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INTRODUCTION

Each year, parliamentary committees undertake numerous studies based on the permanent or specific mandates given to them by the House of Commons. For instance, they study bills and may amend them before sending them back to the House of Commons. They are involved in the review of the government's spending by examining departmental estimates, reports on plans and priorities (departmental plans) and performance reports. They also participate in the review of Order in Council appointments by calling nominees to appear. Furthermore, committees may initiate their own studies on issues related to the subject areas of their mandates. In conducting these studies, committees will hear from witnesses and, in most cases, will present a report of their findings and recommendations back to the House of Commons. Given the number and scope of their studies, it is clear that committees play an essential role in the work of the House of Commons.

The [Liaison Committee](#), composed of the Chairs of all standing committees and the House Co-Chairs of standing joint committees, is empowered to deliberate on administrative matters relating to the standing committee system. Its main responsibility is to apportion funds to standing committees from the money allocated for that purpose by the Board of Internal Economy. To this end, a global envelope in the amount of \$4 million for the 2023–24 fiscal year, is available to committees for their activities.

The [Reports on Committee Activities and Expenditures](#), which are usually prepared three times per fiscal year by the Liaison Committee, present cumulative financial information on committees' expenditures and the work they are doing. When required, they also include information on special committees, which are normally funded by the Board of Internal Economy. They serve as essential reporting and accountability mechanisms, not only for activities, but also for the use of the resources at committees' disposal. By summarizing and consolidating statistics regarding the number of meetings, meeting hours, reports, briefs and witnesses for each committee, these reports, presented in a format intended to help readers better understand the work of committees, provide readers with a concise summary of committee mandates, activities and expenditures. Finally, they complement other reports and disclosure tools available to Canadians on the Board of Internal Economy [website](#).

Following the adoption by the House, in June 2023, of a number of permanent changes to the Standing Orders to allow committee members and witnesses to continue participating virtually in committee meetings (except for the member presiding over the meeting, typically the committee chair, who is required to be in person), a rigorous



process to onboard witnesses continues to be followed, to ensure that the audio quality of their interventions meets the standard required for simultaneous interpretation. More detail concerning participating by videoconference at committee meetings is available in Appendix A.

This report covers the period from April 1 to December 31, 2023. During this period, committees held a total of 926 meetings, heard from 3,592 witnesses, received 3,637 briefs and presented 149 reports to the House.

We hope this report provides helpful and concise information on the activities of committees, thus giving a better sense of their important work on behalf of Canadians.

For further information, please contact the Liaison Committee at LIAI@parl.gc.ca.

NOTE TO READER

This is the second report for the 2023–24 fiscal year. In this report, information about each committee’s activities and expenditures is presented through a combination of descriptive text and tables containing statistical and financial information. The report is prepared using an expenditure/cash basis of accounting. The section for each committee includes a short overview of committee activities, tables on committee expenditures, travel expenditures (if applicable) and statistical information on the number of committee meetings, witnesses, briefs and reports. This “Note to Reader” provides contextual information to assist the reader in interpreting the information in each table.

EXPENDITURES

The “Expenditures” table summarizes committee expenditures for the period from April 1 to December 31, 2023. Committee studies are listed in chronological order. Expenditures are broken down by “Witness Expenses,” “Videoconferences,” “Working Meals,” “Hospitality” and “Other.” “Other” may include expenditures such as reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses. The row “Operational Budget” contains expenditures for which no separate funding request was made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee. Differences in totals are due to rounding.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES

The “Travel Expenditures” table summarizes committee travel expenditures for the period from April 1 to December 31, 2023. Expenditures are broken down by “Transportation,” “Accommodation,” “Per Diems,” “Working Meals,” “Hospitality” and “Other.” “Other” may include expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses. This table is only included for committees that incurred travel expenses in the specified period. If a trip was cancelled, this is noted instead of dates of travel. Expenses for cancelled travel include only those expenses incurred prior to cancellation that could not be reimbursed. Differences in totals are due to rounding.

In relation to travel expenditures, following a decision of the Liaison Committee at its meeting of June 5, 2019, detailed travel expenditure reports are prepared and published consistent with the manner provided for in Bill C-58, An Act to amend the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act and to make consequential amendments to



other Acts. Bill C-58 received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019. Detailed travel expenditure reports, broken down by travel activity and by individual or group, when available, are found at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/TravelExpenditures>.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES, BRIEFS AND REPORTS

The “Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports” table contains information about committee meetings, witnesses, briefs and reports presented to the House for the period from April 1 to December 31, 2023. In addition to the total number of committee meetings in this period, the table identifies the number of committee meetings that were televised and the number of meetings that were webcast (audio or video of public meetings is available on an archival basis through the committees website), the number of meetings where videoconferencing technology was used to allow the committee to hear from witnesses appearing remotely and the number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery. The table also includes the number of briefs received by each committee. Briefs are written submissions from individuals and organizations that provide opinions, comments and recommendations on a subject being studied by a parliamentary committee. Statistics for the standing committee and, if applicable, each of its subcommittees, are presented in separate rows. In practice, most committees create a subcommittee on agenda and procedure, commonly referred to as a “steering committee,” to help them plan their work. The establishment of subcommittees is usually designed to relieve parliamentary committees of planning and administrative tasks or to address important issues relating to their mandate. Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House; they only present reports to their standing committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PRIVACY AND ETHICS (ETHI)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics studies matters related to the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and the Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying of Canada, and certain issues related to the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee continued to hear from witnesses as part of its study of foreign interference and threats to the integrity of democratic institutions, intellectual property and the Canadian state. The committee heard from additional witnesses as part of its study of the access to information and privacy system and then adopted its report on the topic. The committee's report, *The State of Canada's Access to Information System*, was presented to the House on June 20. The committee also studied the Main Estimates 2023–24.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held a briefing with the newly appointed Interim Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner. It also held briefings on the annual and other reports of the Information, Lobbying, Conflict of Interest and Ethics, and Privacy commissioners. Having finished hearing witnesses for its study of foreign interference and threats to the integrity of democratic institutions, intellectual property and the Canadian state, the committee adopted a report on the subject. This report was presented to the House on October 24. The committee also undertook a study of the use of social media platforms for data harvesting and unethical or illicit sharing of personal information with foreign entities, as well as a study on allegations related to governance and management of contributions by Sustainable Development Technology Canada.



Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

John Brassard (Chair), Hon. Mona Fortier (Vice-Chair), René Villemure (Vice-Chair), Parm Bains, Michael Barrett, Pam Damoff, Jacques Gourde, Matthew Green, Mike Kelloway, Iqra Khalid, Damien C. Kurek

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	1,645	0	0	1,645
Access to Information and Privacy System	1,183	0	723	0	0	1,905
Foreign Interference and Threats to the Integrity of Democratic Institutions, Intellectual Property and the Canadian State	2,877	144	1,421	0	0	4,443
Use of Social Media Platforms for Data Harvesting and Unethical or Illicit Sharing of Personal Information with Foreign Entities	2,032	0	398	0	0	2,431
Allegations Related to Governance and Management of Contributions by Sustainable Development Technologies Canada	0	0	337	0	0	337
Total	6,092	144	4,524	0	0	10,761

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (ETHI)	34	11	15	8	0	56h58m	72	4	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SETH)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h45m	0	0	0
Total	35	11	15	8	0	57h43m	72	4	3



STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD (AGRI)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food studies bills, government activities and expenditures, and issues related to Canada's agriculture and agri-food industry.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 15 meetings. The committee continued its study of the environmental contribution of agriculture. On April 18, the committee presented its eighth report, on global food insecurity, entitled *Feeding the World: Strengthening Canada's Capacity to Respond to Global Food Insecurity*. During this period, the committee also commenced a study of animal biosecurity preparedness. In addition, it studied the closure of the Olymel processing plant in Vallée-Jonction. The committee completed its study of food price inflation and presented its 10th report, entitled *Grocery Affordability: Examining Rising Food Costs in Canada*, on June 13. The committee also studied the Main Estimates 2023–24 and reported them back to the House on May 31. On June 21, it completed its study of Bill C-280, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (deemed trust—perishable fruits and vegetables).

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 18 meetings. The committee considered Bill C-280, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (deemed trust — perishable fruits and vegetables), and reported it to the House without amendment on September 20. The committee also considered Bill C-275, An Act to amend the Health of Animals Act (biosecurity on farms), and reported it to the House with amendments on October 18. In addition, the committee completed its study on the environmental contribution of agriculture and presented its 13th report, entitled *Stewards of the Land: Examining Canadian Agriculture's Environmental Contribution*, on November 6. During this period, the committee studied the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2023–24, and reported back to the House on December 7. The committee also continued and completed its study on animal biosecurity preparedness and presented its 15th report, entitled *Protecting Against Animal Biosecurity Risks: The State of Canada's Preparedness*, on December 11. In addition, the committee undertook and completed a study on electronic logging device requirements and animal transport and presented its 16th report, entitled *Striking a Balance: Electronic Logging Device Requirements Impacting Animal*

Transportation, on December 11. Finally, the committee undertook a study on efforts to stabilize food prices.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Kody Blois (Chair), John Barlow (Vice-Chair), Yves Perron (Vice-Chair), Ben Carr, Francis Drouin, Richard Lehoux, Tim Louis, Heath MacDonald, Alistair MacGregor, Lianne Rood, Warren Steinley, Leah Taylor Roy

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	733	0	0	733
Environmental Contribution of Agriculture	9,302	1,331	930	0	0	11,563
Food Price Inflation	305	1,168	53	0	0	1,526
Animal Biosecurity Preparedness	2,972	1,556	662	0	0	5,190
Closure of the Olymel Processing Plant in Vallée-Jonction	0	561	427	0	0	987
Main Estimates 2023–24: Vote 1 under Canadian Dairy Commission, Vote 1 under Canadian Grain Commission and Votes 1, 5 and 10 under Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food	0	0	246	0	0	246
Bill C-280, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act (deemed trust—perishable fruits and vegetables)	1,470	451	470	0	0	2,392



Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Bill C-275, An Act to amend the Health of Animals Act (biosecurity on farms)	2,926	0	526	0	0	3,452
Electronic Logging Device Requirements and Animal Transport	2,880	0	328	0	0	3,208
Total	19,856	5,066	4,376	0	0	29,298

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)"

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (AGRI)	33	10	13	16	0	61h57m	137	54	9
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SAGR)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h15m	0	0	0
Total	34	10	13	16	0	62h12m	137	54	9

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CANADIAN HERITAGE (CHPC)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage studies the policies and programs of the Department of Canadian Heritage and the organizations within the portfolio. These organizations are active in the fields of arts, culture, heritage and sports.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 16 meetings. The committee continued its study of safe sport in Canada and its study of the activities of Google in reaction to Bill C-18. The committee commenced its study of tech giants' current and ongoing use of intimidation and subversion tactics to evade regulation in Canada and across the world. The committee held one meeting for its study of report two of the Auditor General of Canada—*Connectivity in Rural and Remote Areas*. It also held a briefing session with the Minister of Canadian Heritage on his mandate letter. Lastly, the committee studied the Main Estimates 2023–24 and reported them back to the House on May 31.

During the period from September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 16 meetings. The committee continued its study of safe sport in Canada and its study of tech giants' current and ongoing use of intimidation and subversion tactics to evade regulation in Canada and across the world. The committee also considered Bill S-202, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Visual Artist Laureate), and reported it back to the House with amendments on November 3. Furthermore, the committee considered the Order in Council appointment of Jean-François Bélisle to the position of Director of the National Gallery of Canada, and the Order in Council appointment of Catherine Tait to the position of President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The committee then held a briefing session with the Chairperson of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, a briefing session with the Minister of Canadian Heritage on her mandate, and a briefing session with the Minister of Sport and Physical Activity. Finally, the committee presented its eighth report on December 12, entitled *Job Cuts Announced at CBC/Radio-Canada*.



Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. Hedy Fry (Chair), Kevin Waugh (Vice-Chair), Martin Champoux (Vice-Chair), Michael Coteau, Anju Dhillon, Anna Gainey, Marilyn Gladu, Lisa Hepfner, Peter Julian, Taleeb Noormohamed, Martin Shields, Rachael Thomas

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)"

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	2,309	0	0	2,309
Safe sport in Canada	28,823	8,311	2,764	0	0	39,898
Bill S-202, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Visual Artist Laureate)	0	0	284	0	0	284
Total	28,823	8,311	5,357	0	0	42,491

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

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Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (CHPC)	32	3	24	14	0	63h43m	100	19	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCHP)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1h13m	0	0	0
Total	33	3	24	14	0	64h56m	100	19	3



STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION (CIMM)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration studies matters related to immigration and citizenship. It has oversight of Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada and monitors federal multiculturalism policy.

Summary of Committee Activity

The committee met 15 times between April 1 and August 31, 2023. For two meetings, the committee continued hearing testimony for its study of the government's response to the final report of the Special Committee on Afghanistan. The committee held one further meeting on its study of conditions faced by asylum-seekers before presenting its 16th report to the House on May 16. Regarding its study of Bill S-245, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (granting citizenship to certain Canadians), the committee requested, and was granted, the power to expand the scope of the bill. On June 12, the committee reported the bill to the House with amendments. Finally, the committee undertook a study of the exploitation scheme targeting certain international students and heard from 16 witnesses across two meetings, including the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and officials from the Canada Border Services Agency.

