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Message from the Management Team

Committees are at the heart of the Senate’s legislative and policy review work and Canadians contribute to that work every year by appearing as witnesses or by providing written testimony. Canadians can also follow the work of committees by watching webcasts or CPAC broadcasts, or by reading transcripts, briefs and reports on a committee’s website. Senators spend an enormous amount of time engaged in committee work. The Committees Directorate takes great pride in providing senators with professional, non-partisan procedural and administrative support.

For the first portion of the 2022-23 fiscal year, Senate committee activities continued to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which meant that committees continued to meet in a hybrid fashion, with senators participating virtually and in person. This limited the Senate’s overall capacity to support a full committee schedule. Despite numerous ongoing challenges with capacity and a great deal of uncertainty, the Directorate maintained its primary focus of ensuring that core functions were not interrupted, to facilitate the work of senators in committee and allow them to continue to play their central role in the legislative process.

In the fall of 2022, a significant change occurred when senators returned to the Senate entirely in person. This allowed committees to resume a full schedule of meetings and eased some of the capacity constraints caused by hybrid proceedings. Another important development was the return of witnesses to Senate committee rooms, travelling from across Canada to appear before committees in person. The Committees Directorate worked diligently and efficiently with various partners within and outside the Senate during this period to integrate the Zoom platform to in-person proceedings for witnesses who wished to appear by videoconference, leveraging important lessons learned from almost three years of virtual and hybrid proceedings. Committees also began travelling again, both domestically and abroad, which further enhanced the work they accomplished in Ottawa. By the end of the fiscal year, Senate committees had returned to pre-pandemic activity levels, and in some cases even exceeded them.

We are extremely proud of our team at the Committees Directorate. Once again, they demonstrated their dedication, flexibility and resilience as the Senate gradually returned from the pandemic to a “new normal.” The past year required another period of adjustment for our team, as work processes had to be redefined and new technologies were integrated and adapted to an evolving workplace. Through it all, our team remained committed to the Directorate’s mandate to provide exemplary service to senators, to support institutional priorities, and to promote the important work of Senate committees to all Canadians.

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Mission Statement

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

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

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

Integrity

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

Respect

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

Service

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

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Part 1: Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Structure of Committees

The Committees Directorate provides administrative, procedural and informational support to Senate committees, which included the following committees during the 2022-23 fiscal year:

- Eighteen standing committees (and six subcommittees); and
- Two standing joint committees and two special joint committees (composed of members from both the Senate and the House of Commons).

The size of committees, their general areas of study and the number of members required for quorum are set under rules 12-3, 12-6 and 12-7 of the *Rules of the Senate*.

Overview of Committee Activities

Committees account for much of the important work of the Senate. While all committees must respect the *Rules of the Senate* and the *Senate Administrative Rules* (SARs), there are variations between committees with respect to how they undertake, organize and carry out their work. Some committees focus almost exclusively on legislation, while others give special studies most of their attention.

The 2022-23 fiscal year saw the level of committee activity return to and even in some cases outpace pre-pandemic levels. At the start of the fiscal year, committees continued to meet in a hybrid format. The motion authorising committees to meet in a hybrid format was extended by the Senate in May 2022, effective until June 30, 2022. When committees resumed in September 2022, in-person participation in most committee meetings recommenced for senators. Only certain committees such as the Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight and the Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators retained the authority to meet in a hybrid format. In regard to joint committees, the Senate adopted a motion in September 2022 authorising joint committees to hold hybrid meetings. This was subsequently extended in February 2023 to remain in effect until June 23, 2023. Two special joint committees were active during the 2022-23 fiscal year: both the Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency and the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying held several meetings over the course of the fiscal year.

The 2022-23 fiscal year also marked the first committee trips since the start of the pandemic. The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights was the first to travel, holding public hearings and undertaking fact-finding missions in Eastern and Western Canada in September 2022. The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs embarked on fact-finding missions to northern Canada and to Colorado Springs (U.S.) in October 2022 and February 2023 respectively. The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade followed suit, travelling to Washington, D.C., in December 2022 on a fact-finding mission.

In addition, the *Rules of the Senate* and the *Senate Administrative Rules* underwent updates during the 2022-23 fiscal year. On May 9, 2022, the Senate adopted a change to the *Senate Administrative Rules* to enable the members of the Committee of Selection at prorogation and dissolution to become an intersessional authority. A few days later, on May 12, 2022, the Senate adopted the Third Report (interim) of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament, authorising name changes for three committees.

In addition, fall 2022 marked the return of the pre-pandemic committee schedule which allowed for more frequent meetings for all committees. As shown by the statistics related to committee operations contained later in this report, this helped committee activity attain pre-pandemic levels and even, in the case of the number of witnesses and hours in committee, exceed pre-pandemic years.

Summary of Committee Expenses

Indicators	2022-23
Committee Travel and General Expenses	\$545,683
Witnesses Travel and Videoconference Expenses	\$79,436
Meeting Hospitality	\$42,890
Other (postal, printing, etc.)	\$568

Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees over the last five fiscal years.

Indicators	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	Five-year average
Meetings	589	217	165	287	570	365.6
Reports	82	60	43	72	99	71.2
Hours in committee	994.4	364.7	303	565	966.2	638.7
Sitting weeks	26	23	13	14	23	19.8
Hours in committee per week	38.2	15.9	23.3	40.3	42	31.9
Witnesses	2,458	914	478	1,367	2,215	1486.2
Bills	40	45	9	27	56	36.2
Subject matter studies	19	9	2	6	24	10
Special studies	43	37	12	22	41	31.2
Trips	9	0	0	4	12	5
Fact-finding hours	69.1	0	0	0	242	62.2

The following table illustrates orders of reference considered by Senate committees during the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Orders of reference	Meetings	Total meetings (percent)	Hours	Total hours (percent)
Bills and subject matter studies	220	44%	342.5	44%
Special studies	275	56%	442.4	56%
Total	495	100%	784.9	100%

Contributions to Public Policy Development: Special Study Reports

The following list highlights the special study reports, that were completed during the fiscal year.

Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

Treading Water: The impact of and response to the 2021 British Columbia floods ([Sixth Report](#) [Interim] tabled on October 27, 2022)

In November 2021, significant rainfalls that produced extreme stream flows from the Nooksack and other rivers caused a series of floods in parts of southwestern British Columbia. This situation prompted the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to study the B.C. floods and the subsequent recovery efforts.

Twenty-three witnesses and three written briefs were received by the committee, which commented on the floods and recovery efforts, highlighting that the floods affected more than 1,000 farms, 15,000 hectares of land, 2.5 million livestock, as well as roads and railway infrastructure. They underscored that the B.C. government's estimate of the flood-related damages experienced by farmers was approximately \$285 million. One witness – Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Ltd.'s Monica Mannerström – suggested that, if the Fraser River were to overflow its banks in the future, the damages “would be at least tenfold” to those experienced as a result of the recent B.C. floods.

The committee's study also identified some of the lessons that can be learned from the federal and provincial governments' responses to the B.C. floods. From this perspective, areas of focus are flood mitigation infrastructure, emergency preparedness strategies, collaboration between and among governments in Canada, support measures, and co-operation between Canada and the United States regarding the management of transboundary waters.

Indigenous Peoples (APPA)

Voices of Truth and Reconciliation: Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders 2022 ([Eighth Report](#) [Interim] tabled on November 22, 2022)

On September 26, 2022, the committee held their annual event entitled Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders (formally known as Youth Indigenize the Senate), which has been taking place annually since 2016.

The committee invited five Indigenous youth leaders from across the country to discuss their perspectives on the meaning of truth and reconciliation in anticipation of the second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The committee's report summarized the testimony, including youth contributions to their communities. The report also referenced submissions the committee received from Indigenous youth as part of the application process for Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders. A brief comprising 25 of these written submissions was published on the committee's website.

Make it Stop! Ending the remaining discrimination in Indian registration ([Seventh Report](#) [Interim] tabled on June 27, 2022)

In spring 2022, the committee studied the implementation of *An Act to amend the Indian Act in response to the Superior Court of Quebec decision in Descheneaux c. Canada (Procureur général)* by Indigenous Services Canada. The committee heard from government officials, legal experts, Indigenous people affected by the inequities in registration under the *Indian Act*, and academics.

The committee's study found that there are outstanding inequities in registration under the *Indian Act* that continue to affect First Nations women and their descendants. However, the report noted that the Government of Canada has only acted to address discrimination in the registration provisions when instructed to do so by the courts. The committee's report made recommendations to improve the registration process, including by developing plain language materials and timeframes for application processing. The committee also recommended the repeal of section 6(2) of the *Indian Act* (the "second-generation cut-off") that reduces the number of individuals with status, and the repeal of non-liability clauses in the 1985, 2010, and 2017 amendments to the *Indian Act* to enable First Nations women and their descendants who were denied status to obtain compensation.

Not Enough: All Words and No Action on MMIWG

([Sixth Report](#) [Interim] tabled on June 22, 2022)

In spring 2022, the committee studied the Government of Canada's implementation of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' (National Inquiry) Calls for Justice. The committee heard from the former Commissioners of the National Inquiry, Indigenous organizations, family members of victims, as well as the Minister and officials from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

In its interim report, the committee recommended that Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada provide quarterly progress reports on the federal government's implementation of the Calls for Justice. The committee also indicated its intention to seek a new order of reference from the Senate to further examine the role of the federal government in implementing Calls for Justice 1.10 (creation of an independent mechanism on the implementation of the Calls for Justice) and 1.7 (establishment of an independent National Indigenous Human Rights Ombudsperson and Tribunal).

Banking, Commerce and the Economy (BANC)

The State of the Canadian Economy and Inflation

([Fifth Report](#) [Interim] tabled on February 15, 2023)

From September 22 to December 1, 2022, the committee conducted a study on the state of the Canadian economy and inflation. The committee heard from several witnesses, including the Governor and Senior Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada, the Parliamentary Budget Officer, professors, bank economists and other financial organizations.

