78,830.80	1,529.00	500.00	80,859.80	22%
Foreign Affairs Legislation	4,500.00	0	718.00	0	718.00	16%
Study on General Issues	51,750.00	17,853.37	0	0	17,853.37	34%
Study on International Policy Statements	5,500.00	0	0	0	0	0%
Study on Issues Relating to Africa	439,194.00	210,710.00	2,335.85	30.19	213,076.04	49%

Human Rights						
Study on Invitation to the Minister of Indian And Northern Affairs	2,800.00	0	0	0	0	0%
Study on Human Rights Obligations	13,138.00	0	3,167.72	17.23	3,184.95	24%
Study on Federal Public Service	2,800.00	0	0	0	0	0%
Study on Rights of Children	532,500.00	180,747.71	5,478.24	501.15	186,727.10	35%
Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration	3,000.00	241.72	1,414.00	0	1,655.72	55%
Legal and Constitutional Affairs						
Study on Declaring Ottawa to be a Bilingual City	9,000.00	0	0	0	0	0%
Legislation	72,320.00	0	10,877.95	600.50	11,478.45	16%
Study on the Inclusion of Non-derogation Clauses in Legislation	14,000.00	0	0	0	0	0%
National Finance						
Legislation	148,505.00	59,361.43	5,433.44	0	64,794.87	44%
National Security and Defence						
Study on National Security Policy	657,000.00	357,540.65	156,949.43	12,320.67	526,810.75	80%
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs						
Study on Services and Benefits	62,000.00	0	237.80	0	237.80	0%
Official Languages						
Legislation	18,700.00	0	0	0	0	0%
Study on Official Language Act	91,205.00	33,493.88	2,060.24	0	35,554.12	39%
Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	14,400.00	0	6,697.21	0	6,697.21	47%
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)	7,110.00	0	357.45	698.92	1,056.37	15%
Social Affairs, Science and Technology						
Legislation	8,000.00	0	4,751.33	0	4,751.33	59%
Study on Mental Health	814,500.00	332,512.37	42,362.46	355.76	375,230.59	46%
Transport and Communications						
Legislation	12,000.00	0	2,077.35	0	2,077.35	17%
Study on Canadian Media	345,400.00	82,633.24	59,570.22	55.86	142,259.32	41%
TOTAL 38-1 (2005-2006)	\$ 4,922,372	1,658,849.49	364,712	20,987.66	2,044,549.15	42%

Witness Expense Breakdown (2005–2006) (1st Session, 38th Parliament)

COMMITTEE - ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	
Legislation	9,488.24
Study on Involvement of Aboriginal Communities and Businesses in Economic Development Activities	20,736.96
Agriculture and Forestry	
Study on the Present State and the Future of Agriculture	2,024.19
Anti-terrorism Act - Special Committee	16,467.14
Banking, Trade and Commerce	
Study on Consumer Issues Arising in the Financial Services Sectors	3,201.06
Study on Demographics	4,092.98
Study on Productivity	3,524.68
Study on the Present State of the Domestic and International Financial System	1,505.86
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	
Legislation	954.46
Study on Emerging Issues	4,127.52
Fisheries and Oceans	
Study on Federal Government Policy Framework for Managing Canada's Fisheries and Oceans	18,588.56
Foreign Affairs	
Study on the Development and Security Challenges Facing Africa	2,783.23
Human Rights	
Study on the Rights and Freedoms of Children	6,100.68
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	
Legislation	24,496.77
National Finance	
Legislation	5,495.63
National Security and Defence	
Legislation	1,448.10
Study on the National Security Policy of Canada	11,671.95
Official Languages	
Study on the Official Language Act	2,044.44
Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	
Legislation	2,250.28
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	
Legislation	2,988.52
Study on Mental Health	44,608.25
Transport and Communications	
Legislation	2,423.69
Study on Canadian News Media	2,742.45
TOTAL 2005-2006 <small>(1st Session, 38th Parliament)</small>	193,765.64