The committee met 17 times between September 1 and December 31, 2023. Following the resignation of Salma Zahid as Chair of the committee on September 25, the committee elected Sukh Dhaliwal as its new Chair on September 26. The committee began consideration of a draft report for its study of application backlogs and processing times and, after several meetings, presented its 18th report to the House on December 14. The committee also held a briefing on priorities and objectives for the Department of Citizenship and Immigration with the newly appointed Minister. Furthermore, the committee resumed two studies – one on the exploitation scheme targeting certain international students, and another on conditions faced by asylum-seekers – to receive updates from government officials. After hearing final testimony for its study of the government's response to the final report of the Special Committee on Afghanistan, the committee decided to issue a letter to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship to convey its findings and recommendations. In addition, the committee began a study of closed work permits and temporary foreign workers and heard from several witnesses over five meetings. As the period drew to a close, the committee heard from the Minister and departmental officials on the subject matter of the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2023-24.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Sukh Dhaliwal (Chair), Brad Redekopp (Vice-Chair), Alexis Brunelle-Duceppe (Vice-Chair), Shafqat Ali, Paul Chiang, Fayçal El-Khoury, Arielle Kayabaga, Tom Kmiec, Jenny Kwan, Larry Maguire, Greg McLean, Salma Zahid

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)"

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	3,223	240	0	3,463
Bill S-245, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (granting citizenship to certain Canadians)	1,106	0	443	0	0	1,548
Exploitation Scheme Targeting Certain International Students	916	1,587	686	0	0	3,190
Application Backlogs and Processing Times	0	0	942	0	0	942
Government's Response to the Final Report of the Special Committee on Afghanistan	0	140	0	0	0	140
Closed Work Permits and Temporary Foreign Workers	3,372	0	598	0	0	3,970
Total	5,394	1,727	5,892	240	0	13,253



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)"

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (CMM)	32	1	22	5	0	68h14m	102	21	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCIM)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h36m	0	0	0
Total	33	1	22	5	0	68h50m	102	21	5

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ENVI)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development studies the programs and legislation of Environment and Climate Change Canada, Parks Canada and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, as well as reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee devoted three meetings to its study of the toxic leak of tailings ponds. The committee then resumed its study of clean technologies in Canada. The committee also completed its study of fossil fuel subsidies and presented its ninth report to the House on June 20.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee met 20 times. On September 21, Dan Mazier was elected Vice-Chair of the committee. In October and November, the committee held briefing sessions with the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development regarding his Spring and Fall 2023 reports. On October 30, the committee presented its 10th report, entitled *Support for Clean Technologies in Canada to Reduce Domestic and International Greenhouse Gas Emissions*. The committee also continued its study of the toxic leak of tailings ponds, hearing evidence from the Alberta Energy Regulator and Imperial Oil Ltd. Finally, the committee devoted 10 meetings to its study of freshwater.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Francis Scarpaleggia (Chair), Dan Mazier (Vice-Chair), Monique Pauzé (Vice-Chair), Shafqat Ali, Sophie Chatel, Laurel Collins, Gérard Deltell, Michael Kram, Branden Leslie, Lloyd Longfield, Leah Taylor Roy, Adam van Koeverden



Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	2,581	0	1,396	0	0	3,977
Fossil Fuel Subsidies	0	0	693	0	0	693
Clean Technologies in Canada	0	0	948	0	0	948
Toxic Leak of Tailing Ponds	13,542	468	752	0	0	14,762
Freshwater	558	0	0	0	0	558
Total	16,681	468	3,788	0	0	20,937

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Standing Committee (ENVI)	36	5	17	14	0	66h56m	139	22	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SENV)</i>	2	0	0	0	0	1h39m	0	0	0
Total	38	5	17	14	0	68h35m	139	22	2

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (FINA)

Mandate

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Finance is to study and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management and operation of selected federal departments and agencies, including the Department of Finance and the Canada Revenue Agency, and to conduct pre-budget consultations.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee considered Bill C-47, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 28, 2023, and reported it back to the House with amendments on May 31. The committee also studied the report of the Bank of Canada on monetary policy, hearing evidence from the Governor of the Bank of Canada and the Parliamentary Budget Officer. The committee continued its study of the current state of play on green finance, green investment, transition finance and transparency, standards and taxonomy, during which it held two additional meetings and heard from seven additional witnesses. Finally, the committee began a study on the impact of inflation and interest rates on mortgages in Canada, holding one meeting and hearing from the Department of Finance.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee continued its study of pre-budget consultations in advance of the 2024 budget. The committee held 16 meetings related to this study, including 10 meetings held at locations across Canada (Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Fredericton, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia; St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador; Quebec City, Quebec; Toronto, Ontario; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Edmonton, Alberta; and Vancouver, British Columbia). During this study, the committee heard from 176 witnesses and received 858 briefs. From mid-October to mid-November, the committee held five informal meetings on its study of the current state of fiscal federalism in Canada and met with various government officials. The committee also commenced its study of policy decisions and market forces that have led to increases in the cost of buying or renting a home in Canada, holding seven meetings and hearing from 41 witnesses. Furthermore, the committee met with the Governor of the Bank of Canada on the report of the Bank of Canada on monetary policy. The committee then considered Bill C-56, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Competition Act, and reported it back the House with amendments on November 30.



Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Peter Fonseca (Chair), Jasraj Singh Hallan (Vice-Chair), Gabriel Ste-Marie (Vice-Chair), Yvan Baker, Rachel Bendayan, Daniel Blaikie, Adam Chambers, Julie Dzerowicz, Philip Lawrence, Marty Morantz, Joanne Thompson, Patrick Weiler

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	1,277	26	4,442	0	0	5,745
Current state of play on green finance, green investment, transition finance and transparency, standards and taxonomy	0	344	215	0	0	559
Subject matter of Bill C-47, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 28, 2023	0	179	1,121	0	0	1,299
Bill C-47, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 28, 2023	1,070	1,136	1,121	0	0	3,327
Inflation in the Current Canadian Economy	0	7	0	0	0	7
Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2024 Budget	7,642	0	0	0	0	7,642
Total	9,989	1,691	6,899	0	0	18,579

Travel Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Travel Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name, Destinations and Date of Travel	Number of Members	Number of Staff	Transportation (\$)	Accommodation (\$)	Per Diems (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2024 Budget — Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Fredericton, New Brunswick; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador — October 9 to 13, 2023	11	9	33,439	10,411	6,611	3,110	3,662	53,223	110,456
Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2024 Budget — Quebec, Quebec; Toronto, Ontario, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Edmonton, Alberta; and Vancouver, British Columbia — November 12 to 17, 2023	16	9	7,634	7,455	10,628	168	1,566	56,865	84,315
Total	27	18	41,072	17,866	17,238	3,278	5,229	110,087	194,771



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.”](#)

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (FINA)	41	15	16	20	0	159h15m	586	1,731	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFIN)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	41	15	16	20	0	159h15m	586	1,731	4

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND OCEANS (FOPO)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans studies and reports on matters related to the federal role in the management of Canada's fisheries and the safeguarding of its waters.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 15 meetings. Five of these were dedicated to its study of ecosystem impacts and management of pinniped populations. On April 18, the committee presented its 10th report, *Protection and Coexistence of the North Atlantic Right Whale in Canada*. The committee also commenced two new studies, including one on foreign ownership and corporate concentration of fishing licenses and quota and another on the allocation of resources to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Lastly, on June 5, the committee heard from officials during a briefing on the measures taken by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in response to recommendations contained in Report 21 of the 42nd Parliament, entitled *West Coast Fisheries: Sharing Risks and Benefits*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 18 meetings. Six of these were dedicated to its study of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. On October 26, the committee heard from the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, and departmental officials, regarding the Minister's mandate letter and matters related to her department. During the period, the committee also presented three reports: on November 29, its 11th report, entitled *Restoring Full Accountability for Resources and Governance of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission*; and on December 13, its 12th and 13th reports entitled *Ecosystem Impacts and Management of Pinniped Populations* and *Foreign Ownership and Corporate Concentration of Fishing Licenses and Quota*. Lastly, on December 5, the committee heard from departmental officials on the study of the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2023-24.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Ken McDonald (Chair), Mel Arnold (Vice-Chair), Caroline Desbiens (Vice-Chair), Lisa Marie Barron, Richard Bragdon, Serge Cormier, Brendan Hanley, Ken Hardie, Mike Kelloway, Robert J. Morrissey, Rick Perkins, Clifford Small



Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)"

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	192	0	0	192
Ecosystem Impacts and Management of Pinniped Populations	27,466	3,176	1,654	0	0	32,296
Foreign Ownership and Corporation Concentration of Fishing Licenses and Quota	27,420	1,715	1,437	0	0	30,573
Briefing on Report 21 of the 42nd Parliament Entitled "West Coast Fisheries: Sharing Risks and Benefits"	0	0	238	0	0	238
Allocation of Resources to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission	1,481	312	558	0	0	2,351
Total	56,368	5,203	4,080	0	0	65,651

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.”](#)

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (FOPO)	33	1	20	16	0	58h36m	113	14	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFOP)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	33	1	20	16	0	58h36m	113	14	4



STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FAAE)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development studies matters related to international affairs, including Canada's foreign policy and development assistance. The government department under the committee's scrutiny is the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development.

Summary of Committee Activity

The committee met 15 times from April 1 to August 31, 2023. It completed its study of Bill C-281, An Act to amend the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Act, the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (Sergei Magnitsky Law), the Broadcasting Act and the Prohibiting Cluster Munitions Act, and reported the bill back to the House with amendments on May 4. The committee also continued its study of the situation at the Russia-Ukraine border and implications for peace and security and met with Egidijus Meilūnas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania. It also studied the Main Estimates 2023–24. The committee held a briefing with International Criminal Court prosecutor Karim Khan on May 4. The committee then studied Bill S-8, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, and reported it back to the House with amendments on May 31. The committee commenced its study of the destabilizing impacts of the Wagner Group and its study of Canada's sanctions regime. Lastly, on June 16, the Chair presented the committee's report on sexual and reproductive health and rights of women globally. The committee then held a press conference on the topic.

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights (SDIR) held six meetings from April 1 to August 31, 2023. The subcommittee continued its study of the Chinese government's residential boarding schools and preschools in the Tibet autonomous regions and all Tibetan autonomous prefectures and counties and presented its report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development on June 13. The subcommittee then met as part of its study of the current human rights situation in Nigeria and its study of rights and freedoms of women globally and of women in Afghanistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia. The subcommittee also held an event on June 9 to recognize international human rights champions. Lastly, the subcommittee commenced its study of the situation of the Hazaras in Afghanistan.

During the period of September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 18 meetings. On September 25, Michael D. Chong was elected Vice-Chair of the committee. The committee continued its study of Canada's sanctions regime, the study of the situation at the Russia-Ukraine border and implications for peace and security, as well as its study of security at the borders between Azerbaijan and Armenia. On October 16, the committee, together with the Subcommittee on International Human Rights, the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights and the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, hosted an informal meeting with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. On November 29, the committee also commenced a study of Canada's diplomatic capacity. Finally, during this period, the committee held one meeting to consider the subject matter of Supplementary Estimates (B), 2023-24, as well as two briefings with officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development on the situation in Israel and Gaza.

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights (SDIR) held nine meetings from September 1 to December 31, 2023. On September 26, Fayçal El-Khoury was elected Chair of the Subcommittee, and Garnett Genuis was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. The subcommittee then continued its study of the situation of the Hazaras in Afghanistan and held two meetings on this topic. In addition, the subcommittee held two informal meetings: the first with United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk on October 16, and the second with Vice-Chair of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights Robert McCorquodale on October 24. The subcommittee then initiated a study of the unlawful transfer of Ukrainian children to Russia and devoted three meetings to this study. The subcommittee also completed its study of the rights and freedoms of women globally and of women in Afghanistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia, presenting its report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development on November 8. Furthermore, on December 4, the subcommittee presented a report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development regarding the current human rights situation in Iran. Finally, the subcommittee commenced its study of international disability-inclusive education and allotted four meetings to this topic.



Membership of FAAE (as of December 31, 2023)

Ali Ehsassi (Chair), Hon. Michael D. Chong (Vice-Chair), Stéphane Bergeron (Vice-Chair), Ziad Abouttaif, Hon. Omar Alghabra, Sophie Chatel, Dave Epp, Hon. Hedy Fry, Randy Hoback, Heather McPherson, Hon. Robert Oliphant, Sameer Zuberi

Membership SDIR (as of December 31, 2023)

Fayçal El-Khoury (Chair), Garnett Genuis (Vice-Chair), Alexis Brunelle-Duceppe (Vice-Chair), Pam Damoff, Ali Ehsassi, Hon. Mike Lake, Heather McPherson, Anita Vandenbeld

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
FAAE—Operational Budget	1,795	870	558	0	0	3,224
Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women Globally	190	87	0	0	0	277
Bill C-281, An Act to amend the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Act, the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (Sergei Magnitsky Law), the Broadcasting Act and the Prohibiting Cluster Munitions Act	0	7	1,031	0	0	1,038
Main Estimates 2023–24	0	0	501	0	0	501
Bill S-8, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations	358	140	695	0	0	1,193
Canada’s Sanctions Regime	10,478	730	1,627	0	0	12,835

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES
APRIL 1, 2023—DECEMBER 31, 2023

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Situation at the Russia-Ukraine Border and Implications for Peace and Security	3,091	205	1,140	0	0	4,436
Security at the Borders Between Azerbaijan and Armenia	33	258	255	0	0	545
Briefing on the Situation in Israel and Gaza	0	0	284	0	0	284
SDIR—Operational Budget	1,295	1,250	125	0	0	2,670
SDIR—Rights and Freedoms of Women	0	0	134	0	0	134
SDIR—Recognition of International Human Rights Champions	0	0	125	0	0	125
SDIR—Chinese Government’s Residential Boarding Schools and Preschools in the Tibet Autonomous Regions and all Tibetan Autonomous Prefectures and Countries	3,418	105	268	0	0	3,791
SDIR—Current Human Rights Situation in Nigeria	200	54	134	0	0	389
SDIR - Situation of the Hazaras in Afghanistan	2,511	707	397	0	0	3,615
Total	23,369	4,412	7,276	0	0	35,058



Travel Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

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Study Name, Destinations and Date of Travel	Number of Members	Number of Staff	Transportation (\$)	Accommodation (\$)	Per Diems (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Situation at the Russia-Ukraine Border and Implications for Peace and Security — Brussels, Belgium; Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden; Warsaw, Poland — February 18 to March 2, 2023	7	3	20	0	17	0	0	0	37
Total	7	3	20	0	17	0	0	0	37

Note: Adjustment paid in Fiscal Year 2023–24.