The committee acknowledged in its report that the causes of inflation in Canada are both domestic and foreign and that the slow withdrawal of COVID-19 supports was widely seen as an early contributor to inflation. The need for parliamentary oversight during times of crisis and uncertainty needs to be enhanced. The committee observed that the Bank of Canada should be more transparent and periodically make public its assessment of the effect of its interventions on inflation and on the evolution of key economic indicators, that the government's total spending should

be constrained and its investment should be more targeted and that business investment is an important driver of productivity and living standards.

Business investment in Canada

([Fourth Report](#) [Interim] tabled on June 20, 2022)

The committee released an interim report on business investment on June 20, 2022. The committee heard from witnesses such as the Governor and Senior Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada, as well as former Governors of the Bank of Canada. The committee also received a written submission from the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB).

The committee recognized that improvements in only one or two policy areas are unlikely to provide Canadian businesses with the confidence they need to make the necessary investments to grow their business for the future. Some recommendations made by witnesses include changing procurement requirements, simplifying regulations, and establishing a tax policy that incentivizes reinvestment of retained earnings.

Official Languages (OLLO)

Francophone immigration to minority communities: towards a bold, strong and coordinated approach

([Second Report](#) [Final] – tabled on March 30, 2023)

The Government of Canada set itself the goal of ensuring that 4.4% of immigrants to Canada outside of Quebec be francophone by 2023. This proportion corresponds to the demographic weight of francophone minority communities in 2001. Prompted by the approaching deadline to achieve this target, a 2021 document outlining the Government of Canada's intentions concerning official languages reform, the mandate given to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship in 2021 to implement a national strategy in support of francophone immigration, and the introduction of Bill C-13, the committee received an order of reference on February 10, 2022. This order of reference aimed to take stock of the current state of francophone immigration, study the factors that impact the effectiveness of Canada's immigration programs in this regard, and study the impact of these programs on the anglophone community in Quebec.

The committee found that the demographic weight of francophones in Canada is declining, and that the federal immigration target of 4.4% was met for the first time only recently. As the survival and growth of francophone minority communities depends largely on immigration, the committee called on the Government of Canada to adopt a more ambitious national francophone immigration policy designed to reverse this decline. The report's 12 recommendations—directed primarily at Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada but also to other partners—outline clear steps needed to remove barriers all along the integration pathway and to overhaul immigration programs. They also call for a new, higher francophone immigration target adapted to each province and territory with the goal of restoring the demographic weight of francophone minority communities.

Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

Peace on the Water (Advancing the Full Implementation of Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Peskotomuhkati Rights-Based Fisheries) ([Fourth Report](#) [Final] – tabled on July 12, 2022)

From March 1, 2022, to June 10, 2022, the Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans undertook a study on Indigenous rights-based fisheries, specifically those affirmed in the 1999 *Marshall* decision. The committee learned that the rights-based fisheries that were affirmed in the *Marshall* decision have yet to be fully implemented by the Government of Canada and that the lack of implementation has led to rising tensions and even violence. Through witness testimony, the committee heard how rights-based fisheries are often misunderstood. The committee made 10 recommendations in the report, with the aim of finding a new way forward based on true collaboration and shared decision-making between the Government of Canada and First Nations.

Human Rights (RIDR)

The Scars that We Carry: Forced and Coerced Sterilization of Persons in Canada ([Fourth Report](#) [Interim] tabled on July 14, 2022)

Beginning in 2019, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights undertook a study on the extent and scope of forced and coerced sterilization of persons in Canada, hearing from experts and civil society groups. In 2022, the committee heard additional testimony on this issue, including from several survivors who courageously

shared their stories. The committee held four meetings on this topic, hearing from 19 witnesses. This report highlights the experiences and perspectives of survivors and outlines solutions that the committee believes are urgently needed to bring an end to this unacceptable practice. The report concludes with 13 recommendations and, following its adoption, the Senate requested that the Government of Canada respond without delay to this report.

Canada's Restrictions on Humanitarian Aid to Afghanistan

([Fifth Report](#) [Interim] tabled on December 14, 2022)

On December 5, 2022, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights undertook a short study on humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan under its general order of reference. The study examined how Canada's terrorism financing laws affect the delivery of aid to vulnerable people in Afghanistan. The committee held two meetings on this topic, hearing from 11 witnesses. The report concludes with five recommendations seeking to eliminate Canadian barriers to humanitarian aid and, following its adoption, the Senate requested that the Government of Canada respond without delay to this report.

Social Affairs, Science and Technology (SOCI)

All Together — The Role of Gender-based Analysis Plus in the Policy Process: reducing barriers to an inclusive intersectional policy analysis

([Eleventh Report](#) [Interim] – tabled on March 30, 2023)

On September 21, 2022, the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology began a study on the role of Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA Plus) in the federal policy process. This study was conducted under the committee's general order of reference and undertaken in response to the Auditor General's May 2022 report on GBA Plus implementation in the federal government. The committee held four meetings on the topic, hearing testimony from 19 witnesses, including the Auditor General of Canada and the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, in addition to academics and expert advocates from civil society organizations. The report makes 15 recommendations to reduce barriers to implementing GBA Plus analysis and to support a more fulsome intersectional analysis.

Medical Assistance in Dying (Special Joint) – AMAD

Medical Assistance in Dying and Mental Disorder as the Sole Underlying Condition: An Interim Report

([First Report](#) [Interim] – tabled on June 22, 2022)

Following the release by the Expert Panel on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) and Mental Illness of its final report in May 2022, the committee heard from witnesses on mental disorders in the context of MAID. This report summarized their testimony, which touched on questions of irremediability, the balance between respecting autonomy and protecting the vulnerable, the distinction between MAID requests and suicidality, and the provision of adequate healthcare and social supports. While this interim report does not contain any final recommendations, the committee noted the need for clear standards of practice and guidelines, adequate training regimes, comprehensive patient assessments and meaningful oversight. The committee also noted with concern that more remained to be done in advance of the lifting, scheduled for March 2023, of the temporary exclusion of mental disorder as a sole underlying condition from the eligibility criteria to access MAID.

Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada: Choices for Canadians

([Second Report](#) [Final] tabled on February 15, 2023)

In this report, the committee reviewed the statutory provisions for MAID with a focus on five key issues as set out in its mandate: the state of palliative care in Canada, protections for Canadians with disabilities, MAID where mental disorder is the sole underlying condition (MAID MD-SUMC), MAID for mature minors, and advance requests. MAID requests for individuals with a grievous and irremediable medical condition are divided into two broad categories. “Track one” requests are made by those whose natural death is reasonably foreseeable and was made permissible by the passing of Bill C-14 in 2016. Access to MAID was expanded through the passing of Bill C-7 in 2021 to the “track two” category, for those whose natural death is not reasonably foreseeable. After holding 36 meetings, hearing from close to 150 witnesses, and receiving over 350 briefs and other correspondence, the committee’s report includes nearly two dozen recommendations concerning these and other areas. Summaries of some of those recommendations follow.

The committee recommended that access to palliative care be improved and expanded, that support for persons with disabilities be continued, that measures be

implemented to reduce poverty and ensure economic security and that the government convene an expert panel to study the needs of persons with disabilities as they relate to MAID. On MAID MD-SUMC under track two, the committee supported the introduction of Bill C-39, which extends the date for eligibility for MAID MD-SUMC by one year, to March 17, 2024. The committee also recommended that a joint committee be established in the future to verify the healthcare system's preparedness. The committee recommended that mature minors have access to MAID under track one, that further research and engagement on the topic with youth was necessary and that an expert panel be appointed to study the issue. The committee also recommended that the *Criminal Code* be amended to allow advance requests made by a person while they still have capacity, and that the federal government work with provinces, territories, regulatory authorities, and stakeholders to adopt the necessary safeguards and to develop a framework for the interprovincial recognition of such requests.

Part 2: Committee Profiles



The following section provides information and general statistics about each committee that met during the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Please note that the table in the section “Reports to the Senate” includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years. The table in the section “Committee Activities” includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year.

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Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade has the mandate to examine legislation and matters relating to foreign and Commonwealth relations, including treaties and international agreements, external trade, foreign aid and territorial and offshore matters.

Over the course of the fiscal year, the committee continued its study on the Canadian foreign service and elements of the foreign policy machinery within Global Affairs Canada. It also began a comprehensive review of the provisions and operation of the *Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act* (Sergei Magnitsky Law) and the *Special Economic Measures Act*, pursuant to section 16 of the *Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act* (Sergei Magnitsky Law).

During the fiscal year, the committee studied and reported back to the Senate on three bills: Bill S-217, Bill S-9 and Bill S-8. The committee also studied and reported back to the Senate on the subject matter of certain elements contained in Part 9 of Bill S-6 and on the subject matter of certain elements contained in Divisions 9, 18 and 31 of Part 5 of Bill C-19.

The committee also undertook two fact-finding missions during the fiscal year: the first to Washington DC in December 2022 and the second to Global Affairs Canada's headquarters in Ottawa in March 2023.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Eighth	Examine and report on the Canadian foreign service and elements of the foreign policy machinery within Global Affairs Canada	October 6, 2022	0	Special Study Budget 2022-23 (Canadian Foreign Service)

Seventh	Study on foreign relations and international trade generally	October 6, 2022	0	Special Study Budget 2022-23 (Foreign Relations and International Trade in general)
Sixth	Bill S-9, An Act to amend the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act	June 20, 2022	3	Bill S-9, without amendment
Fifth	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	June 14, 2022	11	Bill S-8, with amendments
Fourth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 9, 18 and 31 of Part 5 of Bill C-19, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 7, 2022 and other measures	June 2, 2022	16	Divisions 9, 18 and 31 of Part 5 of Bill C-19
Third	The subject matter of those elements contained in Part 9 of Bill S-6, An Act respecting regulatory modernization	May 18, 2022	2	Part 9 of Bill S-6
Second	Bill S-217, An Act respecting the repurposing of certain seized, frozen or sequestered assets	April 5, 2022	0	Bill S-217, with amendments

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	35	48.8	13	147	7
2021-22	9	11.2	0	39	2
2020-21	3	3.4	0	8	2
2019-20	17	21.5	0	57	6
2018-19	38	49.4	0	119	6

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget expenditures	\$ 32,034
Witness expenses	\$ 5,324
TOTAL	\$ 37,358

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Boehm (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Harder, P.C. (Progressive Senate Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Boniface, Coyle, Deacon (*Ontario*), Gerba, Greene, Harder, P.C., Housakos, MacDonald, Ravalia, Richards and Woo

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Audette, Bellemare, Boisvenu, Busson, Cardozo, Cordy, Dawson (retired), Dean, Hartling, Kutcher,

Loffreda, Manning, Martin, Marwah, Mégie, Miville-Dechéne, Moncion, Oh, Omidvar, Petitclerc, Simons and Sorensen.

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Marc-André Lanthier, Committee Assistant (until January 2023)

Maritza Jean-Pierre, Committee Assistant (until September 2022)

Library of Parliament:

Brian Hermon, Analyst

Nadia Faucher, Analyst

Pascale Tremblay, Analyst (until October 2022)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry has the mandate to examine legislation and to study issues related to agriculture and forestry. The agriculture and agri-food portfolio covers all departments and agencies that are under the responsibility of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food. While most of the forest on Crown land is managed by the provinces, the federal government is responsible for many forest-related matters.

During this fiscal year, the committee completed its interim report on the impact of and response to the 2021 British Columbia floods. The committee also continued to hold meetings on its study on the status of soil health in Canada.

Moreover, the committee studied and reported back to the Senate on Bill S-222, Bill S-227, Bill S-236, and Bill C-235, and studied and reported back to the Senate on the subject matter of certain elements contained in Parts 4, 5 and 6 of Bill S-6.

The committee also undertook two fact-finding missions during the fiscal year as part of their study on soil health: a visit to the World Congress on Soil Science in Glasgow (UK) in the summer of 2022 and a visit to the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum in Ottawa in December 2022.

Reports to the Senate

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Eighth	Examine and report on the status of soil health in Canada	February 16, 2023	0	Special Study Supplementary Budget 2023-2024 (Soil Health) - Travel activity to Guelph (ON)
Seventh	Bill C-235, An Act respecting the building of a green economy in the Prairies	December 14, 2022	10	Bill C-235, without amendment

Sixth	Examine and report on issues relating to agriculture and forestry generally	October 27, 2022	23	Interim report entitled <i>Treading Water: The impact of and response to the 2021 British Columbia floods</i>
Fifth	Bill S-236, An Act to amend the Employment Insurance Act and the Employment Insurance Regulations (Prince Edward Island)	June 23, 2022	14	Bill S-236, with amendments and observations
Fourth	Examine and report on the status of soil health in Canada	June 9, 2022	0	Special Study Budget 2022-2023 (Status of soil health in Canada)
Third	The subject matter of those elements contained in Parts 4, 5 and 6 of Bill S-6, An Act respecting regulatory modernization	May 20, 2022	13	The subject matter of those elements contained in Parts 4, 5 and 6 of Bill S-6
Second	Bill S-227, An Act to establish Food Day in Canada	April 7, 2022	0	Bill S-227, without amendment but with observations
First	Bill S-222, An Act to amend the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act (use of wood)	April 7, 2022	12	Bill S-222, with amendments and observations

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	33	51	2.5	128	8
2021-22	7	11.3	0	25	1
2020-21	1	0.5	0	0	1
2019-20	14	22.1	0	46	4
2018-19	34	60.4	56.9	156	5

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget expenditures	\$ 18,494
Witness expenses	\$ 4,102
TOTAL	\$ 22,596

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Black (Canadian Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Simons (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Black, Burey, Cotter, Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Duncan, Jaffer, Klyne, Mockler, Oh, Petitclerc and Simons

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Bovey, Clement, Cordy, Cormier, Deacon (*Ontario*), Dupuis, Greenwood, Housakos, Martin, Marwah, Plett, Ringuette, Saint-Germain, Smith, Sorensen, Tannas, Wells, Wetston (retired) and Yussuff

Committee support:

Ferda Simpson, Clerk of the Committee

Elda Donnelly, Committee Assistant (as of September 2022)

Tracy Amendola, Committee Assistant (until September 2022)

Library of Parliament:

Joanne Markle LaMontagne, Analyst (until November 2022, as of January 2023)

Offah Obale, Analyst (until January 2023)

Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight (AOVS)

General Information

The Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight was created on October 1, 2020, based on the principles of integrity, independence, transparency, and accountability. These principles are essential to fulfilling the committee's mandate to provide oversight and report on the Senate's spending. The committee is authorized, on its own initiative, to exercise the review, monitoring and inquiry function of the Senate's financial operations. More specifically, it is responsible for: retaining the services of and overseeing the external and internal auditors; supervising the Senate's internal and external audits; reviewing the Senate's quarterly financial reports and the audited financial statements for information purposes; and tabling before the Senate all relevant financial documents, including an annual report with observations and recommendations. It is also tasked with reviewing the Senate Administration's action plans to ensure that they adequately address the recommendations and findings that may arise from internal and external audits and that they are effectively implemented.

In 2022-23, the committee presented four reports to the Senate.

In June 2022, the committee presented its Third Report, the first annual report in the committee's history, covering the 18-month period from its creation on October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022.

In June 2022, the committee also presented its Fourth Report which contained a proposed *Senate Audit and Oversight Charter*. The Charter outlines the committee's purpose, authority and responsibilities, and explains the role of the committee in the context of the Senate's overall governance framework. It also establishes the committee's intersessional authority, which empowers the members to continue the work of the committee during a prorogation or dissolution, until members of a successor committee are appointed at the start of the next session.

The Charter and consequential amendments to the *Rules of the Senate* and to the *Senate Administrative Rules* necessary for the implementation of the Charter were adopted by the Senate on June 7 and June 15, 2023, respectively.

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Sixth	Examine and report on the appropriate consequential amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i> and to chapter 3:05 of the <i>Senate Administrative Rules</i> that may be necessary for the implementation of the <i>Senate Audit and Oversight Charter</i>	June 15, 2022	0	Amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i> and <i>Senate Administrative Rules - Senate Charter on Audit and Oversight</i>
Fifth	Supervise and report on the Senate's internal and external audits and related matters	June 9, 2022	0	Budget 2022-23 (Chief Audit Executive)
Fourth	Supervise and report on the Senate's internal and external audits and related matters	June 2, 2022	0	<i>Senate Audit and Oversight Charter</i>
Third	Supervise and report on the Senate's internal and external audits and related matters	June 2, 2022	0	Annual Report of AOVS: Activities and Observations, October 1, 2020, to March 31, 2022

Committee Activities

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	11	14.1	0	8	4
2021-22	8	13.75	0	6	5
2020-21	4	5	0	5	2

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget expenditures	\$ 39,499
External members expenditures	\$ 52,748
Witness expenses	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 92,247

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Klyne (Progressive Senate Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Dupuis (Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Wells (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Downe, Dupuis, Klyne and Wells

External members of the committee:

Hélène F. Fortin

Robert Plamondon

Committee support:

Maxime Fortin, Clerk of the Committee

Stéphanie van Beek, Recording Secretary (as of November 2022)

Brigitte Martineau, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Lindsay McGlashan, Analyst

Rosemonde Samedy, Analyst (as of August 2022)

Raphaëlle Deraspe, Analyst (until August 2022)

Standing Committee on Indigenous Peoples (APPA)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples has the mandate to study matters relating to the Indigenous peoples of Canada.

During the 2022-23 fiscal year, the committee studied and reported back to the Senate on Bill S-10.

The committee also examined and reported back to the Senate on the subject matter of certain elements contained in Divisions 2 and 3 of Part 5 of Bill C-19, and on the subject matter of certain elements contained in subdivisions A and B of Division 3 of Part 4 of Bill C-32.

On July 31, 2022, the committee was renamed the Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples.

Reports to the Senate

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Ninth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Subdivisions A and B of Division 3 of Part 4 of Bill C-32, An Act to implement certain provisions of the fall economic statement tabled in Parliament on November 3, 2022 and certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 7, 2022	December 5, 2022	7	The subject matter of those elements contained in Subdivisions A and B of Division 3 of Part 4 of Bill C-32
Eighth	Examine the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal	November 22, 2022	5	Interim report entitled <i>Voices of Truth and Reconciliation: Voices</i>

	responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and any other subject concerning Indigenous Peoples			<i>of Youth Indigenous Leaders 2022</i>
Seventh	Examine the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and any other subject concerning Indigenous Peoples	June 27, 2022	20	Interim report entitled <i>Make it Stop! Ending the remaining discrimination in Indian registration</i>
Sixth	Examine the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and any other subject concerning Indigenous Peoples	June 22, 2022	19	Interim report entitled <i>Not Enough: All Words and No Action on MMIWG</i>
Fifth	Bill S-10, An Act to give effect to the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement, to amend the Sechelt Indian Band Self-Government Act and the Yukon First Nations Self-Government Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts	June 16, 2022	10	Bill S-10, without amendment
Fourth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 2 and 3 of Part	June 10, 2022	7	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions

	5 of Bill C-19, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 7, 2022 and other measures			2 and 3 of Part 5 of Bill C-19
Third	Examine the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and any other subject concerning Indigenous Peoples	June 9, 2022	0	Special Study Budget 2022-23 (Federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples)

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	32	49.2	0	141	7
2021-22	10	27.75	0	106	4
2020-21	1	0.3	0	0	1
2019-20	19	48.3	0	115	8
2018-19	32	52.3	20.4	99	4

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget expenditures	\$ 1,306
Witness expenses	\$ 25,164
TOTAL	\$ 26,470

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Francis (Progressive Senate Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Arnot (Independent Senators Group) (as of November 2022)

The Honourable Senator Christmas (Retired) (Independent Senators Group) (until November 2022)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Arnot, Audette, Coyle, Francis, Greenwood, Hartling, LaBoucane-Benson, Martin, Patterson (*Nunavut*), Plett, Sorensen and Tannas

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Brazeau, Boniface, Busson, Christmas (retired), Clement, Dean, Duncan, Dupuis, Lankin, P.C., Loffreda, Lovelace Nicholas, Miville-Dechéne, Moodie, Omidvar, Pate and Saint-Germain

Committee support:

Andrea Mugny, Clerk of the Committee

Florence Blanchet, Committee Assistant (as of September 2022)

Lori Meldrum, Committee Assistant (until September 2022)

Library of Parliament:

Brittany Collier, Analyst

Sara Fryer, Analyst

Standing Committee on Banking, Commerce and the Economy (BANC)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Commerce and the Economy has the mandate to study issues related to banking, insurance, trust and loan companies, credit societies, caisses populaires and small loan companies. It is also responsible for considering customs and excise issues, taxation legislation, patents, royalties, corporate affairs and bankruptcy-related issues.