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (FAAE)	33	8	20	19	0	61h30m	150	28	10
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFAA)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h26m	0	0	0
<i>Subcommittee on International Human Rights (SDIR)</i>	15	5	8	12	0	25h20m	67	7	0
Total	49	13	28	31	0	87h16m	217	35	10



STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATES (OGGO)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates studies the effectiveness and proper functioning of government operations, including the estimates process and the expenditure plans of central departments and agencies.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee continued its study of federal government consulting contracts awarded to McKinsey & Company, hearing evidence from the deputy ministers or equivalents of 16 departments, agencies, and Crown corporations to discuss the documents provided to the committee. The committee commenced consideration of Bill C-290, An Act to amend the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act. The committee also studied the Main Estimates 2023–24, the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2023–24, as well as the nomination of Harriet Solloway to the position of Public Sector Integrity Commissioner.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee continued its study of the ArriveCAN application, holding seven meetings on this topic. The committee also held one meeting on the study of the replacement of the CP-140 Aurora by the Boeing P-8 Poseidon, and it held one meeting on the topic of the changeover of the Public Service Health Care Plan from Sun Life to Canada Life. On October 4, the committee presented its 11th report on the study of travel expenditures related to the Office of the Governor General's Secretary since 2014. Lastly, the committee considered the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2023-24, on November 28 and 30, presenting its 12th report on December 1.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Kelly McCauley (Chair), Majid Jowhari (Vice-Chair), Julie Vignola (Vice-Chair), Jenica Atwin, Parm Bains, Kelly Block, Garnett Genuis, Gord Johns, Stephanie Kusie, Irek Kusmierczyk, Charles Sousa

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	891	0	0	891
Federal Government Consulting Contracts Awarded to McKinsey & Company	0	1,114	191	0	0	1,305
Bill C-290, An Act to amend the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act	527	280	1,068	0	0	1,876
Main Estimates 2023–24	0	543	182	0	0	725
Subject Matter of Main Estimates 2023–24	0	0	265	0	0	265
Supplementary Estimates (A), 2023–24: Vote 1a under Department of Public Works and Government Services	0	0	269	0	0	269
Certificate of Nomination of Harriet Solloway to the Position of Public Sector Integrity Commissioner	0	0	223	0	0	223
ArriveCAN Application	461	0	695	0	0	1,156
Replacement of the CP-140 Aurora by the Boeing P-8 Poseidon	0	0	105	0	0	105
Total	988	1,937	3,889	0	0	6,815



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)"

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (OGGO)	37	27	8	8	0	73h24m	118	17	6
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SOGG)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h57m	0	0	0
Total	38	27	8	8	0	74h21m	118	17	6

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH (HESA)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Health studies issues that relate to Health Canada, including bills and regulations. It also has oversight of four health-related agencies, including the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 15 meetings. It continued its study of Bill C-252, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (prohibition of food and beverage marketing directed at children), reporting the bill back to the House with amendments on April 26. The committee then began its study of Bill C-293, An Act respecting pandemic prevention and preparedness, and held one meeting to receive testimony from the sponsor of the bill. In addition, the committee conducted a study of oversight of medical devices (breast implants), devoting four meetings to this topic and hearing from 11 witnesses during the reporting period. The committee also initiated a study of the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board and held two meetings on this topic to receive testimony from seven witnesses. Furthermore, the committee continued its study of children's health and considered a draft report over the course of five meetings. Finally, on June 20, the committee studied Bill C-284, An Act to establish a national strategy for eye care, reporting the bill back to the House with amendments on June 21.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 20 meetings. During this period, the committee continued its study on children's health and its study on the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board. On September 27, it held a briefing on natural health product regulations. The committee also continued considering Bill C-293, An Act respecting pandemic prevention and preparedness. On November 30, it presented its 16th report, entitled *Strengthening the Oversight of Breast Implants*. Finally, the committee undertook a study on women's health, a study on the opioid epidemic and toxic drug crisis in Canada and a study on the government's advanced purchase agreement for vaccines with Medicago.



Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Sean Casey (Chair), Stephen Ellis (Vice-Chair), Luc Thériault (Vice-Chair), Jenica Atwin, Don Davies, Todd Doherty, Brendan Hanley, Majid Jowhari, Robert Kitchen, Shuvaloy Majumdar, Marcus Powlowski, Sonia Sidhu

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	2,591	0	0	2,591
Oversight of Medical Devices (Breast Implants)	4,602	586	934	0	0	6,122
Patented Medicine Prices Review Board	696	945	718	0	0	2,359
Children’s Health	0	0	243	0	0	243
Bill C-293, An Act respecting pandemic prevention and preparedness	594	0	653	0	0	1,247
Briefing on Natural Health Product Regulations	0	0	241	0	0	241
Department of Health’s Regulatory Changes for Natural Health Products	1,246	0	0	0	0	1,246
Government’s Advanced Purchase Agreement for Vaccines with Medicago	1,438	0	0	0	0	1,438
Women’s Health	678	0	0	0	0	678
Total	9,254	1,531	5,379	0	0	16,164

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.”](#)

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (HESA)	35	11	11	12	0	71h27m	95	94	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHES)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1h53m	0	0	0
Total	36	11	11	12	0	73h20m	95	94	5



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES, SKILLS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE STATUS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (HUMA)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities studies employment, labour, income security, skills development and disability issues, as well as programs administered by Employment and Social Development Canada. The committee also administers the Centennial Flame Research Award.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 14 meetings. It continued and concluded its study of Bill C-35, An Act respecting early learning and child care in Canada, during which it heard from 65 witnesses and received 62 briefs. It reported its recommendations to the House in its ninth report. The committee then commenced a study of the financialization of housing, considered the Main Estimates 2023–24, and reviewed the subject matter of the Supplementary Estimates (C), 2022–23. The committee selected the recipient of the 2023 Centennial Flame Research Award and held a briefing on accessible transportation for persons with a disability. Lastly, on June 12, the committee’s 11th report, on the National Housing Strategy, was presented to the House.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 20 meetings. It concluded its study on the financialization of housing, during which it heard from 21 witnesses and received 41 briefs, presenting its 12th report to the House on October 26. The committee also conducted a study on the housing crisis in Canada and presented its 13th report on October 27. The committee then initiated studies on Bill C-318, An Act to amend the Employment Insurance Act and the Canada Labour Code (adoptive and intended parents), the Canada Summer Jobs Wage Subsidy Program, the implications of artificial intelligence technologies for the Canadian labour force, and intergenerational volunteerism. The committee received briefings from the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and the Office of Infrastructure of Canada. Lastly, the committee held one meeting to consider the subject matter of Supplementary Estimates (B), 2023-24.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Robert J. Morrissey (Chair), Tracy Gray (Vice-Chair), Louise Chabot (Vice-Chair), Scott Aitchison, Chad Collins, Michael Coteau, Rosemarie Falk, Michelle Ferreri, Peter Fragiskatos, Wayne Long, Tony Van Bynen, Bonita Zarrillo

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)"

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	1,618	66	1,713	0	0	3,397
Bill C-35, An Act respecting early learning and child care in Canada	0	424	992	0	0	1,416
Financialization of Housing	1,254	1,649	1,748	0	0	4,651
Canada Summer Jobs Wage Subsidy Program	1,768	66	1,014	0	0	2,848
Implications of Artificial Intelligence Technologies for the Canadian Labor Force	32	195	1,057	0	0	1,283
Total	4,672	2,399	6,524	0	0	13,596



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)"

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (HUMA)	34	9	18	18	0	65h05m	156	125	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHUM)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	34	9	18	18	0	65h05m	156	125	5

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS (INAN)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs reviews, examines and reports on issues affecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and northerners.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 15 meetings. Members continued their study of improving graduation rates and successful outcomes for Indigenous students, holding two meetings and hearing from seven witnesses. The committee then studied Bill C-45, An Act to amend the First Nations Fiscal Management Act, to make consequential amendments to other Acts, and to make a clarification relating to another Act, devoting three meetings to the bill and hearing from 18 witnesses before reporting it back to the House with amendments on May 12. The committee also initiated a study of restitution of land to First Nations, Inuit, and Metis communities and held four meetings on this topic to receive testimony from 16 witnesses. In addition, members held two meetings and received nine witnesses regarding the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer's report on research and comparative analysis on the estimates of the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and the Department of Indigenous Services. The committee then resumed its study of Indigenous languages and presented its ninth report to the House on June 16, entitled *Reclaiming, Revitalizing, Maintaining and Strengthening Indigenous Languages in Canada*. Furthermore, on June 19, the committee studied Bill C-51, An Act to give effect to the self-government treaty recognizing the Whitecap Dakota Nation / Wapaha Ska Dakota Oyate and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. Finally, the committee completed its study of Arctic sovereignty, security and emergency preparedness of Indigenous peoples, presenting its 10th report to the House on June 21.

During the period of September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 20 meetings. On September 26, the committee elected John Aldag as its new Chair. On September 27, the committee presented its 11th report, entitled *Food Security in Northern and Isolated Communities: Ensuring Equitable Access for Adequate and Healthy Food for All*. The committee also continued its study of the restitution of lands to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Furthermore, the committee commenced consideration of Bill C-53, An act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.



Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

John Aldag (Chair), Jamie Schmale (Vice-Chair), Marilène Gill (Vice-Chair), Jaime Battiste, Ben Carr, Anna Gainey, Lori Idlout, Michael V. McLeod, Marcus Powlowski, Gary Vidal, Arnold Viersen, Bob Zimmer

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	140	900	0	0	1,040
Arctic Sovereignty, Security and Emergency Preparedness of Indigenous Peoples	0	0	201	0	0	201
Indigenous Languages Study	0	140	555	0	0	695
Improving Graduation Rates and Successful Outcomes for Indigenous Students	4,004	0	185	0	0	4,189
Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer’s Report on the Research and Comparative Analysis on the Estimates of the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and the Department of Indigenous Services	201	0	415	0	0	616
Subject Matter of Bill C-45, An Act to amend the First Nations Fiscal Management Act, to make consequential amendments to other Acts, and to make a clarification relating to another Act	0	277	262	0	0	539
Restitution of Land to First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Communities	397	1,998	556	0	0	2,951

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES
APRIL 1, 2023—DECEMBER 31, 2023

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Bill C-53, An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	15,004	0	433	0	0	15,437
Total	19,607	2,555	3,506	0	0	25,668

Travel Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Travel Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name, Destinations and Date of Travel	Number of Members	Number of Staff	Transportation (\$)	Accommodation (\$)	Per Diems (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Arctic Sovereignty, Security and Emergency Preparedness of Indigenous Peoples — Cambridge Bay, Nunavut; Kugluktuk, Nunavut; and Yellowknife, Northwest Territories — March 12 to 18, 2023	5	7	0	0	0	0	(2)	0	(2)
Total	5	7	0	0	0	0	(2)	0	(2)

Note: Credit received in Fiscal Year 2023–24.



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)"

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (INAN)	35	25	5	18	0	53h33m	156	303	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SINA)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1h06m	0	0	0
Total	36	25	5	18	0	54h39m	156	303	5

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY (INDU)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Industry and Technology studies and reports on legislation, the activities and spending of Industry Canada and its portfolio members, and other issues related to industry and technology capability; scientific research and development; telecommunications policy; investment, trade, small business and tourism; and rules and services that support the effective operation of the marketplace.

Summary of Committee Activity

During the period of April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 18 meetings, including the consideration of two government bills: Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Canada Business Corporations Act and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts, which was reported to the House with amendments on June 5; and Bill C-34, An Act to amend the Investment Canada Act, for which it started clause-by-clause consideration. The committee presented two reports to the House on June 14: its 14th report, concerning domestic manufacturing capacity for a COVID-19 vaccine, and its 15th report, concerning blockchain technology. The committee also held one in camera meeting to view documents related to contracts for the development of Volkswagen's new battery plant in Ontario. Furthermore, the committee continued its study of the development and support of the electronics, metals and plastics recycling industry and heard from 14 witnesses.

During the period of September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee completed its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-34, An Act to amend the Investment Canada Act, and reported it back to the House with amendments. The committee also heard from 74 witnesses on Bill C-27, An Act to enact the Consumer Privacy Protection Act, the Personal Information and Data Protection Tribunal Act and the Artificial Intelligence and Data Act and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts. Furthermore, the committee held five meetings and heard from 10 witnesses in relation to its study of the recent investigation and reports on Sustainable Development Technology Canada.



Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Joël Lightbound (Chair), Rick Perkins (Vice-Chair), Sébastien Lemire (Vice-Chair), Iqwinder Gaheer, Bernard Généreux, Viviane Lapointe, Brian Masse, Francesco Sorbara, Ryan Turnbull, Tony Van Bynen, Brad Vis, Ryan Williams

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	2,902	0	0	2,902
Development and Support of the Electronics, Metals and Plastics Recycling Industry	324	1,338	618	0	0	2,280
Bill C-34, An Act to amend the Investment Canada Act	955	795	2,197	0	0	3,947
Bill C-27, An Act to enact the Consumer Privacy Protection Act, the Personal Information and Data Protection Tribunal Act and the Artificial Intelligence and Data Act and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts	9,605	126	1,884	0	0	11,615
Recent Investigation and Reports on Sustainable Development Technology Canada	2,385	0	461	0	0	2,846
Use of Foreign Workers at the EV Battery manufacturing facility in Windsor, Ontario	0	0	111	0	0	111
Total	13,269	2,259	8,172	0	0	23,701

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.”](#)

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (INDU)	40	1	35	18	0	75h08m	160	66	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SIND)</i>	2	0	0	0	0	1h46m	0	0	0
Total	42	1	35	18	0	76h54m	160	66	4



STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE (CIIT)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on International Trade studies and reports on such matters as international trade policy, and the global trade and investment environment.

Summary of Committee Activity

During the period from April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 16 meetings. The committee completed clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-282, An Act to amend the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Act (supply management), and reported the bill to the House without amendment on April 26. The committee's ninth report, on potential trade impacts of the United States Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on certain firms and workers in Canada, was presented to the House on May 10. Among other subjects, the committee studied non-tariff barriers in Canada's existing and potential international trade agreements, hearing from 34 witnesses over six meetings. Finally, seven members of the committee travelled to Washington, D.C., in May for meetings with stakeholders and members of the United States House of Representatives. This visit was part of the committee's study of potential trade impacts of the United States Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on certain firms and workers in Canada. After members returned from Washington, the committee initiated a study of impacts of the Underused Housing Tax on Canadian border communities.

During the period from September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 16 meetings. Notably, the committee studied Bill C-57, An Act to implement the 2023 Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Ukraine, and heard from the Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, as well as 17 witnesses over four meetings, completing clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill on November 28. The bill was reported back to the House with amendments on November 29. Additionally, four substantive reports were presented during the period: the 10th report on September 18, the 11th and 12th reports on November 20, and the 14th report on December 13. Furthermore, the committee hosted a delegation from the New York State Assembly at an informal meeting on October 25. Finally, the committee heard from witnesses on two studies, entitled *Canada's Proposed Biocides Regulation: Trade Impacts for Certain Canadian Sectors* and *The 2023 Strike at the Port of Vancouver: Selected Impacts, Responses and Port-related Innovation*.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. Judy A. Sgro (Chair), Kyle Seebach (Vice-Chair), Simon-Pierre Savard-Tremblay (Vice-Chair), Chandra Arya, Tony Baldinelli, Richard Cannings, Hon. Mona Fortier, Matt Jeneroux, Richard Martel, Wilson Miao, Terry Sheehan, Maninder Sidhu

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	1,314	0	0	1,314
Potential Trade Impacts of the United States Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on Certain Firms and Workers in Canada	0	0	69	0	0	69
Bill C-282, An Act to amend the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Act (supply management)	3,587	0	69	0	0	3,656
Non-Tariff Barriers in Canada’s Existing and Potential International Trade Agreements	5,992	1,778	939	0	0	8,708
U.S. Countervailing and Antidumping Duties on Canadian Exports of Certain Softwood Lumber Products	0	482	830	0	0	1,312
Impacts of the Underused Housing Tax on Canadian border communities	1,734	472	679	0	0	2,885
Canada’s Proposed Biocides Regulation: Trade Impacts for Certain Canadian Sectors	653	35	0	0	0	688
The 2023 Strike at the Port of Vancouver: Selected Impacts, Responses and Port-related Innovation	0	238	0	0	0	238



Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Bill C-57, An Act to implement the 2023 Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Ukraine	1,673	0	0	0	0	1,673
Total	13,639	3,005	3,900	0	0	20,544

Travel Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

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Study Name, Destinations and Date of Travel	Number of Members	Number of Staff	Transportation (\$)	Accommodation (\$)	Per Diems (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Potential Trade Impacts of the United States Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on Certain Firms and Workers in Canada — Washington, D.C., United States of America — May 23 to 25, 2023	7	4	17,706	10,010	4,410	0	212	2,336	34,673
Total	7	4	17,706	10,010	4,410	0	212	2,336	34,673

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (CIIT)	32	3	21	17	0	50h30m	128	19	7
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCII)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h18m	0	0	0
Total	33	3	21	17	0	50h48m	128	19	7



STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS (JUST)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights studies the bills, policies, programs and spending of the Department of Justice and the six federal agencies related to its portfolio.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee studied Bill C-41, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, held five meetings, heard from 14 witnesses and reported the bill back with amendments. The committee continued its study of extradition law reform over the course of three meetings and presented a report to the House. The committee also studied Bill C-295, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (neglect of vulnerable adults) and reported it back with amendments. Additionally, the committee studied Bill S-224, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in persons), held four meetings, heard from 10 witnesses and reported the bill back with amendments. Lastly, the committee held one meeting to study the subject matter of the Main Estimates 2023–24, and during another meeting, it agreed to present a report to the House on the Taliban regime and human rights.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee completed a study on measures to protect Canadians and presented its report to the House on December 6. The committee also began considering Bill S-12, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Sex Offender Information Registration Act and the International Transfer of Offenders Act. The committee heard from four witnesses and reported the bill back to the House with amendments on October 23. In addition, the committee devoted three meetings to Bill C-321, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (assaults against health care professionals and first responders), and heard from nine witnesses. On December 6, it reported the bill back to the House with amendments. The committee also took up Bill C-40, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and to repeal a regulation (miscarriages of justice reviews), and has held eight meetings to date, hearing from 23 witnesses. Lastly, the committee considered the appointment of the Honourable Mary T. Moreau to the Supreme Court of Canada at its November 2 meeting.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Lena Metlege Diab (Chair), Hon. Rob Moore (Vice-Chair), Rhéal Éloi Fortin (Vice-Chair), Élisabeth Brière, Larry Brock, Frank Caputo, Anju Dhillon, Randall Garrison, Anthony Housefather, James Maloney, Hon. Marco Mendicino, Tako Van Popta

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	1,245	0	1,411	0	0	2,656
Extradition Law Reform	0	0	481	0	0	481
Canada’s Bail System	2,708	0	0	0	0	2,708
Bill C-41, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	515	0	474	0	0	988
Bill C-295, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (neglect of vulnerable adults)	0	428	844	0	0	1,272
Bill S-224, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in persons)	0	584	379	0	0	963
Bill S-12, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Sex Offender Information Registration Act and the International Transfer of Offenders Act	6,207	0	430	0	0	6,637
Bill C-40, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and to repeal a regulation (miscarriage of justice reviews)	3,081	0	0	0	0	3,081
Total	13,757	1,012	4,017	0	0	18,786



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

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Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (JUST)	33	1	29	10	0	43h06m	110	58	8
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SJUS)</i>	3	0	0	0	0	1h16m	0	0	0
Total	36	1	29	10	0	44h22m	110	58	8

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE (NDDN)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on National Defence studies the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as the domestic, continental and international security environment.

Summary of Committee Activity

During the period of April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee received two briefing sessions on the subject of the war in Ukraine. The committee undertook a study of the military health system and the provision of health and transition services under the Canadian Forces Health Services Group, holding four meetings and hearing from 21 witnesses. The committee considered the Main Estimates 2023–24. The committee considered a draft report, adopted it and presented it as its fifth report, entitled *The Cyber Defence of Canada*, on June 21. The committee began a study of the impact of Canada's procurement process on the Canadian Armed Forces. The committee also held one meeting on the Department of National Defence's external monitor first status report. In August, committee members traveled to Estonia, Latvia, Poland and the United Kingdom in relation to the study of threat analysis affecting Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces' operational readiness to meet those threats.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee met 20 times. The committee held two briefings on the war in Ukraine, one briefing on the situation in the Indo-Pacific region and one briefing on the Israel-Hamas conflict. It also held a briefing session on the Parliamentary Budget Officer's report, entitled *A Force Structure Model of Canada's Military: Costs and Personnel*, and a briefing on the mandate and priorities of the Minister of National Defence. The committee continued its study of the review of the impact of Canada's procurement process on the Canadian Armed Forces and its study of rising domestic operational deployments and challenges for the Canadian Armed Forces. The committee also considered a draft report for the study of the military health system and provision of health and transition services under the Canadian Forces Health Services Group, presenting its sixth report on November 24. Additionally, on November 24, the committee presented its seventh report, entitled *Public Procurement of the CP-140 Aurora Replacement*. Furthermore, on November 30, the committee commenced a study on the lack of housing availability on or near bases for Canadian Armed Forces members and their families and the challenges facing members and their families when they are required to move across the country. Finally, the committee held a meeting to study the subject matter of Supplementary Estimates (B), 2023–24.



Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. John McKay (Chair), James Bezan (Vice-Chair), Christine Normandin (Vice-Chair), Chad Collins, Andy Fillmore, Darren Fisher, Cheryl Gallant, Pat Kelly, Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Marie-France Lalonde, Emmanuella Lambropoulos, Lindsay Mathysen

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	737	0	656	0	0	1,393
Cybersecurity and Cyberwarfare	0	0	97	0	0	97
Briefing on the war in Ukraine	67	0	349	0	0	416
Military Health System and Provision of Health and Transition Services under the Canadian Forces Health Services Group	904	903	735	0	0	2,542
Review of the Impact of Canada’s Procurement Process on the Canadian Armed Forces	1,754	280	1,029	0	0	3,062
Rising Domestic Operational Deployments and Challenges for the Canadian Armed Forces	0	0	92	0	0	92
Briefing on the Israel-Hamas Conflict	160	192	0	0	0	352
Total	3,622	1,375	2,958	0	0	7,956

Travel Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Travel Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name, Destinations and Date of Travel	Number of Members	Number of Staff	Transportation (\$)	Accommodation (\$)	Per Diems (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Threat Analysis Affecting Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces’ Operational Readiness to Meet Those Threats — London, United Kingdom; Riga, Latvia; Tallinn, Estonia; and Warsaw, Poland — August 19 to 27, 2023	7	5	92,832	17,709	11,361	0	7,130	5,002	134,033
Total	7	5	92,832	17,709	11,361	0	7,130	5,002	134,033



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.”](#)

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (NDDN)	32	3	25	14	0	60h08m	118	7	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SNDD)</i>	2	0	0	0	0	1h35m	0	0	0
Total	34	3	25	14	0	61h43m	118	7	5

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (RNNR)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources studies bills, government activities and expenditures, and issues related to Canada's energy, forest, minerals and metals, and earth sciences sectors.

Summary of Committee Activity

The committee held 12 meetings between April 1 and August 31, 2023. The committee completed its study of creating a fair and equitable Canadian energy transformation and presented its 10th report on June 19. The committee also considered the Main Estimates 2023–24 and reported them back to the House on May 17. The committee completed its study of Federal Assistance for Various Natural Resources Industries, holding 11 meetings and hearing from 36 witnesses. The committee also received a briefing by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development. Finally, the committee began a study of the Canadian pulp and paper industry hearing from 16 witnesses and holding three meetings.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 10 meetings. One of the meetings was suspended several times and continued over several subsequent days. From September to October, the committee held eight meetings for the study on Canada's clean energy plans in the context of North American energy transformation. The committee heard from over 40 witnesses and received some 20 briefs. On October 16, the committee heard testimony on the climate crisis and Canada's energy sector. In addition, on December 6, pursuant to a special order of the House made on October 23, the committee proceeded to the clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-50, An Act respecting accountability, transparency and engagement to support the creation of sustainable jobs for workers and economic growth in a net-zero economy. The committee reported the bill back to the House with amendments on December 11.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

George Chahal (Chair), Shannon Stubbs (Vice-Chair), Mario Simard (Vice-Chair), John Aldag, Charlie Angus, Julie Dabrusin, Earl Dreeshen, Ted Falk, Yvonne Jones, Viviane Lapointe, Jeremy Patzer, Francesco Sorbara



Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	140	1,409	0	0	1,549
Creating a Fair and Equitable Canadian Energy Transformation	0	0	227	0	0	227
Federal Assistance for Various Natural Resources Industries	0	0	560	0	0	560
Bill S-222, An Act to amend the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act (use of wood)	35	0	0	0	0	35
Canada’s Clean Energy Plans in the Context of North American Energy Transformation	4,397	1,198	1,527	0	0	7,123
Canadian Pulp and Paper Industry	6,541	701	366	0	0	7,607
Briefing by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development	0	0	101	0	0	101
Climate Crisis and Canada’s Energy Sector	1,960	26	247	0	0	2,233
Total	12,934	2,064	4,438	0	0	19,435

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (RNNR)	22	3	12	11	0	76h46m	90	24	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SRNN)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	22	3	12	11	0	76h46m	90	24	4



STANDING COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (LANG)

Mandate

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Official Languages includes, among other matters, the review of official language policies and programs, including reports of the Commissioner of Official Languages.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held eight meetings. On April 18, the committee reported Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act, to enact the Use of French in Federally Regulated Private Businesses Act and to make related amendments to other Acts, back to the House with amendments. The committee also continued its study of government measures to protect and promote French in Quebec and in Canada and presented its second report to the House on June 8. The committee commenced a study of increased francophone immigration to Canada and heard from 17 witnesses. Lastly, the committee commenced a study of the Official Language Commissioner's 2022–23 annual report.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 18 meetings. The committee continued its study on increasing francophone immigration to Canada and considered a draft report. The committee began a study of the economic development of official language minority communities. As part of this study, the committee heard testimony from, among others, officials at the Department of Industry and Canada's regional development agencies. On December 5, the committee presented its third report, entitled *Adaptation of CBC/Radio-Canada's Audiovisual Content for the International Market*.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

René Arseneault (Chair), Joël Godin (Vice-Chair), Mario Beaulieu (Vice-Chair), Niki Ashton, Marc Dalton, Francis Drouin, Bernard Généreux, Laila Goodridge, Angelo Iacono, Arielle Kayabaga, Darrell Samson, Marc G. Serré

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	1,519	0	0	1,519
Increased Francophone Immigration to Canada	3,432	1,319	1,502	0	0	6,252
Annual Report 2022-23 of the Commissioner of Official Languages	0	0	175	0	0	175
Economic Development of Official Language Minority Communities	0	0	152	0	0	152
Bilingualism in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Senior Executive Committee	0	0	324	0	0	324
Adaptation of CBC/Radio-Canada’s Audiovisual Content for the International Market	0	0	152	0	0	152
Total	3,432	1,319	3,823	0	0	8,574



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)"

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (LANG)	26	1	13	9	0	43h50m	70	1	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SLAN)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	26	1	13	9	0	43h50m	70	1	3

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS (PROC)

Mandate

The Procedure and House Affairs Committee studies and reports on the rules and practices of the House and its committees, electoral matters, questions of privilege, MP conflicts of interest, internal administration of the House, and services and facilities for MPs.