Over the fiscal year, the committee studied the state of the Canadian economy and business investment under its general order of reference and reported back to the Senate. The committee also considered and reported back to the Senate on Bill C-228, Bill S-215 and Bill S-6. The committee also studied and reported back to the Senate on the subject matter of certain elements contained in Divisions 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 and 30 of Part 5 of Bill C-19.

On July 31, 2022, the committee was renamed the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Commerce and the Economy.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Sixth	Bill C-228, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and the Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985	March 7, 2023	16	Bill C-228, without amendment but with observations
Fifth	Study matters relating to banking, trade and commerce generally	February 15, 2023	18	Interim report entitled <i>The State of the Canadian Economy and Inflation</i>

Fourth	Study matters relating to banking, trade and commerce generally	June 20, 2022	5	Interim report entitled <i>Business investment in Canada</i>
Third	Bill S-6, An Act respecting regulatory modernization	June 14, 2022	5	Bill S-6, with amendments and observations
Second	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 and 30 of Part 5 of Bill C-19, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 7, 2022 and other measures	June 6, 2022	25	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 and 30 of Part 5 of Bill C-19

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	33	54.8	0	108	5
2021-22	13	24.9	0	52	3
2020-21	1	0.5	0	0	1
2019-20	11	16.3	0	39	2
2018-19	36	54.6	0	156	10

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget expenditures	\$ 0
Witness expenses	\$ 3,236
TOTAL	\$ 3,236

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Wallin (Canadian Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Deacon (*Nova Scotia*) (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Duncan, Galvez, Gignac, Loffreda, Marshall, Marwah, Massicotte, Plett, Smith and Wallin

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Arnot, Bellemare, Busson, Dawson (retired), Duncan, Galvez, Gerba, Moncion, Ringuette, Simons, Sorensen, Wells, Woo and Yussuff

Committee support:

Karine Déquier, Clerk of the Committee (as of August 2022)

Kalina Waltos, Clerk of the Committee (until August 2022)

Debbie Larocque, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Edison Roy-César, Analyst (until February 2023)

Mehrab Kiarsi, Analyst (as of February 2023)

Adriane Yong, Analyst

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

General Information

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration has a mandate to consider all matters of a financial or administrative nature relating to the internal management of the Senate. It reviews and authorizes the budget applications of committees, sets guidelines and policies on items such as senators' travel and research expenditures and determines the propriety of any use of Senate resources. It should be noted that the committee is authorized to carry out its mandate on its own initiative rather than being dependent on an order of reference from the Senate (rule 12-7(1)).

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Seventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	February 7, 2023	3	Senate Budget 2023-24
Sixth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	December 1, 2023	2	Amendments to the <i>Senate Administrative Rules</i>
Fifth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	November 30, 2022	5	Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ended March 31, 2022
Fourth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	October 27, 2022	2	Annual Report on Parliamentary Associations' Activities and Expenditures for 2021-22

Third	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	June 14, 2022	2	Committee budget - legislation
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Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	16	28.2	0	89	5
2021-22	9	13.4	0	56	3
2020-21	17	29	0	61	5
2019-20	18	27.9	0	49	8
2018-19	18	21.5	0	33	11

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget expenditures	\$ 0
Witness expenses	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 0

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Moncion (Independent Senators Group) (since June 2022)

The Honourable Senator Marwah (Independent Senators Group) (until June 2022)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Carignan, P.C. (Conservative Party of Canada) (since September 2022)

The Honourable Senator Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada) (until September 2022)

The Honourable Senator Dalphond (Progressive Senate Group) (since February 2023)

The Honourable Senator Smith (Canadian Senators Group) (since March 2023)

The Honourable Senator Tannas (Canadian Senators Group) (until March 2023)

The Honourable Senator Dawson (Progressive Senate Group) (until February 2023)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bovey, Boyer, Carignan, P.C., Dalphond, Dean, Forest, Loffreda, Marshall, Moncion, Moodie, Plett, Quinn, Saint-Germain, Seidman and Smith

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Clement, Dagenais, Dasko, Dawson (retired), Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Deacon (*Ontario*), Duncan, Gignac, Harder, P.C., Housakos, MacDonald, Martin, Marwah, Pate, Patterson (*Ontario*), Woo and Yussuff

Committee Support:

Pascale Legault, Clerk of the Committee

Keli Hogan, Recording Secretary

Axel Saizonou, Committee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the committee.

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

General Information

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, also referred to as the steering committee, is composed of the chair and three deputy chairs of CIBA. It is responsible for making decisions on behalf of the committee with respect to its agenda, inviting witnesses and scheduling meetings. As well, the subcommittee advises on the Senate's communication strategy and implementation including communication approaches used to promote the role and work of the Senate and senators. If the full committee is unable to meet, the steering committee is authorized by the *Parliament of Canada Act* to deal with and resolve immediate administrative problems deemed urgent and to report its decisions at the next meeting of CIBA.

Reports to the Committee

The steering committee presented the following reports in public to CIBA during the fiscal year:

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

- Eleventh Report: Bi-Annual Exemptions to *Senator's Office Management Policy*
- Tenth Report: Decisions reported to CIBA
- Eighth Report: Decisions reported to CIBA
- Sixth Report: Bi-Annual Exemptions to *Senator's Office Management Policy*
- Fourth Report: Summary of the Fourth Report on the Senate Governance
- Fifth Report: Senators' Points of Departure and Arrival
- Third Report: 7-Day Policy Rule

Subcommittee Activities

The steering committee held several meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Moncion (Independent Senators Group) (since June 2022)

The Honourable Senator Marwah (Independent Senators Group) (until June 2022)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Carignan, P.C. (Conservative Party of Canada) (since September 2022)

The Honourable Senator Dalphond (Progressive Senate Group) (since February 2023)

The Honourable Senator Smith (Canadian Senators Group) (since March 2023)

The Honourable Senator Marshall (Conservative Party of Canada) (until September 2022)

The Honourable Senator Tannas (Canadian Senators Group) (until March 2023)

The Honourable Senator Dawson (Progressive Senate Group) (until February 2023)

Subcommittee support:

Pascale Legault, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Keli Hogan, Recording Secretary

Axel Saizonou, Committee Assistant

The Secretariat of Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration supports the work of the subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Diversity (DVSC)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Diversity is mandated by CIBA to examine and report on issues of diversity in the Senate workforce.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee presented one report to CIBA during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held seven in camera meetings during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Moodie (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Bovey, Boyer, Moodie, Quinn and Seidman

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Campbell (retired) and Clement

Subcommittee support:

Jodi Turner, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Tracy Amendola, Subcommittee Assistant

Erin Virgint, Analyst

Subcommittee on Human Resources (HRRH)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Human Resources is mandated by CIBA to examine issues related to human resources in the Senate, including the harmonization of working conditions and benefits of Senate employees, whether they work for the Administration, for a senator, or for an officer of the Senate. It also examines the working conditions and benefits of Senate employees and conducts reviews of Senate policies referred to it by the committee.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee presented four reports to CIBA during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held six meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Saint-Germain (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Seidman (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Bovey, Dean, Quinn, Saint-Germain and Seidman

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Campbell (retired) and Dagenais

Subcommittee support:

Maxime Fortin, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Brigitte Martineau, Subcommittee Assistant

Subcommittee on Long Term Vision and Plan (LTVP)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Long Term Vision and Plan is mandated by CIBA to, in coordination with the Senate Administration, supervise all steps, processes and decisions relating to the program of work for the long-term vision and plan for the parliamentary precinct. It also examines the best way to ensure that the renovations of Centre Block and all other buildings that will be occupied by the Senate respect the heritage and best interests of the institution.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee presented three reports to CIBA during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held five meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Tannas (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Boyer, Dalphond, Forest, Plett and Tannas

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Clement, Dawson (retired), Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Deacon (*Ontario*), Duncan, Loffreda, Pate and Woo

Subcommittee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Subcommittee

Annie Trudel, Subcommittee Assistant

Subcommittee on the Senate Estimates and Committee Budgets (SEBS)

General Information

The Subcommittee on Senate Estimates and Committee Budgets is mandated by CIBA to examine and report on financial matters, including: any proposed estimates, keeping in mind the necessity for the Senate and its Administration to demonstrate responsible management of the public funds that are allocated to the institution; committee budgets and making recommendations on the allocation and release of funds; and Senate policies referred to it by the committee.

Reports to the Committee

The subcommittee presented nine reports to CIBA during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Activities

The subcommittee held nine meetings in camera during the fiscal year.