Summary of Committee Activity

During the period from April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 26 meetings. The committee concluded its studies of the Reports of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, and Alberta. The Chair presented the *Report on the Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Quebec, 2022*, as well as the *Report on the Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Alberta, 2022*, on Wednesday, May 17. The Chair presented the *Report on the Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of British Columbia, 2022* on Wednesday, May 31. The Speaker and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities appeared on Tuesday, May 16, for the Main Estimates 2023–24. The Chair then reported the Main Estimates 2023–24 to the House on Wednesday, May 31. The committee continued its study of foreign election interference and presented a report on Wednesday, May 31. The committee began the study of the question of privilege related to the intimidation campaign against the Member for Wellington—Halton Hills and other Members. The Chair presented the *Report on the Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Ontario, 2022*, on Wednesday, June 7.

During this period, the subcommittee on Private Members' Business (SMEM) met once to determine the votability of items recently placed on the order of precedence, following which the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs presented its 41st report on May 17. The report was deemed concurred in by the House upon its presentation.

During the period from September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 15 meetings. Several of these meetings were suspended and resumed on subsequent dates. On September 26, Michael Cooper was elected as first Vice-Chair. On October 16, the committee held an informal meeting with a delegation from the United Kingdom House of Commons. The committee concluded its study on the question of privilege related to the intimidation campaign against the member for Wellington—Halton Hills and



other members, and began its study of a draft report. The committee also began a study on the question of privilege related to the Speaker's public participation at an Ontario Liberal Party convention. Furthermore, on December 11, the committee examined the nomination of Eric Janse to the position of Clerk of the House of Commons. The Chair presented a report recommending that the House ratify the nomination on December 12, and the report was adopted by the House of Commons on December 14. On the same day, the Chair presented the committee's report on the study of the question of privilege related to the Speaker's public participation at an Ontario Liberal Party convention.

During the period from September 1 to December 31, 2023, the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business (SMEM) met twice to determine the votability of items recently placed on the order of precedence. These meetings led to the presentation of three reports to the House.

Membership of PROC (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. Bardish Chagger (Chair), Michael Cooper (Vice-Chair), Marie-Hélène Gaudreau (Vice-Chair), Luc Berthold, Blaine Calkins, Terry Duguid, Eric Duncan, Mark Gerretsen, Matthew Green, Stéphane Lauzon, Sherry Romanado, Ruby Sahota

Membership of SMEM (as of December 31, 2023)

Ruby Sahota (Chair), Luc Berthold, Marie-Hélène Gaudreau, Heather McPherson, Ryan Turnbull

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	3,285	582	0	3,867
Foreign Election Interference	3,478	1,092	1,580	0	0	6,150
Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta 2022	0	0	172	0	0	172
Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Quebec 2022	0	0	206	0	0	206
Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario 2022	0	0	605	0	0	605
Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for British Columbia 2022	0	0	404	0	0	404
Main Estimates 2023–24	0	0	545	0	0	545
Question of Privilege Related to the Intimidation Campaign against the Member for Wellington—Halton Hills and other Members	416	0	3,973	0	0	4,389
Total	3,895	1,092	10,769	582	0	16,337



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

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Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (PROC)	41	29	2	11	0	106h26m	121	0	22
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPRO)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h53m	0	0	0
<i>Subcommittee on Private Members' Business (SMEM)</i>	3	2	1	0	0	0h10m	0	0	0
Total	45	31	3	11	0	107h29m	121	0	22

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (PACP)

Mandate

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts is to review and report on the Public Accounts of Canada and all reports of the Auditor General of Canada.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 16 meetings, commenced eight studies and presented three reports to the House. The committee also considered the Main Estimates, 2023–24. The committee undertook a study of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, during which it heard from 10 witnesses. In June, the committee was granted House authorization to travel to Whitehorse, Yukon, in September to attend the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees and Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors Annual Conference.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 20 meetings, undertook 10 studies and presented six reports to the House. The committee studied matters such as connectivity in rural and remote areas, the ArriveCAN application, the rehabilitation of Parliament’s Centre Block, emergency management in First Nations communities, gender-based analysis plus, the Public Accounts of Canada 2023, processing applications for permanent residence and Government of Canada information technology systems. Finally, on October 19, the committee held a meeting to review the 2023 Reports 5 to 9 of the Auditor General of Canada.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

John Williamson (Chair), Jean Yip (Vice-Chair), Nathalie Sinclair-Desgagné (Vice-Chair), Valerie Bradford, Shaun Chen, Blake Desjarlais, Iqra Khalid, Kelly McCauley, John Nater, Brenda Shanahan, Jake Stewart



Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	532	1,028	0	0	1,560
Follow-up Study on Report 3, Access to Safe Drinking Water in First Nations Communities—Indigenous Services Canada, of the 2021 Reports 1 to 5 of the Auditor General of Canada	0	0	220	0	0	220
Report 5, Chronic Homelessness, of the 2022 Reports 5 to 8 of the Auditor General of Canada	0	0	64	0	0	64
Report 9, COVID-19 Vaccines, of the 2022 Reports 9 and 10 of the Auditor General of Canada	0	0	301	0	0	301
Report 1, Accessible Transportation for Persons With Disabilities, of the 2023 Reports 1 to 4 of the Auditor General of Canada	0	508	220	0	0	727
Report 4, International Assistance in Support of Gender Equality—Global Affairs Canada, of the 2023 Reports 1 to 4 of the Auditor General of Canada	0	0	64	0	0	64
Main Estimates 2023–24: Vote 1 under Office of the Auditor General	0	0	220	0	0	220
Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation	0	140	415	0	0	555
Report 2, Connectivity in Rural and Remote Areas, of the 2023 Reports 1 to 4 of the Auditor General of Canada	0	140	0	0	0	140
Total	0	1,320	2,531	0	0	3,850

Travel Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Travel Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name, Destinations and Date of Travel	Number of Members	Number of Staff	Transportation (\$)	Accommodation (\$)	Per Diems (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees and Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors Annual Conference—Whitehorse, Yukon—September 9 to 13, 2023	3	2	12,998	3,406	1,935	0	0	2,500	20,838
Total	3	2	12,998	3,406	1,935	0	0	2,500	20,838

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (PACP)	36	28	2	5	0	68h00m	107	0	9
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPAC)</i>	6	0	0	0	0	3h35m	0	0	0
Total	42	28	2	5	0	71h35m	107	0	9



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY (SECU)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security reviews legislation, policies, programs and expenditure plans of government departments and agencies responsible for public safety and national security, policing and law enforcement, corrections and conditional release of federal offenders, emergency management, crime prevention and the protection of Canada's borders.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee met 12 times. It completed its study on the effects of the withdrawn amendments (G-4 and G-46) to Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms). The committee then continued its study of Bill C-21 and reported the bill back to the House with amendments on May 15. The committee also heard from the Chair of the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians on the topic of his 2021 annual report. Lastly, the committee commenced its study of Bill C-20, An Act establishing the Public Complaints and Review Commission and amending certain Acts and statutory instruments, and heard testimony from various organizations and individuals.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-20, An Act Establishing the Public Complaints and Review Commission and amending certain Acts and statutory instruments, and it reported it back to the House with amendments on November 9. On November 10, Ron McKinnon resigned as Chair; Heath MacDonald was elected Chair on November 20. In addition, the committee undertook a study entitled *Rights of Victims of Crime, Reclassification and Transfer of Federal Offenders*. For this study, it held five meetings, heard 14 witnesses and received six briefs. It also held a briefing on trauma-informed practices. Finally, the committee took up Bill C-320, An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (disclosure of information to victims), and reported it to the House without amendment on December 12.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Heath MacDonald (Chair), Doug Shipley (Vice-Chair), Kristina Michaud (Vice-Chair), Chris Bittle, Iqwinder Gaheer, Peter Julian, Dane Lloyd, Ron McKinnon, Eric Melillo, Glen Motz, Jennifer O’Connell, Peter Schiefke

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	864	0	0	864
Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)	1,605	62	2,652	0	0	4,319
Bill C-20, An Act establishing the Public Complaints and Review Commission and amending certain Acts and statutory instruments	9,980	1,610	2,729	0	0	14,318
Total	11,585	1,672	6,245	0	0	19,501



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.”](#)

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (SECU)	29	7	21	7	0	65h54m	160	34	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SSEC)</i>	3	0	0	0	0	1h53m	0	0	0
Total	32	7	21	7	0	67h47m	160	34	3

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND RESEARCH (SRSR)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Science and Research studies all matters relating to science and research, including any reports of the Chief Science Advisor.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee met 14 times. On April 21, Kirsty Duncan resigned as Chair of the committee and Lloyd Longfield was elected the new Chair on April 25. The committee continued its study of support for the commercialization of intellectual property and provided drafting instructions for a report. The committee began its study of the government of Canada's graduate scholarship and post-doctoral fellowship programs, and met eight times to receive testimony and then provided drafting instructions for a report. Additionally, the committee considered draft reports for the study of international moonshot programs, as well as on research and scientific publication in French. The committee's fourth report, entitled *Pursuing a Canadian Moonshot Program*, was presented to the House on June 6, and the committee's fifth report, entitled *Revitalizing Research and Scientific Publication in French in Canada*, was presented to the House on June 15. On June 20, the committee began a study of the use of federal government research and development grants, funds, and contributions by Canadian universities and research institutions in partnerships with entities connected to the People's Republic of China, and another study of long-term impacts of pay gaps experienced by different genders and equity-seeking groups among faculty at Canadian universities.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee met 18 times. The committee continued its study of the use of federal government research and development grants, funds, and contributions by Canadian universities and research institutions in partnerships with entities connected to the People's Republic of China. It also continued its study of long-term impacts of pay gaps experienced by different genders and equity-seeking groups among faculty at Canadian universities. Additionally, the committee considered draft reports for the studies of citizen scientists, support for the commercialization of intellectual property, and the Government of Canada's graduate scholarship and post-doctoral fellowship programs. As a result, the committee's sixth report, entitled *The Role and Contribution of Citizen Scientists*, was presented to the House on November 7, the committee's seventh report, entitled *Support for the Commercialization of Intellectual Property* was presented on November 21, and the committee's eighth report, entitled *Government of Canada's Graduate Scholarship and*



Post-Doctoral Fellowship Programs, was presented on December 12. Furthermore, on November 6, the committee began a study of the Integration of Indigenous traditional knowledge and science in government policy development.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Lloyd Longfield (Chair), Corey Tochor (Vice-Chair), Maxime Blanchette-Joncas (Vice-Chair), Valerie Bradford, Richard Cannings, Lena Metlege Diab, Hon. Helena Jaczek, Hon. David Lametti, Ben Lobb, Hon. Michelle Rempel Garner, Gerald Soroka, Ryan Turnbull

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	1,213	0	0	1,213
Support for the Commercialization of Intellectual Property	2,906	1,128	335	0	0	4,368
Government of Canada’s Graduate Scholarship and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Programs	8,744	1,830	1,865	0	0	12,439
Long-Term Impacts of Pay Gaps Experienced by Different Genders and Equity-Seeking Groups Among Faculty at Canadian Universities	3,364	498	460	0	0	4,321
Use of Federal Government Research and Development Grants, Funds, and Contributions by Canadian Universities and Research Institutions in Partnerships With Entities Connected to the People’s Republic of China	3,509	70	739	0	0	4,317

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Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Integration of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge and Science in Government Policy Development	3,733	0	516	0	0	4,248
Total	22,255	3,525	5,126	0	0	30,906

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

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Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (SRSR)	32	0	25	19	0	63h14m	131	61	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SSRS)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h52m	0	0	0
Total	33	0	25	19	0	64h06m	131	61	5



STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (FEWO)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women studies the policies, programs, expenditures and legislation of departments and agencies, including the Department for Women and Gender Equality, that conduct work related to the status of women.

Summary of Committee Activity

During the period of April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 17 meetings. The committee continued its study of human trafficking of women, girls and gender diverse people, hearing from a total of 55 witnesses on the matter and receiving 57 briefs. As part of this study, the committee travelled to Vancouver, British Columbia; Mississauga, Ontario; Brampton, Ontario; Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, to meet with community organizations, government representatives and other individuals to gain a greater understanding of the issues and the programs, services and resources available to women, girls and gender diverse people in Canada who are affected by human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation. During this period, the committee also completed its study of women and girls in sport and presented its seventh report, entitled *Time to Listen to Survivors: Taking Action Towards Creating a Safe Sport Environment for all Athletes in Canada*, to the House on June 14. In addition, the committee undertook studies of the Main Estimates 2023–24 and menstrual equity in Canada.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 16 meetings. The committee continued its study of human trafficking of women, girls and gender diverse people. During this period, the committee also completed its study of menstrual equity in Canada and presented its eighth report to the House on November 7, entitled *Let's Talk About it, Period: Achieving Menstrual Equity in Canada*. On November 9, the committee held an informal meeting with a delegation from the European Union to discuss gender budgeting. Furthermore, the committee presented recommendations to the Standing Committee on Finance as part of the pre-budget consultations in advance of the 2024 budget. In addition, the committee undertook studies of women's economic empowerment, as well as the subject matter of Supplementary Estimates (B), 2023-24. Finally, the committee considered Bill S-205, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Karen Vecchio (Chair), Sonia Sidhu (Vice-Chair), Andréanne Larouche (Vice-Chair), Michelle Ferreri, Leah Gazan, Lisa Hepfner, Emmanuella Lambropoulos, Anna Roberts, Marc G. Serré, Anita Vandenbeld, Dominique Vien

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	2,850	295	0	3,144
Women and Girls in Sports	0	0	339	0	0	339
Human Trafficking of Women, Girls and Gender Diverse People	20,572	1,680	705	0	0	22,957
Main Estimates 2023–24: Votes 1 and 5 under Department for Women and Gender Equality	0	0	107	0	0	107
Menstrual Equity in Canada	6,404	572	934	0	0	7,910
Mental Health of Young Women and Girls	705	0	0	0	0	705
Women’s Economic Empowerment	661	0	0	0	0	661
Total	28,343	2,252	4,935	295	0	35,824



Travel Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Travel Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name, Destinations and Date of Travel	Number of Members	Number of Staff	Transportation (\$)	Accommodation (\$)	Per Diems (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Human Trafficking of Women, Girls and Gender Diverse People — Vancouver, British Columbia; Brampton, Ontario; Mississauga, Ontario; Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia — April 10 to 14, 2023	9	6	46,240	8,168	4,902	382	1,440	3,491	64,623
Total	9	6	46,240	8,168	4,902	382	1,440	3,491	64,623

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (FEWO)	33	3	15	12	0	54h54m	73	58	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFEW)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h28m	0	0	0
Total	34	3	15	12	0	55h22m	73	58	2



STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (TRAN)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities primarily studies the legislation, policies and programs, and other issues of national importance related to transportation, infrastructure, and Canadian cities and communities, as well as the operations of Transport Canada and Infrastructure Canada.