Subcommittee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Moncion (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Bovey, Forest, Moncion, Plett and Tannas

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Campbell (retired), Carignan, P.C., Dalphond, Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Deacon (*Ontario*), Gignac, Harder, P.C., Housakos, Loffreda, MacDonald, Marshall and Moodie

Subcommittee support:

Shaila Anwar, Co-Clerk of the Subcommittee

Marie-Ève Belzile, Co-Clerk of the Subcommittee

Tracy Amendola, Subcommittee Assistant (as of July 2022)

Brigitte Martineau, Subcommittee Assistant

Martine Willox, Subcommittee Assistant (until July 2022)

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

General Information

The Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators is responsible for all matters relating to the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* (Code). It may give general direction to the Senate Ethics Officer concerning the interpretation, application and administration of the Code, and the committee is authorized to exercise these powers on its own initiative. The committee also considers any inquiry reports from the Senate Ethics Officer, an independent officer of the Senate. The committee has reviewed and amended the Code a number of times since its inception.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
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Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	14	18.7	0	3	0
2021-22	6	8.6	0	2	2
2020-21	12	18.3	0	2	3
2019-20	13	28.8	0	0	4
2018-19	17	29.9	0	23	0

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget expenditures	\$ 0
Witness expenses	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 0

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Seidman (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Cotter (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Busson, Carignan, P.C., Cotter, Harder, P.C., Seidman and Smith

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator White (retired)

Committee support:

Joëlle Nadeau, Clerk of the Committee
Debbie Larocque, Committee Assistant

Office of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel:

Charles Feldman, Parliamentary Counsel (until December 2022)
Marc-André Roy, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (since January 2023)
David Groves, Parliamentary Counsel

Library of Parliament:

Stephanie Feldman, Analyst

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

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources has a mandate to examine legislation and to study matters related to energy, the environment and natural resources generally, including mines and natural resources, other than fisheries and forestry; pipelines, transmission lines and energy transportation; environmental affairs; and other energy-related matters.

During the fiscal year, the committee considered and reported back to the Senate on Bill S-5, and examined the subject matter of certain elements contained in Parts 2 and 3 of Bill S-6.

Over the fiscal year, the committee worked on two special studies, one on hydrogen energy, and the other on climate change and the Canadian oil and gas Industry.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Third	Bill S-5, Strengthening Environmental Protection for a Healthier Canada Act	June 20, 2022	61	Bill S-5, with amendments and observations
Second	The subject matter of those elements contained in Parts 2 and 3 of Bill S-6, An Act respecting regulatory modernization	May 20, 2022	7	The subject matter of those elements contained in Parts 2 and 3 of Bill S-6

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	31	53.4	0	141	2
2021-22	12	19.9	0	59	2
2020-21	4	5.2	0	10	2
2019-20	33	83.4	0	242	3
2018-19	35	68.7	0	121	6

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget expenditures	\$ 0
Witness expenses	\$ 7,221
TOTAL	\$ 7,221

Committee Membership**First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Galvez (Independent Senators Group) (as of March 1, 2023)

The Honourable Senator Massicotte (Independent Senators Group) (until February 28, 2023)

Deputy chair:

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

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Arnot, Audette, Batters, Galvez, Massicotte, McCallum, Miville-Dechéne, Patterson (*Nunavut*), Seidman, Sorensen and Verner, P.C.

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Cardozo, Dalphond, Gerba, Gignac, Greenwood, Harder, P.C., Klyne, Kutcher, Lankin, P.C., Pate, Plett and Yussuff

Committee support:

Jacques Maziade, Clerk of the Committee (as of January 2023)

Chantal Cardinal, Clerk of the Committee (until January 2023)

Lori Meldrum, Committee Assistant (as of January 2023)

Louise Martel, Committee Assistant (until January 2023)

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst

Jesse Good, Analyst

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (LCJC)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has the mandate to examine legislation and to study matters relating to legal and constitutional matters generally, including the criminal justice system and the *Criminal Code*, constitutional issues, electoral matters, linguistic and legal duality, federal-provincial relations, law reform, the judiciary and most private bills. The committee has historically been, and continues to be, one of the Senate's busiest committees. The majority of the committee's work entails the consideration of legislation, although from time to time the committee has undertaken more in-depth special studies on areas related to its mandate.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Eleventh	Bill C-233, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Judges Act (violence against an intimate partner)	February 14, 2023	6	Bill C-233, without amendment but with observations
Tenth	Bill S-11, A fourth Act to harmonize federal law with the civil law of Quebec and to amend certain Acts in order to ensure that each language version takes into account the common law and the civil law	December 14, 2022	5	Bill S-11, without amendment
Ninth	Bill S-205, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to another Act (interim release and domestic violence recognizance orders)	December 14, 2022	22	Bill S-205, with amendments and observations

Eighth	Bill S-210, An Act to restrict young persons' online access to sexually explicit material	November 15, 2022	3	Bill S-210, with amendments and observations
Seventh	Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	November 1, 2022	48	Bill C-5, without amendment but with observations
Sixth	Bill S-4, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Identification of Criminals Act and to make related amendments to other Acts (COVID-19 response and other measures)	June 14, 2022	25	Bill S-4, with amendments and observations
Fifth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 1, 21 and 22 of Part 5 of Bill C-19, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 7, 2022, and other measures	June 9, 2022	13	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 1, 21 and 22 of Part 5 of Bill C-19

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	43	71.4	0	172	7
2021-22	14	26.8	0	55	7
2020-21	15	61.4	0	172	4
2019-20	21	48.8	0	114	6
2018-19	40	78.2	0	145	7

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget expenditures	\$2,181
Witness expenses	\$2,202
TOTAL	\$4,383

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Cotter (Independent Senators Group) (as of January 1, 2023)

The Honourable Senator Jaffer (Independent Senators Group) (until December 31, 2022)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Boisvenu (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Dupuis, Jaffer, Klyne, Pate and Patterson (*Nunavut*)

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Arnot, Bellemare, Boniface, Boyer, Busson, Campbell (retired), Carignan, P.C., Cordy, Downe, Francis, Harder, P.C., Manning, Miville-Dechêne, Oh, Richards, Simons, Smith, Sorensen, Tannas, Wetston (retired) and White (retired)

Committee support:

Mark Palmer, Clerk of the Committee

Aoife McDonald, Committee Assistant (as of February 2023)

Annie Trudel, Committee Assistant (until January 2023)

Laurie-Anne Spooner, Committee Assistant (until November 2023)

Library of Parliament:

Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, Analyst

Julian Walker, Analyst

Standing Committee on National Finance (NFFN)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance has the mandate to examine matters relating to federal estimates generally. Historically, the committee has been, and continues to be, one of the Senate's busiest committees. Over the fiscal year, the committee focused on the Estimates, which outline the federal government's expenditure plans.

During the fiscal year, the committee studied and reported back to the Senate on the Supplementary Estimates A and B, Bill C-19, Bill C-8, Bill C-31, and Bill C-32.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Ninth	Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023	December 14, 2022	31	Final report
Eighth	Bill C-32, An Act to implement certain provisions of the fall economic statement tabled in Parliament on November 3, 2022 and certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 7, 2022	December 14, 2022	0	Bill C-32, without amendment
Seventh	Bill C-31, An Act respecting cost of living relief measures related to dental care and rental housing	November 15, 2022	0	Bill C-31, without amendment
Sixth	Bill C-19, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on	June 21, 2022	0	Bill C-19, without amendment

	April 7, 2022 and other measures			but with observations
Fifth	Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023	June 20, 2022	24	Final report
Fourth	Bill C-8, An Act to implement certain provisions of the economic and fiscal update tabled in Parliament on December 14, 2021 and other measures	June 8, 2022	25	Bill C-8, without amendment

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	43	75.5	0	428	6
2021-22	24	45.4	0	205	6
2020-21	24	58.3	0	172	5
2019-20	36	59.3	0	180	6
2018-19	59	95.7	6.5	325	12

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$ 0
Witness Expenses	\$ 1,260
TOTAL	\$ 1,260

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mockler (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Forest (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Bovey, Dagenais, Duncan, Forest, Galvez, Gignac, Loffreda, Marshall, Mockler, Pate and Smith

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Arnot, Audette, Bellemare, Cordy, Deacon (*Ontario*), Dean, Gerba, Harder, P.C., Lankin, P.C., Mégie, Moncion, Omidvar, Patterson (*Ontario*), Richards, Saint-Germain, Simons, Wetston (retired) and Yussuff.

Committee support:

Mireille Aubé, Clerk of the Committee

Tracy Amendola, Committee Assistant (since September 2022)

Annie Trudel, Committee Assistant (until September 2022)

Library of Parliament:

Shaowei Pu, Analyst

Sylvain Fleury, Analyst (since September 2022)

Michaël Lambert-Racine, Analyst (until September 2022)

Standing Committee on Official Languages (OLLO)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages has the mandate to study all matters relating to official languages generally. It studies matters relating to the application of the *Official Languages Act* and of the regulations and directives made under it. The committee seeks to ensure the respect of Canadians' language rights and the equality of Canada's two official languages. It examines questions pertaining to the *Official Languages Act* and pays particular attention to the federal government's commitment to advancing English and French in Canadian society and its role in enhancing the vitality of English and French linguistic minority communities.

Over the course of the fiscal year, the committee conducted a study and reported back to the Senate on the subject matter of Bill C-13. The committee also completed a study and reported back to the Senate on francophone immigration to minority communities.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Second	Study matters relating to francophone immigration to minority communities	March 30, 2023	57	Final report entitled <i>Francophone immigration to minority communities: towards a bold, strong and coordinated approach</i>
First	The subject matter of Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act, to enact the Use of French in Federally	November 17, 2022	41	Subject matter of Bill C-13

	Regulated Private Businesses Act and to make related amendments to other Acts			
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Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	23	43.9	0	101	2
2021-22	8	12.1	0	30	0
2020-21	1	0.5	0	0	1
2019-20	5	5.4	0	4	2
2018-19	23	45.7	2	100	3

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$0
Witness expenses	\$295
TOTAL	\$295

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Cormier (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Poirier (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Clement, Cormier, Dagenais, Dalphond, Gagné, Mégie, Mockler, Moncion and Poirier

Ex-officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Deacon (*Ontario*), Gignac, Jaffer, Loffreda, Martin and Miville-Dechéne

Committee support:

Angus Wilson, Clerk of the Committee (since January 2023)

Gaëtane Lemay, Clerk of the Committee (until December 2022)

Oswaldo Lopes da Silva, Committee Assistant (since February 2023)

Marc-André Lanthier, Committee Assistant (from September 2022 until February 2023)

Laurie-Anne Spooner, Committee Assistant (until October 2022)

Library of Parliament:

Marie-Ève Hudon, Analyst

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

General Information

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

During the fiscal year, the committee studied and reported back to the Senate on the implementation of Indigenous rights-based fisheries across Canada.

On October 4, 2022, the committee began a special study on Canada's seal population. The committee also held a series of meetings on corporate concentration in the inshore fishery in Atlantic Canada and heard from 13 witnesses on this topic during this fiscal year. In addition, the committee studied and reported back to the Senate on the subject matter of certain elements contained in Part 7 of Bill S-6. The committee also held a press conference in Halifax in July 2022 as part of their study on the implementation of Indigenous rights-based fisheries across Canada.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Fourth	Study the implementation of Indigenous rights-based fisheries across Canada	July 12, 2022	17	Final report entitled <i>Peace on the Water (Advancing the Full Implementation of Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Peskotomuhkati Rights-Based Fisheries)</i>
Third	Study the implementation of Indigenous rights-based fisheries across Canada	June 14, 2022	0	Special Study Budget 2022-2023 (Indigenous Rights-Based Fisheries)

Second	The subject matter of those elements related to fisheries and oceans contained in Part 7 of Bill S-6, An Act respecting regulatory modernization	May 10, 2022	3	The subject matter of those elements related to fisheries and oceans contained in Part 7 of Bill S-6, An Act respecting regulatory modernization
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Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	23	32.2	0	67	3
2021-22	7	11.4	0	26	1
2020-21	1	0.4	0	0	1
2019-20	11	20.5	0	60	2
2018-19	19	30.5	17	56	1

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$9,485
Witness Expenses	\$2,159
TOTAL	\$11,644

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Manning (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Busson (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Busson, Cordy, Francis, Kutcher, Manning, McPhedran, Patterson (*Ontario*), Quinn and Ravalia

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Christmas (retired), Cormier, Deacon (*Ontario*), Ringuette and Smith

Committee support:

Sara Gajic, Clerk of the Committee (since September 2022)

Ferda Simpson, Clerk of the Committee (from June 2022 until September 2022)

François Michaud, Clerk of the Committee (until June 2022)

Brigitte Martineau, Committee Assistant (since January 2023)

Annie Trudel, Committee Assistant (from September 2022 until January 2023)

Lyne Héroux, Committee Assistant (from September 2022 until January 2023)

Elda Donnelly, Committee Assistant (until September 2022)

Library of Parliament:

Daniele Lafrance, Analyst

Sarah Yakabowski, Analyst

Standing Committee on Human Rights (RIDR)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights has the broad mandate to examine, explore and monitor issues relating to human rights generally.

During the fiscal year, the committee studied and reported back to the Senate on Bill S-211 and Bill S-224. In addition, under its general order of reference, the committee completed two special studies (Forced and Coerced Sterilization of Persons in Canada and Canada's Restrictions on Humanitarian Aid to Afghanistan) and began its study on Islamophobia in Canada. A budget report was also adopted for public hearings and fact-finding trips in Western and Eastern Canada, which took place in September 2022, for the study on Islamophobia.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Fifth	Examine such issues as may arise from time to time relating to human rights generally	December 14, 2022	11	Interim report entitled <i>Canada's Restrictions on Humanitarian Aid to Afghanistan</i>
Fourth	Examine such issues as may arise from time to time relating to human rights generally	July 14, 2022	19	Interim report entitled <i>The Scars that We Carry: Forced and Coerced Sterilization of Persons in Canada</i>
Third	Bill S-224, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (trafficking in persons)	June 14, 2022	5	Bill S-224, without amendment
Second	Examine such issues as may arise from time to time relating to human rights generally	May 31, 2022	0	Special Study Budget 2022-2023 (Topic: Islamophobia in Canada)

First	Bill S-211, An Act to enact the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act and to amend the Customs Tariff	April 6, 2022	20	Bill S-211, with amendments and observations
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Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	29	62.4	14.57	174	5
2021-22	7	10.4	0	22	3
2020-21	2	1	0	0	1
2019-20	10	18.5	0	25	0
2018-19	27	48.6	59.3	141	8

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$156,378
Witness Expenses	\$4,594
TOTAL	\$160,972

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Ataullahjan (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Bernard (Progressive Senate Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Arnot, Ataullahjan, Bernard, Gerba, Hartling, Jaffer, Manning and Omidvar

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Audette, Boyer, Busson, Cardozo, Christmas (retired), Cordy, Dawson (retired), Duncan, Francis, Gignac, Harder, P.C., Housakos, Klyne, Lankin, P.C., Martin, Oh, Pate, Plett, Simons, Wells and Woo

Committee support:

Sébastien Payet, Clerk of the Committee (since May 2022)

Adam Thompson, Clerk of the Committee (April 2022)

Daniel Charbonneau, Clerk of the Committee (until April 2022)

Barbara Reynolds, Procedural Clerk

Lori Meldrum, Committee Assistant (since September 2022)

Marc-André Lanthier, Committee Assistant (until September 2022)

Library of Parliament:

Robert Mason, Analyst

Brendan Naef, Analyst

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

General Information

The *Rules of the Senate* authorize the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Rights of Parliament to propose, on its own authority, amendments to the Rules, which govern the deliberative operations of the Senate and its committees and guide the conduct of parliamentary business. The committee may also consider, more broadly, the orders and practices of the Senate and the privileges of Parliament. In addition, this committee examines questions of privilege that may be referred to it.

During the fiscal year, the committee continued to study elements of the Rules that should be reviewed and potentially revised and presented four reports to the Senate on the use of displays, exhibits and props in Senate proceedings; amendments to rule 12-7 in order to simplify and standardize committee mandates; a series of amendments to the Rules arising from proposals from the Senate Administration; and the results of discussions concerning equity between recognized parties and recognized parliamentary groups, as well as the modernization of titles as a result of amendments to the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

The committee also began a major examination of committee structures and mandates.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Fifth	Rule 12-7(2)(a)	March 9, 2023	0	Equity between recognized parties and recognized parliamentary groups
Fourth	Rule 12-7(2)(a)	February 7, 2023	0	Amendments to the Rules
Third	Rule 12-7(2)(a)	April 6, 2023	0	Amendments to the Rules — Committee mandates

Second	Rule 12-7(2)(c)	April 5, 2022	1	The use of displays, exhibits, and props in Senate proceedings
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Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	15	22.9	0	17	4
2021-22	7	10.0	0	3	1
2020-21	1	1.1	0	0	1
2019-20	4	3.7	0	2	1
2018-19	12	15.2	0	10	1

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$ 0
Witness Expenses	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 0

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Bellemare (Progressive Senate Group)

Deputy chairs:

The Honourable Senator Batters (Conservative Party of Canada)

The Honourable Senator Woo (Independent Senators Group) (from February 2023)

The Honourable Lankin, P.C. (Independent Senators Group) (until February 2023)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Batters, Bellemare, Black, Boniface, Cordy, Deacon (*Ontario*), Greene, MacDonald, Marwah, Omidvar, Ringuette, Saint-Germain, Wells and Woo

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Audette, Boisvenu, Busson, Clement, Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Dean, Duncan, Housakos, Kutcher, Lankin, P.C., Massicotte, Mégie, Mockler, Oh and Petitclerc

Committee support:

Adam Thompson, Clerk of the Committee
Laurie-Anne Spooner, Committee Assistant (since January 2023)
Ginette Ricard, Committee Assistant (until January 2023)

Library of Parliament:

François Delisle, Analyst
Erin Virgint, Analyst

Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs (SECD)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs has the mandate to examine legislation and study issues related to national defence, security and veterans affairs. Over time, the committee has also recognized the following broad areas of study to form a basis for its orders of reference: the capabilities of the departments of National Defence and Public Safety Canada, working relationships for intelligence-gathering and analysis and the security of borders and critical infrastructure. The committee was renamed the Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs on July 31, 2022.

Over the fiscal year, the committee continued its study on issues relating to security and defence in the Arctic, including Canada's military infrastructure and security capabilities. As part of this work, two fact-finding missions were embarked upon, to Northern Canada and to the NORAD Command Centre in Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America.

The committee also examined and reported back to the Senate on Bill S-7, and on the subject matter of certain elements contained in Divisions 19 and 20 of Part 5 of Bill C-19.

Reports to the Senate

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Third	Bill S-7, An Act to amend the Customs Act and the Preclearance Act, 2016	June 15, 2022	20	Bill S-7, with amendments
Second	Examine and report on issues relating to security and defence in the Arctic	June 9, 2022	0	Special Study Budget 2022-2023 (Arctic Security)

First	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 19 and 20 of Part 5 of Bill C-19, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 7, 2022 and other measures	June 7, 2022	8	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 19 and 20 of Part 5 of Bill C-19
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Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	22	44.2	39	102	3
2021-22	8	12.5	0	25	1
2020-21	1	0.5	0	0	1
2019-20	17	43.6	0	101	6
2018-19	19	46.4	0	110	5

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$286,305
Witness Expenses	\$3,237
TOTAL	\$289,542

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dean (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Dagenais (Canadian Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Boehm, Boisvenu, Dagenais, Dasko, Deacon (*Ontario*), Dean, Gignac, Oh, Richards and Yussuff

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Audette, Boniface, Cardozo, Cordy, Dalphond, Duncan, Jaffer, Klyne, Martin, Mercer (retired), Mockler, Plett, Ravalia, Simons, Smith, Sorensen and Wells

Committee support:

Ericka Dupont, Clerk of the Committee
Natacha Umugwaneza, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Ariel Shapiro, Analyst
Anne-Marie Therrien-Tremblay, Analyst

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs (VEAC)

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs reports to the Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs. It examines matters pertaining specifically to Canadian veterans.