Summary of Committee Activity

During the period of April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held 14 meetings. The committee began its study of the role of McKinsey & Company in the creation and the beginnings of the Canada Infrastructure Bank. The committee held two meetings to study the Main Estimates 2023–24, as well as the Supplementary Estimates (C) 2022–23. Furthermore, the committee commenced a study on adapting infrastructure to face climate change and heard from 26 witnesses in four meetings. The committee presented its 10th report, entitled *Strengthening Air Passenger Rights in Canada*, on April 18, after holding ten meetings and hearing from 40 witnesses on the subject. The committee also presented three additional reports: its 11th report, on the impact of commercial shipping on shoreline erosion; its 12th report, on the Main Estimates 2023–24; and its 13th report, entitled *Improving Bus Connectivity in Canada*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held 21 meetings. It initiated a study on projects of high-frequency rail between Quebec City and Toronto, between Calgary and Banff, and between Calgary and Edmonton. The committee also continued its study on adapting infrastructure to face climate change and presented its 15th report, entitled *Building a More Climate Resilient Canada*, on November 1. In addition, the committee devoted 14 meetings to Bill C-33, An Act to amend the Customs Act, the Railway Safety Act, the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992, the Marine Transportation Security Act, the Canada Transportation Act and the Canada Marine Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act. Finally, the committee hosted a delegation from the United Kingdom at an informal meeting on October 16.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Peter Schiefke (Chair), Mark Strahl (Vice-Chair), Xavier Barsalou-Duval (Vice-Chair), Taylor Bachrach, Vance Badawey, Angelo Iacono, Annie Koutrakis, Chris Lewis, Leslyn Lewis, Hon. Joyce Murray, Dan Muys, Churence Rogers

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)"

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	2,767	232	1,048	40	0	4,087
Large Port Infrastructure Expansion Projects in Canada	0	0	165	0	0	165
Subject Matter of Supplementary Estimates (C), 2022–23	0	0	165	0	0	165
Main Estimates 2023–24	0	0	245	0	0	245
Adapting Infrastructure to Face Climate Change	1,086	1,684	750	0	0	3,520
Role of McKinsey & Company in the Creation and the Beginnings of the Canada Infrastructure Bank	0	1,460	677	0	0	2,138
Total	3,853	3,377	3,049	40	0	10,319



Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

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Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (TRAN)	35	13	17	20	0	71h16m	152	18	6
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (STRA)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	35	13	17	20	0	71h16m	152	18	6

STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS (ACVA)

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs examines all matters relating to the mandate, management and operation of the Department of Veterans Affairs and of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

Summary of Committee Activity

Between April 1 and August 31, 2023, the committee held a total of 15 meetings and presented one report. The committee continued its study on the experience of women veterans. It completed its study of the impact of the rehabilitation contract on the role of the case manager and quality of service, and presented its report to the House on June 14. The committee also commenced its study of the backlog at the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

Between September 1 and December 31, 2023, the committee held a total of 18 meetings and presented two reports. The committee continued its study of experience of women veterans. It also completed its study of the national strategy for veterans' employment after service, presenting a report to the House on October 26. Furthermore, the committee commenced its study on the national monument to Canada's mission in Afghanistan and studied the subject matter of Supplementary Estimates (B), 2023-24. Finally, the committee held a briefing with the Minister of Veterans Affairs and departmental officials, and a briefing on trauma-informed practices.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Emmanuel Dubourg (Chair), Blake Richards (Vice-Chair), Luc Desilets (Vice-Chair), Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Rachel Blaney, Sean Casey, Terry Dowdall, Bryan May, Wilson Miao, Randeep Sarai, Fraser Tolmie, Cathay Wagantall



Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	1,265	0	0	0	0	1,265
Impact of the New Rehabilitation Contract Awarded by the Department of Veterans Affairs on the Role of the Case Manager and Quality of Service Delivery	0	0	308	0	0	308
National Strategy for Veterans Employment After Service	1,030	0	0	0	0	1,030
Experience of Women Veterans	16,845	2,139	2,282	0	0	21,266
Backlog at the Veterans Review and Appeal Board	0	0	88	0	0	88
Total	19,139	2,139	2,678	0	0	23,957

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (ACVA)	33	5	20	20	0	58h42m	116	12	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SACV)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	33	5	20	20	0	58h42m	116	12	3



LIAISON COMMITTEE (LIAI)

Mandate

The Liaison Committee deliberates on administrative matters relating to the standing committee system. The main responsibility of the Liaison Committee is to apportion funds to standing committees from the money allocated for that purpose by the Board of Internal Economy.

Summary of Committee Activity

During the period of April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee met once. It adopted its sixth report, entitled *Committee Activities and Expenditures—April 1, 2022—March 31, 2023*, which was presented to the House on June 13.

During the same period, the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (SBLI) held two meetings to consider travel proposals and budgets.

During the period of September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee met once. It adopted its seventh report, entitled *Committee Activities and Expenditures – April 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023*, which was presented to the House on November 1.

During the same period, the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (SBLI) held three meetings to consider travel proposals and budgets, as well as to discuss subcommittee business.

Membership of LIAI (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. Judy A. Sgro (Chair), Karen Vecchio (Vice-Chair), Dan Albas, John Aldag, René Arseneault, Kody Blois, John Brassard, Sean Casey, Hon. Bardish Chagger, George Chahal, Sukh Dhaliwal, Lena Metlege Diab, Emmanuel Dubourg, Ali Ehsassi, Peter Fonseca, Hon. Hedy Fry, Angelo Iacono, Joël Lightbound, Lloyd Longfield, Heath MacDonald, Kelly McCauley, Ken McDonald, Hon. John McKay, Robert J. Morrissey, Francis Scarpaleggia, Peter Schiefke, John Williamson

Membership of SBLI (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. Judy A. Sgro (Chair), Karen Vecchio (Vice-Chair), John Brassard, Peter Fonseca, Robert J. Morrissey, Francis Scarpaleggia

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	1,042	0	0	1,042
Total	0	0	1,042	0	0	1,042

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Committee (LIAI)	2	0	0	0	0	1h34m	0	0	2
<i>Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (SBLI)</i>	5	0	0	0	0	1h48m	0	0	0
Total	7	0	0	0	0	3h22m	0	0	2



STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT (BILI)

Mandate

The Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament assists the Speakers of both the Senate and the House of Commons in reviewing the effectiveness, management and operation of the Library.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held one meeting on June 19 when it elected the Joint Chairs. The committee also studied the certificate of nomination for the position of Parliamentary Librarian. It then presented its first and second reports to the House.

During the period of September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee did not meet.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. Mohamed-Iqbal Ravalia (Senate) (Joint Chair), Angelo Iacono (Joint Chair), Louis Plamondon (Vice-Chair), Hon. Robert Black (Senate), Hon. Claude Carignan (Senate), Hon. Raymonde Saint-Germain (Senate), Jenica Atwin, Colin Carrie, Shaun Chen, Leah Gazan, Annie Koutrakis, Ron Liepert, Wayne Long, Terry Sheehan, Jake Stewart, Chris Warkentin

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Joint Committee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Joint Committee (BILI)	1	0	0	0	0	1h22m	1	0	2
Total	1	0	0	0	0	1h22m	1	0	2



STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS (REGS)

Mandate

The Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations reviews and scrutinizes government regulations and other statutory instruments.

Summary of Committee Activity

During the period from April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held five meetings during which it continued its review of statutory instruments.

During the period from September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held one meeting, during which it continued its review of statutory instruments.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. Yuen Pau Woo (Senate) (Joint Chair), Dan Albas (Joint Chair), Tim Louis (Vice-Chair), Jean-Denis Garon (Vice-Chair), Hon. Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu (Senate), Hon. Pierre J. Dalphond (Senate), Hon. Tony Dean (Senate), Dean Allison, Élisabeth Brière, Shaun Chen, Scot Davidson, Randall Garrison, Patricia Lattanzio, Taleeb Noormohamed, Len Webber

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Standing Joint Committee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Standing Joint Committee (REGS)	6	0	6	0	0	6h34m	4	0	0
Total	6	0	6	0	0	6h34m	4	0	0



SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CANADA-PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA RELATIONSHIP (CACN)

Mandate

The House of Commons appointed a special committee with the mandate to conduct hearings to examine and review all aspects of the Canada–People's Republic of China relationship, including but not limited to, diplomatic, consular, legal, security and economic relations on May 16, 2022.

Summary of Committee Activity

From April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held six meetings on relations between Canada and the People's Republic of China. More specifically, the committee heard witnesses on the matter of the exposure of Canadian public pension funds to human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China. On March 30, the committee presented its third interim report, entitled *A Threat to Canadian Sovereignty: National Security Dimensions of the Canada-People's Republic of China Relationship*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held eight meetings on relations between Canada and the People's Republic of China. More specifically, the committee heard witnesses on the matters related to Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. On November 29, the committee presented its fourth interim report, entitled *The Chinese Communist Party's Overseas Police Service Stations*, and on December 13, the committee presented its fifth interim report entitled *The Exposure of Canadian Investment Funds to Human Rights Violations in the People's Republic of China*. Furthermore, the committee travelled to Washington, D.C., in November and met with members of the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, various members of Congress, commissioners of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, as well as numerous academics.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Ken Hardie (Chair), Tom Kmiec (Vice-Chair), Stéphane Bergeron (Vice-Chair), Heather McPherson (Vice-Chair), Hon. Michael D. Chong, Serge Cormier, Peter Fragiskatos, Marie-France Lalonde, Melissa Lantsman, Hon. Robert Oliphant, Kyle Seeback, Jean Yip

Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Expenditures.”](#)

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	1,323	2,339	0	0	3,662
Total	0	1,323	2,339	0	0	3,662

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the [“Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.”](#)

Special Committee and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Special Committee (CACN)	14	4	1	4	0	26h58m	39	0	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCAC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	14	4	1	4	0	26h58m	39	0	3



Travel Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the "[Note to Reader—Travel Expenditures.](#)"

Study Name, Destinations and Date of Travel	Number of Members	Number of Staff	Transportation (\$)	Accommodation (\$)	Per Diems (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Canada—People's Republic of China Relations — Washington, D.C., United States of America — November 13 to 16, 2023	7	5	19,950	19,998	5,254	0	0	2,452	47,654
Total	7	5	19,950	19,998	5,254	0	0	2,452	47,654

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (AMAD)

Mandate

In October 2023, motions were adopted in the House of Commons and Senate to re-establish the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying, in accordance with Recommendation 13 in the Second Report of the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying.

Summary of Committee Activity

From September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee met six times. The committee completed a study on the follow-up on recommendation 13 of the Second Report of the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying, concerning the coming into force of eligibility for medical assistance in dying (MAID) where a mental disorder is the sole underlying medical condition, in order to verify the degree of preparedness attained for a safe and adequate application of MAID (where mental disorder is the sole underlying medical condition (MD-SUMC)). It heard from 21 witnesses and received over 800 submissions from individuals and groups during the course of the study.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. Yonah Martin (Senate) (Joint Chair), René Arseneault (Joint Chair), Hon. Marie-Françoise Mégie (Senate) (Vice-Chair), Shelby Kramp-Neuman (Vice-Chair), Alistair MacGregor (Vice-Chair), Luc Thériault (Vice-Chair), Hon. Pierre J. Dalphond (Senate), Hon. Stanley Paul Kutcher (Senate), Hon. Pamela Wallin (Senate), Michael Cooper, Hon. Ed Fast, Darren Fisher, Annie Koutrakis, James Maloney, Francis Scarpaleggia



Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	690	215	0	0	0	905
Total	690	215	0	0	0	905

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Special Joint Committee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Special Joint Committee (AMAD)	6	4	0	3	0	14h55m	21	840	0
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SAMA)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	6	4	0	3	0	14h55m	21	840	0

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY (DEDC)

Mandate

On 14 February 2022, the government invoked the Emergencies Act, issuing a declaration of a public order emergency and giving the federal government certain temporary powers.

The Emergencies Act sets out the procedure by which a national emergency can be declared and by which a declaration of emergency can be confirmed, continued, amended and revoked. It also provides for a supervisory role for Parliament.

The declaration of emergency was revoked on 23 February 2022 by proclamation. Under subsection 62(1) of the Emergencies Act, a parliamentary review committee must review the “exercise of powers and the performance of duties and functions pursuant to a declaration of emergency.” Accordingly, this special joint committee was established by motion of the Senate and House of Commons on March 3, 2022.

Summary of Committee Activity

Since its creation in March 2022, the committee has been working towards reporting to both the House and Senate on its study of the review of the exercise of powers and the performance of duties and functions pursuant to the declaration of emergency that was in effect from Monday, February 14, 2022, to Wednesday, February 23, 2022. During the period from April 1 to August 31, 2023, the committee held three meetings for the consideration of a draft report.

During the period of September 1 to December 31, 2023, the committee held two meetings in relation to its ongoing study of the declaration of emergency in effect from Monday, February 14, 2022, to Wednesday, February 23, 2022. Furthermore, the committee elected Rachel Bendayan as a vice-chair of the committee.

Membership (as of December 31, 2023)

Hon. Gwen Boniface (Senate) (Joint Chair), Rhéal Éloi Fortin (Joint Chair), Matthew Green (Joint Chair), Hon. Claude Carignan (Senate) (Vice-Chair), Rachel Bendayan (Vice-Chair), Glen Motz (Vice-Chair), Hon. Peter Harder (Senate), Hon. Dennis Glen Patterson (Senate), Larry Brock, James Maloney, Sherry Romanado



Expenditures (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Expenditures.](#)”

Study Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Operational Budget	0	0	1,850	0	0	1,850
Total	0	0	1,850	0	0	1,850

Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports (April 1 to December 31, 2023)

For general information on the following table, see the “[Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.](#)”

Special Joint Committee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Special Joint Committee (DEDC)	5	0	0	0	0	8h14m	0	0	0
Total	5	0	0	0	0	8h14m	0	0	0

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES (APRIL 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023)

The following tables contain information about all committee meetings, witnesses, briefs and reports for the period from April 1 to December 31, 2023. Each standing committee is followed by separate rows for each of its subcommittees (if applicable). For general information on the following tables, see the [“Note to Reader—Meetings, Witnesses, Briefs and Reports.”](#)

Standing Committees and Subcommittees

Standing Committees and Subcommittees	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)	34	11	15	8	0	56h58m	72	4	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SETH)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h45m	0	0	0
Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI)	33	10	13	16	0	61h57m	137	54	9
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SAGR)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h15m	0	0	0
Canadian Heritage (CHPC)	32	3	24	14	0	63h43m	100	19	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCHP)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1h13m	0	0	0
Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM)	32	1	22	5	0	68h14m	102	21	5



Standing Committees and Subcommittees	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCIM)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h36m	0	0	0
Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)	36	5	17	14	0	66h56m	139	22	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SENV)</i>	2	0	0	0	0	1h39m	0	0	0
Finance (FINA)	41	15	16	20	0	159h15m	586	1,731	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFIN)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO)	33	1	20	16	0	58h36m	113	14	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFOP)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE)	33	8	20	19	0	61h30m	150	28	10
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFAA)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h26m	0	0	0
<i>Subcommittee on International Human Rights (SDIR)</i>	15	5	8	12	0	25h20m	67	7	0
Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)	37	27	8	8	0	73h24m	118	17	6
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SOGG)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h57m	0	0	0

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES
 APRIL 1, 2023—DECEMBER 31, 2023

Standing Committees and Subcommittees	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Health (HESA)	35	11	11	12	0	71h27m	95	94	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHES)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1h53m	0	0	0
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)	34	9	18	18	0	65h05m	156	125	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHUM)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN)	35	25	5	18	0	53h33m	156	303	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SINA)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1h06m	0	0	0
Industry and Technology (INDU)	40	1	35	18	0	75h08m	160	66	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SIND)</i>	2	0	0	0	0	1h46m	0	0	0
International Trade (CIIT)	32	3	21	17	0	50h30m	128	19	7
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCII)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h18m	0	0	0
Justice and Human Rights (JUST)	33	1	29	10	0	43h06m	110	58	8
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SJUS)</i>	3	0	0	0	0	1h16m	0	0	0



Standing Committees and Subcommittees	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
National Defence (NDDN)	32	3	25	14	0	60h08m	118	7	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SNDD)</i>	2	0	0	0	0	1h35m	0	0	0
Natural Resources (RNNR)	22	3	12	11	0	76h46m	90	24	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SRNN)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Official Languages (LANG)	26	1	13	9	0	43h50m	70	1	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SLAN)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Procedure and House Affairs (PROC)	41	29	2	11	0	106h26m	121	0	22
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPRO)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h53m	0	0	0
<i>Subcommittee on Private Members' Business (SMEM)</i>	3	2	1	0	0	0h10m	0	0	0
Public Accounts (PACP)	36	28	2	5	0	68h00m	107	0	9
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPAC)</i>	6	0	0	0	0	3h35m	0	0	0
Public Safety and National Security (SECU)	29	7	21	7	0	65h54m	160	34	3

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES
APRIL 1, 2023—DECEMBER 31, 2023

Standing Committees and Subcommittees	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SSEC)</i>	3	0	0	0	0	1h53m	0	0	0
Science and Research (SRSR)	32	0	25	19	0	63h14m	131	61	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SSRS)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h52m	0	0	0
Status of Women (FEWO)	33	3	15	12	0	54h54m	73	58	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFEW)</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0h28m	0	0	0
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (TRAN)	35	13	17	20	0	71h16m	152	18	6
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (STRA)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Veterans Affairs (ACVA)	33	5	20	20	0	58h42m	116	12	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SACV)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Liaison (LIAI)	2	0	0	0	0	1h34m	0	0	2
<i>Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (SBLI)</i>	5	0	0	0	0	1h48m	0	0	0
Total	894	230	435	353	0	1 748h50m	3,527	2,797	144



Standing Joint Committees

Standing Joint Committees	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Library of Parliament (BILI)	1	0	0	0	0	1h22m	1	0	2
Scrutiny and Regulations (REGS)	6	0	6	0	0	6h34m	4	0	0
Total	7	0	6	0	0	7h56m	5	0	2

Special Committees and Subcommittees

Special Committees and Subcommittees	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Canada-China Relations (CACN)	14	4	1	4	0	26h58m	39	0	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCAC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Total	14	4	1	4	0	26h58m	39	0	3

Special Joint Committees and Subcommittee

Special Joint Committees and Subcommittee	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD)	6	4	0	3	0	14h55m	21	840	0
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SAMA)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0h0m	0	0	0
Declaration of Emergency (DEDC)	5	0	0	0	0	8h14m	0	0	0
Total	11	4	0	3	0	23h09m	21	840	0



All Committees

All Committees	Total Number of Meetings	Number of Televised Meetings	Number of Webcast Meetings	Number of Meetings with Video-conferencing	Number of Meetings with Video Recording	Total Meeting Hours	Number of Witnesses	Number of Briefs	Number of Reports
Total Standing Committees and Subcommittees	894	230	435	353	0	1 748h50m	3,527	2,797	144
Total Standing Joint Committees	7	0	6	0	0	7h56m	5	0	2
Total Special Committees and Subcommittees	14	4	1	4	0	26h58m	39	0	3
Total Special Joint Committees and Subcommittee	11	4	0	3	0	23h09m	21	840	0
Grand Total	926	238	442	360	0	1 806h53m	3,592	3,637	149

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES (APRIL 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023)

The following tables summarize committee expenditures for the period from April 1 to December 31, 2023. Expenditures are broken down by “Witness Expenses,” “Videoconferences,” “Working Meals,” “Hospitality”, “Other” and “Travel”. “Other” includes expenditures such as reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses. Differences in totals are due to rounding.

Standing Committees

Committee Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Travel (\$)	Total (\$)
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)	6,092	144	4,524	0	0	0	10,761
Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI)	19,856	5,066	4,376	0	0	0	29,298
Canadian Heritage (CHPC)	28,823	8,311	5,357	0	0	0	42,491
Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM)	5,394	1,727	5,892	240	0	0	13,253
Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)	16,681	468	3,788	0	0	0	20,937
Finance (FINA)	9,989	1,691	6,899	0	0	194,771	213,350
Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO)	56,368	5,203	4,080	0	0	0	65,651
Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE)	23,369	4,412	7,276	0	0	37	35,095
Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)	988	1,937	3,889	0	0	0	6,815
Health (HESA)	9,254	1,531	5,379	0	0	0	16,164



Committee Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Travel (\$)	Total (\$)
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)	4,672	2,399	6,524	0	0	0	13,596
Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN)	19,607	2,555	3,506	0	0	(2)	25,666
Industry and Technology (INDU)	13,269	2,259	8,172	0	0	0	23,701
International Trade (CIIT)	13,639	3,005	3,900	0	0	34,673	55,217
Justice and Human Rights (JUST)	13,757	1,012	4,017	0	0	0	18,786
National Defence (NDDN)	3,622	1,375	2,958	0	0	134,033	141,989
Natural Resources (RNNR)	12,934	2,064	4,438	0	0	0	19,435
Official Languages (LANG)	3,432	1,319	3,823	0	0	0	8,574
Procedure and House Affairs (PROC)	3,895	1,092	10,769	582	0	0	16,337
Public Accounts (PACP)	0	1,320	2,531	0	0	20,838	24,688
Public Safety and National Security (SECU)	11,585	1,672	6,245	0	0	0	19,501
Science and Research (SRSR)	22,255	3,525	5,126	0	0	0	30,906
Status of Women (FEWO)	28,343	2,252	4,935	295	0	64,623	100,447
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (TRAN)	3,853	3,377	3,049	40	0	0	10,319
Veterans Affairs (ACVA)	19,139	2,139	2,678	0	0	0	23,957

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES
APRIL 1, 2023—DECEMBER 31, 2023

Committee Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Travel (\$)	Total (\$)
Liaison (LIAI)	0	0	1,042	0	0	0	1,042
Total	350,816	61,854	125,173	1,156	0	448,974	987,973

Standing Joint Committees

Committee Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Travel (\$)	Total (\$)
Library of Parliament (BILI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Special Committees

Committee Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Travel (\$)	Total (\$)
Canada-China Relations (CACN)	0	1,323	2,339	0	0	47,654	51,316
Total	0	1,323	2,339	0	0	47,654	51,316



Special Joint Committees

Committee Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD)	690	215	0	0	0	905
Declaration of Emergency (DEDC)	0	0	1,850	0	0	1,850
Total	690	215	1,850	0	0	2,755

All Committees

Committee Name	Witness Expenses (\$)	Video conferences (\$)	Working Meals (\$)	Hospitality (\$)	Other (\$)	Travel (\$)	Total (\$)
Total Standing Committees	350,816	61,854	125,173	1,156	0	448,974	987,973
Total Standing Joint Committees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Special Committees	0	1,323	2,339	0	0	47,654	51,316
Total Special Joint Committees	690	215	1,850	0	0	0	2,755
Grand Total	351,506	63,392	129,362	1,156	0	496,628	1,042,044

VIRTUAL COMMITTEES DASHBOARD (SEPTEMBER 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024)

**Figure 1 — Pre-tests for witnesses appearing by videoconference
(by percentage and number of witnesses)**

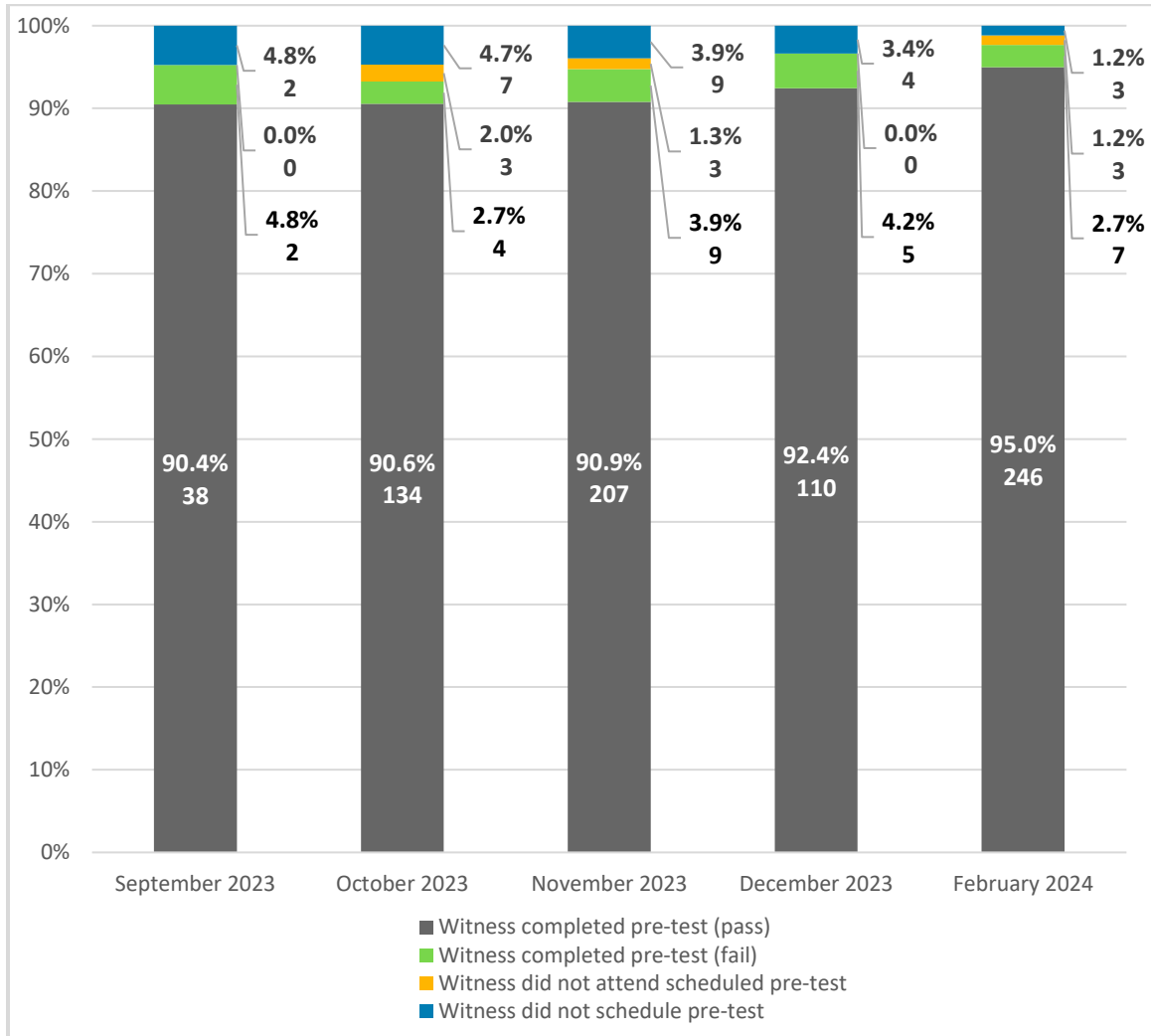


Figure 2 — Source of headset with microphone used by witnesses appearing by videoconference (by percentage of witnesses)