After several years of reduced activity resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the subcommittee resumed regular meetings, receiving updates from Veterans Affairs Canada and the office of the Veterans Ombudsman on issues related to their respective mandates.

The subcommittee also began a study on Emerging treatments for Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans suffering from occupational stress injuries, to which the majority of their meeting time was dedicated. This work continued through the end of the fiscal year.

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	13	11.1	0	22	0
2021-22	1	0.4	0	0	0
2020-21	1	0.5	0	0	1
2019-20	17	43.6	0	101	6
2018-19	19	46.4	0	110	5

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$0
Witness Expenses	\$762
TOTAL	\$762

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Richards (Canadian Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Boisvenu (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Anderson, Boisvenu, Deacon (*Ontario*), Richards and Yussuff

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Boniface, Cardozo, Duncan, Klyne, Ravalia and Sorensen

Committee support:

Ericka Dupont, Clerk of the Committee
Natacha Umugwaneza, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Rodrigue Paré, Analyst

Committee of Selection (SELE)

General Information

The Committee of Selection has the mandate, pursuant to the *Rules of the Senate*, to nominate through a report to the Senate the senators who will serve on standing committees and standing joint committees. The committee is also empowered to propose to the Senate from time to time changes in the membership of a committee and to make recommendations regarding senators' office allocations. At the start of the Forty-fourth Parliament, the committee also received an additional order of reference to make recommendations to the Senate on issues relating to the scheduling of committee meetings, the coordination, facilitation and enhancement of hybrid meetings and on the duration of membership on committees.

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	1	0.5	0	0	0
2021-22	1	1.0	0	0	3
2020-21	6	4.7	0	0	8
2019-20	1	0.1	0	0	0
2018-19	1	0.03	0	0	0

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$0
Witness Expenses	\$0
TOTAL	\$0

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator MacDonald (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Petitclerc (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Clement, Dean, Downe, Housakos, LaBoucane-Benson, MacDonald, Petitclerc and Saint-Germain

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Duncan and Mercer (retired)

Committee support:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Committee

Brigitte Martineau, Committee Assistant

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

General Information

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

During the fiscal year, the committee studied and reported on several bills. The committee also published an interim report, under its general order of reference, on the topic of Gender-based Analysis Plus in the public policy process.

Reports to the Senate

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Eleventh	Examine and report on such issues as may arise from time to time relating to social affairs, science and technology generally	March 30, 2023	19	Interim report entitled <i>All Together — The Role of Gender-based Analysis Plus in the Policy Process: reducing barriers to an inclusive intersectional policy analysis</i>
Tenth	Bill S-246, An Act respecting Lebanese Heritage Month	November 24, 2022	3	Bill S-246, without amendment
Ninth	Bill S-208, An Act respecting the Declaration on the Essential Role of Artists and Creative Expression in Canada	June 20, 2022	10	Bill S-208, with amendments and observations

Eighth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 23, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 32 of Part 5 of Bill C-19, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 7, 2022 and other measures	June 9, 2022	17	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 23, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 32 of Part 5 of Bill C-19
Seventh	The subject matter of those elements contained in Part 8 of Bill S-6, An Act respecting regulatory modernization	May 27, 2022	5	The subject matter of those elements contained in Part 8 of Bill S-6
Sixth	Bill S-203, An Act respecting a federal framework on autism spectrum disorder	May 3, 2022	14	Bill S-203, with amendments and observations
Fifth	Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day	April 5, 2022	9	Bill S-209, with amendment

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	38	60.6	0	155	7
2021-22	21	43.4	0	128	13
2020-21	9	32	0	48	2
2019-20	18	35.5	0	101	6
2018-19	40	80.3	0	201	8

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$0
Witness Expenses	\$18,375
TOTAL	\$18,375

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Omidvar (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Bovey (Progressive Senate Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Bernard, Bovey, Burey, Dasko, Kutcher, Lankin, P.C., McPhedran, Moodie, Omidvar, Osler, Petitclerc and Seidman

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Arnot, Brazeau, Cardozo, Clement, Cordy, Cormier, Cotter, Deacon (*Ontario*), Duncan, Francis, Gerba, Greenwood, Hartling, Loffreda, Martin, Mégie, Miville-Dechêne, Mockler, Patterson (*Nunavut*), Pate, Patterson (*Ontario*), Poirier, Ravalia, Verner, P.C., and Yussuff

Committee support:

Emily Barrette, Clerk of the Committee (since September 2022)

Joëlle Nadeau, Clerk of the Committee (from June 2022 to August 2022)

Daniel Charbonneau, Clerk of the Committee (until May 2022)

Marc-André Lanthier, Committee Assistant (since January 2023)

Lori Meldrum, Committee Assistant (until January 2023)

Library of Parliament:

Laura Blackmore, Analyst

Sonya Norris, Analyst

Standing Committee on Transport and Communication (TRCM)

General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications has the mandate to examine legislation and study issues related to transport and communications generally.

During the fiscal year, the committee focused its attention on telecommunication issues. The committee studied and reported back to the Senate on Bill C-11 and Bill S-242. The committee also studied and reported back to the Senate on certain elements contained in Part 10 of Bill S-6.

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Fourth	Bill S-242, An Act to amend the Radiocommunication Act	March 30, 2023	20	Bill S-242, with amendments and observations
Third	Bill C-11, An Act to amend the Broadcasting Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts	December 14, 2022	63	Bill C-11, with amendments and observations
Second	The subject matter of those elements related to transport and communications contained in Part 10 of Bill S-6, An Act respecting regulatory modernization	May 19, 2022	3	The subject matter of those elements related to transport and communications contained in Part 10 of Bill S-6

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	44	86.3	0	206	3
2021-22	9	13.4	0	25	1
2020-21	1	0.3	0	0	1
2019-20	20	44.4	0	139	3
2018-19	33	50.3	0	104	5

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$0
Witness Expenses	\$1,503
TOTAL	\$1,503

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Housakos (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Miville-Dechêne (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cardozo, Clement, Cormier, Dasko, Harder, P.C., Housakos, Manning, Miville-Dechêne, Quinn, Simons and Wallin

Ex officio members:

The Honourable Senators Gold, P.C. (or Gagné) and Plett (or Martin)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Bernard, Busson, Cordy, Dawson (retired), Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Downe, Forest, Galvez, Gerba, Klyne, Loffreda, MacDonald, Oh, Omidvar, Pate, Patterson (*Nunavut*), Richards, Saint-Germain, Sorensen, Tannas, Wells and Woo

Committee support:

Vincent Labrosse, Clerk of the Committee

Natassia Ephrem, Committee Assistant (since January 2023)

Brigitte Martineau, Committee Assistant (until January 2023)

Library of Parliament:

Jed Chong, Analyst

Khamla Heminthavong, Analyst

Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency (DEDC)

General Information

On February 14, 2022, in response to the ongoing blockades and protests taking place in Ottawa and at some border crossings, the Prime Minister announced that the Governor in Council had invoked the *Emergencies Act* for the first time since its adoption, 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.

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 the Senate and House of Commons on March 3, 2022.

The declaration of emergency was revoked on February 23, 2022 by proclamation. Under section 62(6)(c) of the *Emergencies Act*, the parliamentary review committee is obligated to report to Parliament within seven sittings days after the revocation of the declaration of emergency. As such, the committee presented its first report in March 2022, which indicated that the committee intended to present an additional report at a later time. The committee then continued to hear from witnesses until the end of 2022.

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Two Fiscal Years, 2021-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	19	45.7	0	67	0
2021-22	3	6	0	3	2

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$0
Witness Expenses	\$0
TOTAL	\$0

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Joint chair:

The Honourable Senator Boniface (Independent Senators Group)

Joint deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Carignan, P.C. (Conservative Party of Canada)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Carignan, P.C., Harder, P.C., and Patterson
(*Nunavut*)

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Campbell (retired), Cordy, Housakos and
White (retired)

Committee support:

Sébastien Payet, Joint Clerk of the Committee (since January 2023)

Mark Palmer, Joint Clerk of the Committee (until January 2023)

Louise Martel, Committee Assistant (since March 2023)

Laurie-Anne Spooner, Committee Assistant (until March 2023)

Library of Parliament:

Stephanie Feldman, Analyst

Colin Sawatzky, Analyst

Iryna Zazulya, Analyst

Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD)

General Information

In April 2021, the House of Commons and Senate established the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD), tasked with the statutory review of the provisions of the *Criminal Code* relating to medical assistance in dying (MAiD) and their application. The committee was re-established in March 2022 with the same mandate including, but not limited to, issues relating to mature minors, advance requests, mental illness, the state of palliative care in Canada and the protection of Canadians with disabilities. An interim report and the committee's final report were tabled in both Chambers on June 22, 2022, and February 15, 2023, respectively. The committee expired following the tabling of its final report.

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
Second	Statutory review of the provisions of the <i>Criminal Code</i> relating to medical assistance in dying and their application	February 15, 2023	156	Final report entitled <i>Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada: Choices for Canadians</i>
First	Statutory review of the provisions of the <i>Criminal Code</i> relating to medical assistance in dying and their application	June 22, 2022	24	<i>Medical Assistance in Dying and Mental Disorder as the Sole Underlying Condition: An Interim Report</i>

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Two Fiscal Years, 2021-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	36	73.7	0	154	2
2021-22	3	4.0	0	6	0

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$0
Witness Expenses	\$0
TOTAL	\$0

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Joint chair:

The Honourable Senator Martin (Conservative Party of Canada)

Deputy chair:

The Honourable Senator Mégie (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Dalphond, Kutcher, Martin, Mégie and Wallin

Committee support:

Angus Wilson, Joint Clerk of the Committee (since January 2023)

Mireille Aubé, Joint Clerk of the Committee (from September 2022 until January 2023)

Chantal Cardinal, Joint Clerk of the Committee (from September 2022 until January 2023)

Andrea Mugny, Joint Clerk of the Committee (until September 2022)

Louise Martel, Committee Assistant (since September 2022)

Lori Meldrum, Committee Assistant (until September 2022)

Library of Parliament:

Julia Nicol, Analyst

Dana Phillips, Analyst

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst

Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)

General Information

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

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Report	Order of Reference	Date	Witnesses	Contents
First	Review of Statutory Instruments	April 6, 2022	1	Report No. 1 – Review of Statutory Instruments

Committee Activities: Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years, 2018-23

Fiscal Year	Meetings	Meeting Hours	Fact-finding Hours	Witnesses	Reports
2022-23	8	8	0	1	1
2021-22	1	1.1	0	0	0
2020-21	1	0.5	0	0	1
2019-20	6	7.6	0	12	0
2018-19	14	18.9	0	20	1

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Budget Expenditures	\$0
Witness Expenses	\$0
TOTAL	\$0

Committee Membership

First Session, Forty-fourth Parliament

Joint chair:

The Honourable Woo (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Dalphond, Dean and Woo

Senators who participated as members during the fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Greene and Plett

Committee support:

Sara Gajic, Clerk of the Committee (since January 2023)

Ferda Simpson, Clerk of the Committee (since August 2022)

François Michaud, Clerk of the Committee (until August 2022)

Elda Donnelly, Committee Assistant

Library of Parliament:

Tanya Dupuis, General Counsel

Shawn Abel, Counsel

Geoffrey Hilton, Counsel

Geneviève Levesque, Counsel

Geneviève Pilon, Counsel

Part 3: Committee Budgets and Expenditures

Senate committees may apply for a budget to, for example, travel or engage the services of consultants. Budgets must be approved by the Senate (column A). In addition, certain expenditures are charged to a centralized budget managed by the Committees Directorate. These expenditures include witness travel expenses and videoconferencing fees (column B) and charges pertaining to general postage and coffee/tea/juice and light snacks at committee meetings in Ottawa (column C).

Meetings and Expenditures, 2018-19 to 2022-23

		A	B	C	A+B+C
Fiscal Year	Meetings	Committee Travel and General Expenses	Witness Expenses	Hospitality and Other Expenses	Total Expenditures
2022-23	589	\$545,683	\$79,436	\$43,457	\$668,576
2021-22	217	\$0	\$2,648	\$0	\$2,648
2020-21	165	\$3,403	\$420	\$0	\$3,822
2019-20	287	\$548,129	\$255,733	\$57,281	\$861,143
2018-19	570	\$669,951	\$450,843	\$111,349	\$1,232,143

Committee Travel

Committees often travel to gather testimony and information related to their studies. They hold public hearings throughout Canada and undertake fact-finding missions both within Canada and abroad. Committee travel provides senators with the opportunity to better familiarize themselves with the issues they are studying and to obtain evidence and information that cannot always be obtained in Ottawa. Fact-finding missions are not considered official proceedings. However, the information gathered is still relevant to a committee study and can be included in committee reports.

Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

Fact-finding missions (examine and report on the status of soil health in Canada with the purpose of identifying ways to improve soil health, enable Canadian forest product and agricultural producers to become sustainability leaders, and improve their economic prosperity):

- Glasgow, U.K.; 2022 World Congress on Soil Science (July 30 to August 6, 2022)
- Ottawa, Ontario; Canada Agriculture and Food Museum (December 1, 2022)

Human Rights (RIDR)

Fact-finding missions and public hearings (examine such issues as may arise from time to time relating to human rights generally – Islamophobia in Canada):

- Vancouver, British Columbia; Edmonton, Alberta (September 6 to 9, 2022)
- Quebec City, Quebec; Toronto and Mississauga, Ontario (September 19 to 23, 2022)

Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

Press conference (examine and report on the implementation of Indigenous rights-based fisheries across Canada, including the implementation of the rights of Mi'kmaq and Maliseet communities in Atlantic Canada to fish in pursuit of a moderate livelihood):

- Halifax, Nova Scotia (July 11 to 12, 2022)

Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

Fact-finding missions (examine issues relating to foreign relations and international trade generally, and examine and report on the Canadian foreign service and elements of the foreign policy machinery within Global Affairs Canada, and on other related matters):

- Ottawa, Ontario; Global Affairs Canada (March 23, 2023)
- Washington, D.C., United States (December 4 to 6, 2022)

National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs (SECD)

Fact-finding missions (examine and report on issues relating to security and defence in the Arctic, including Canada’s military infrastructure and security capabilities):

- Iqaluit and Cambridge Bay, Nunavut; Inuvik, Yellowknife and Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories (October 2 to 12, 2022)
- Colorado Springs, United States (February 8 to 10, 2023)

The following table compares various travel statistics of Senate committees over the last five fiscal years.

Indicators	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	Five-year average
Approved budgets	\$857,516	0	0	\$809,172	\$1,334,124	\$600,162
Expenditures	\$502,696	0	0	\$588,161	\$669,951	\$352,162
Senators included in budget	62	0	0	55	86	40.6
Senators who travelled	45	0	0	54	58	31.4

Explanation of Standard Categories

The following table provides each committee’s budget and actual expenditures, divided between expenses that are either unrelated to committee travel (listed as general expenses) or specific to a committee trip (usually listed as an activity). Expenditures are further broken down into the following three categories:

- Professional and Other Services (including research assistance, expert advisors, reporting and transcribing services and hospitality);
- Transportation, Accommodation and Living Expenses (including air and ground transportation, hotels, per diems and working meals outside of Ottawa);
- All Other Expenditures (including courier charges, rental of meeting rooms, reporting and interpretation equipment and printing).

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Fiscal Year 2022-23

Name of Committee Session 44-1	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transport, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Agriculture and Forestry						
Special Study - Soil Health in Canada	21,826					
<i>Activity 1: Glasgow</i>		21,826	-	16,227	2,267	18,494
TOTAL	21,826	21,826	-	16,227	2,267	18,494
Audit and Oversight						
General	100,500					
<i>General Expenses</i>		100,500	38,900	-	599	39,499
TOTAL	100,500	100,500	38,900	-	599	39,499
Fisheries and Oceans						
Special Study - Indigenous Rights-Based Fisheries	19,825					
<i>Activity 1: Halifax</i>		19,825	500	5,086	3,900	9,485
TOTAL	19,825	19,825	500	5,086	3,900	9,485
Foreign Affairs and International Trade						
General	4,480					
<i>General Expenses</i>		4,000	-	-	-	-
<i>Activity 1: Global Affairs Canada</i>		480	-	-	-	-
Special Study - Canadian Foreign Service	60,442					
<i>Activity 1: Washington D.C.</i>		60,442	-	31,902	132	32,034
TOTAL	64,922	64,922	-	31,902	132	32,034
Human Rights						
Special Study - Islamophobia in Canada	313,618					
<i>Activity 1: Vancouver and Edmonton</i>		166,058	4,222	47,179	27,049	78,450
<i>Activity 2: Quebec City and Toronto</i>		147,560	5,860	40,208	31,861	77,928
TOTAL	313,618	313,618	10,082	87,387	58,910	156,378

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Indigenous Peoples						
General	11,650					
<i>General Expenses</i>		<i>11,650</i>	<i>1,306</i>	-	-	1,306
TOTAL	11,650	11,650	1,306	-	-	1,306
Legal and Constitutional Affairs						
Legislation	6,000					
<i>General Expenses</i>		<i>6,000</i>	-	-	<i>2,181</i>	2,181
TOTAL	6,000	6,000	-	-	2,181	2,181
National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs						
Special Study - Arctic Security	441,325					
<i>Activity 1: Northern Canada</i>		<i>381,350</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>251,082</i>	<i>286</i>	251,647
<i>Activity 2: Colorado Springs</i>		<i>59,975</i>	-	<i>34,644</i>	<i>14</i>	34,658
TOTAL	441,325	441,325	280	285,725	300	286,305
TOTAL 44-1	979,666	979,666	51,068	426,326	68,289	545,683

Witness Expense Breakdown, 2022-23

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	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Agriculture and Forestry	4,102	
Legislation		279
Special Study - Soil Health in Canada		3,823
Banking, Commerce and the Economy	3,236	
Legislation		1,443
General		1,793
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	7,221	
Legislation		308
General		6,913
Fisheries and Oceans	2,159	
General		52
Special Study - Seal Population in Canada		118
Special Study - Government Response on the Fourth Report		1,989
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	5,324	
Legislation		1,971
General		2,238
Special Study - Canadian Foreign Service		352
Special Study - Sergei Magnitsky Law		762
Human Rights	4,594	
General		4,594
Indigenous Peoples	25,164	
Legislation		2,496
General		19,828
Special Study - Government Response on the Seventh Report		2,841
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	2,202	
Legislation		2,167
Special Study - Matter of Self-Induced Intoxication		35
National Finance	1,260	
Special Study - Main and Supplementary Estimates		1,260
National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs	3,999	
Legislation		54
General		2,770
Special Study - Arctic Security		414
Special Study - Veterans Affairs		762
Official Languages	295	
Special Study - Francophone Immigration to Minority Communities		295
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	18,375	
Legislation		16,955
General		1,340
Special Study - Federal Framework for Suicide Prevention		80
Transport and Communications	1,503	
Legislation		1,311
Subject Matter of Bill C-11		192
TOTAL 44-1	79,436	79,436

Please note that the total may not add up due to rounding.



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