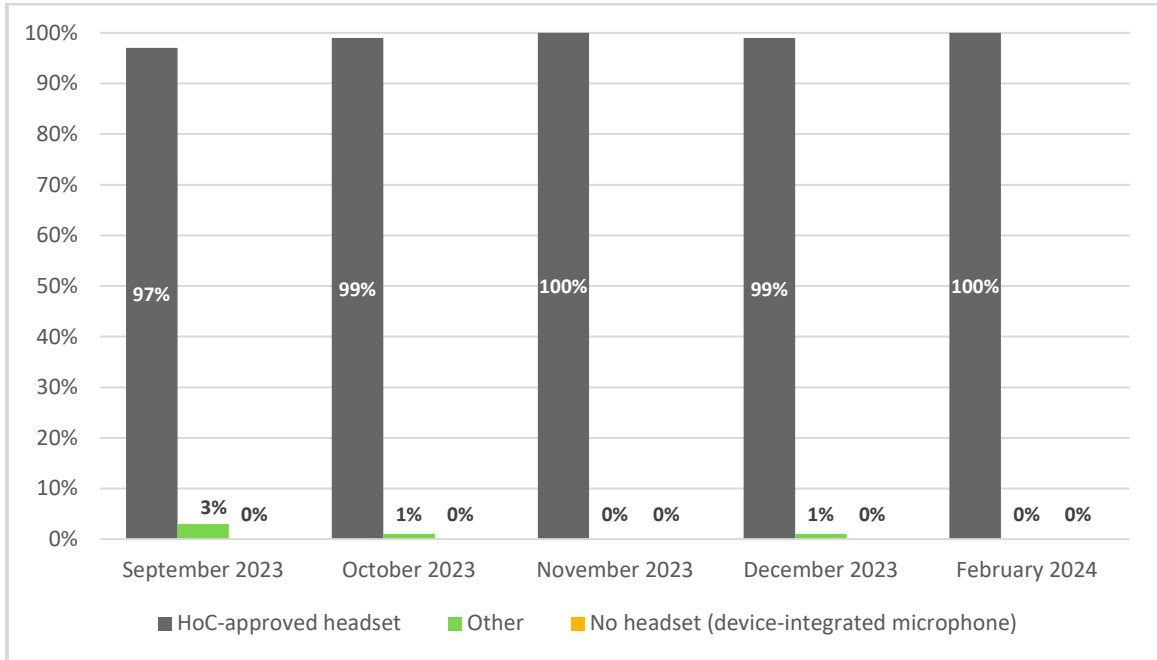
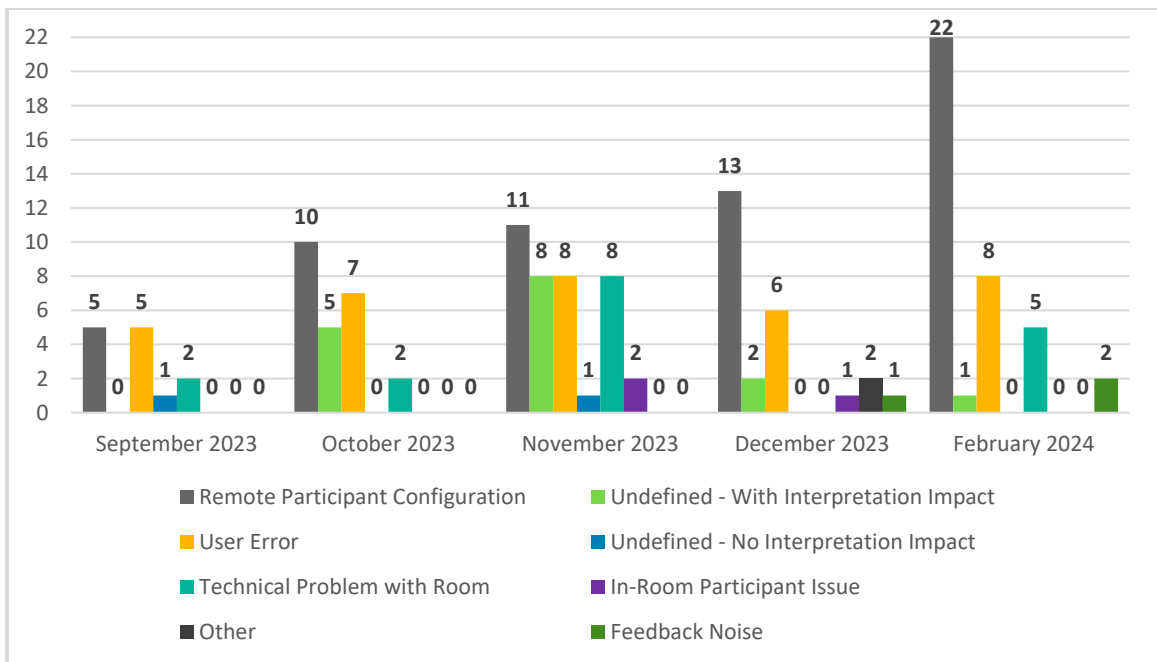
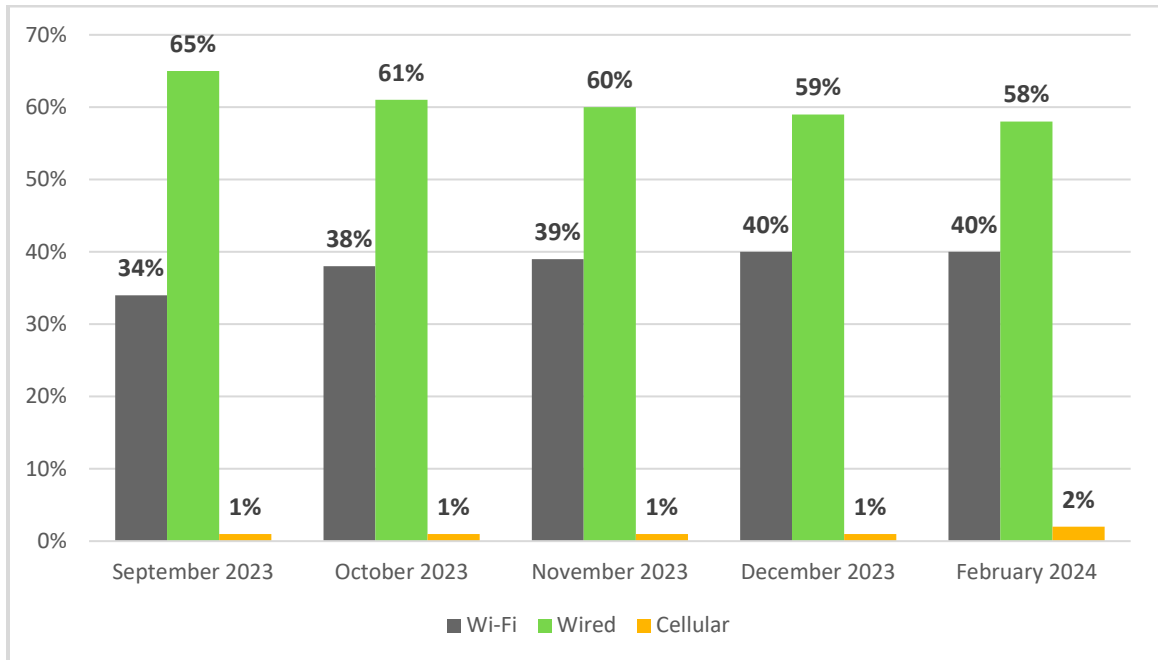


Figure 3 — Causes of reported interpretation issues during meetings



**Figure 4 — Network connection of committee meeting participants
(by percentage of participants)**



In general, wired connectivity provides a better audio chain.

**Figure 5 — Witnesses appearing in person vs by videoconference
(by percentage of witnesses)**

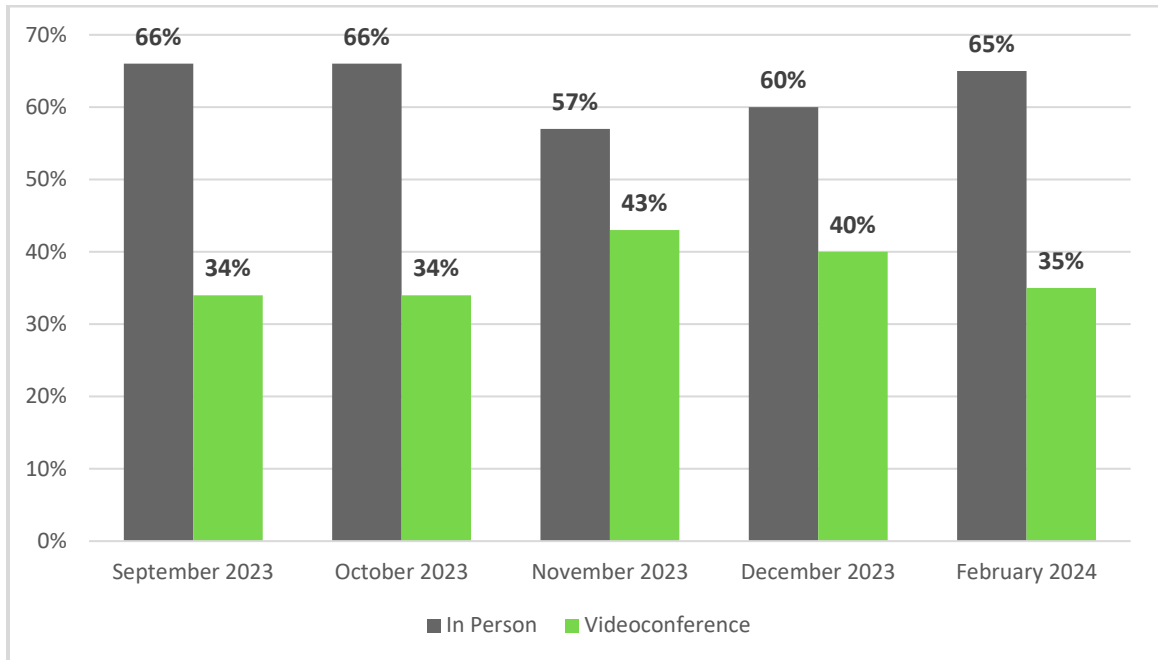
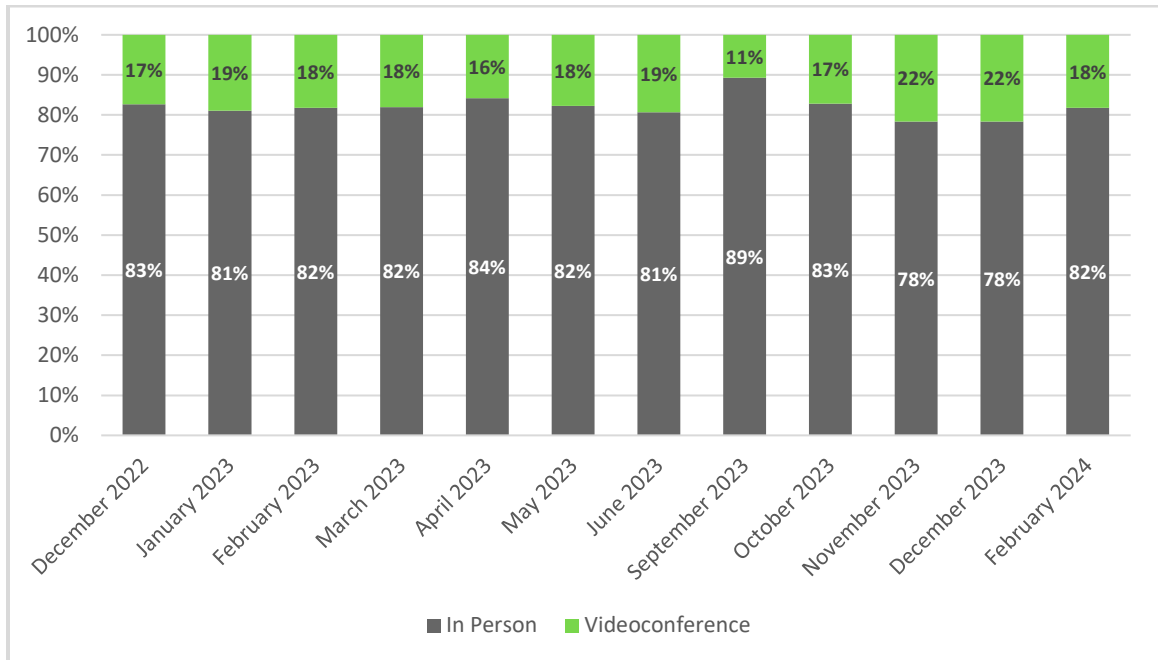


Figure 6— Minutes spoken by in person and videoconference participants (percentage)



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

A copy of the relevant *Minutes of Proceedings* ([Meeting No. 8](#)) is tabled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

