

HOUSE OF COMMONS CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES

# 2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES

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#### INTRODUCTION

This report on committee activities and expenditures for fiscal year 2007-2008 is tabled pursuant to Standing Order 121(4) and includes a five-year historical framework.

Statistics for the last five fiscal years reveal that committee activity for 2007-2008 is slightly lower than last year, but in line with the five-year average. The level of expenditures is at its lowest point since 2004-2005. These lower levels of activity and expenditures can be attributed to the prorogation of Parliament in September which led to committee activities resuming only in mid-November.

Committee expenditures totalled **\$1,347,427** (excluding printing costs). The breakdown of expenditures is as follows:

- 61.7% (\$831,256) was spent on committee hearings outside of Ottawa, site visits and travel abroad;
- 30.7% (\$413,956) on the reimbursement of witness expenses;
- 1.1% (\$14,249) on additional expenditures relating to the production of committee reports;
- 6.5% (\$87,966) was attributable to miscellaneous expenditures.
- No contracting costs were incurred during the past year.

The base funding for standing and standing joint committees was **\$5 million**, with an additional **\$250,000** fund for the purpose of financing committee requests for forensic, e-consultation and other specialized experts. Four legislative committees were also created and their combined budgets amounted to **\$200,000**. During the period covered by this report, a total of 1,087 meetings were held (of which 161 were televised), 3,060 witnesses were heard and 190 reports were presented to the House.

For further information, please contact the Committees Directorate, at 992-3150.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS

The tables below outline committee activities and expenditures over the last five years. Although each standing committee has a specific budget for printing, the major costs related to printing are paid from a separate central budget allocation. To better reflect committee expenditures, these printing costs have been included. Please note that all subcommittee expenditures have been added to the expenditures of the standing committees.

			Number of I	Veetings		
Туре	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007 <sup>.</sup>	-2008
					39/1	39/2
Standing	885	883	917	1,340	484	578
Legislative	3	0	24	54	15	10
Special	17	0	0	0	0	0
Total	005	000	044	1 204	499	588
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			Expendi	tures		
Туре	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007	-2008
					39/1	39/2
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Standing	1,916,994	963,073	1,530,183	1,711,404	772,756	560,651
Legislative	933	0	36,918	27,182	8,166	5,854
Special	93,446	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	2,011,373	963,073	1,567,101	1,738,586	780,922	566,505
Printing Costs	291,890	103,680	85,264	48,449	49,703	40,880
Total			1 652 265	4 707 025	830,625	607,385
	2,303,263	1,066,753	1,652,365	1,787,035	1,438	8,010

### COMMITTEE <u>MEETINGS</u> BY TYPE OF ORDER OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS (2003/2004 TO 2007/2008)

		NUMBE	R OF MEET	INGS BY T	YPE			% OF	MEETING	S BY ТҮР	E	
REFERENCE TYPE	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/	/08	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07	/08
					39/1	39/2					39/1	39/2
House Orders of Reference	33	19	49	60	3	4	3.2	1.7	4.1	3.3	0.4	0.5
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	492	520	417	750	315	305	48.6	46.6	34.9	41.7	48.2	38.4
Reports and Returns	4	5	15	5	0	3	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.3	0	0.4
Estimates	67	58	46	54	30	19	6.6	5.2	3.8	3.0	4.6	2.4
Order in Council Appointments	4	15	23	13	5	8	0.4	1.3	1.9	0.7	0.8	1.0
Legislation	167	138	185	206	91	95	16.5	12.4	15.5	11.5	13.9	11.9
Pre-budget Consultations *		25	67	33	0	17		2.2	5.6	1.8	0	2.1
Written Questions*		3	0	0	0	0		0.3	0	0	0	0
Responses to Petitions *		1	1	0	0	0		0.1	0.1	0	0	0
Committee Business*		284	334	610	203	310		25.5	28.0	33.9	31.0	39.0
Election of Chairs*		33	28	68	4	30		3.0	2.3	3.8	0.6	3.8
Others	246	14	30	0	3	4	24.3	1.3	2.5	0	0.5	0.5
TOTAL**	1 012	1,115	1,195	1,799	654	795	100	100	100	100	100	100
	1,013	1,115	1,195	1,799	1,4	49	100	100	100	100		

\* New categories added to this report in 2004-2005

\*\* Meetings where more than one order of reference is considered are tabulated as a meeting for each type. Consequently, the total number of meetings by type may be greater than the total number of meetings held.

## COMMITTEE <u>REPORTS</u> BY TYPE OF ORDER OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS (2003/2004 TO 2007/2008)

		NUMBER	R OF REPO	RTS BY	ΓΥΡΕ			% OF	REPORT	S BY TY	ΡE	
REFERENCE TYPE	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/	/08	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07	/08
					39/1	39/2					39/1	39/2
House Orders of Reference	2	4	4	3	0	0	1.2	2.8	2.5	1.3	0	0
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	77	58	69	108	40	37	47.2	41.1	43.4	46.8	42.6	38.5
Reports and Returns	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	2.8	0.6	0.4	0	0
Estimates	17	19	16	14	13	8	10.5	13.5	10.1	6.0	13.8	8.3
Order in Council Appointments	3	8	8	7	4	2	1.8	5.7	5.0	3.0	4.3	2.1
Legislation	38	28	47	38	21	23	23.3	19.9	29.6	16.5	22.3	24.0
Pre-budget Consultations *		1	0	2	0	1		0.7	0	0.9	0	1.0
Written Questions*		0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Responses to Petitions *		0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Committee Business **					11	21					11.7	21.9
Others	26	19	14	58	5	4	16.0	13.5	8.8	25.1	5.3	4.2
TOTAL	460	444	450	224	94	96	400	100	100	400	100	100
TOTAL	163	141	159	231	19	90	100	100	100	100	100	100

\* New categories added to this report in 2004-2005

\*\* New categories added to this report in 2007-2008

#### ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (2007-2008)

STANDING COMMITTEES	N	UMBER OF	MEETINGS	6		NUMBER	OF HOURS			ER OF	NUMBE REPO	
	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/2	39/1	39/2
	Total	*	Total	*	Total	**	Total	**				
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANO)	18	2	20	6	30h10m	0	33h44m	0	64	67	2	3
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)	17	3	23	12	36h03m	0	47h32m	8h06m	33	20	2	3
Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI)	31	1	22	0	74h09m	0	45h09m	3h05m	181	107	3	4
Canadian Heritage (CHPC)	25	11	22	5	52h10m	0	35h42m	1h36m	144	25	3	6
Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM)	18	1	18	0	31h34m	0	31h23m	0	40	66	8	7
Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)	17	4	22	5	28h29m	1h59m	46h16m	4h02m	57	64	4	2
Finance (FINA)	17	14	31	14	34h04m	6h38m	59h40m	10h31m	93	219	3	6
Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO)	15	1	20	2	22h56m	0	34h49m	0	53	62	2	2
Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE)	19	2	19	2	36h25m	4h22m	33h55m	0	39	66	1	4
Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)	15	2	19	2	23h22m	0	28h22m	0	42	56	3	1
Health (HESA)	15	1	18	2	28h25m	3h37m	28h29m	0	70	80	2	3
Human Resources, Social Development and the Status												
of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)	16	2	19	1	29h11m	8h23m	29h12m	0	72	13	7	2
Industry, Science and Technology (INDU)	18	1	27	1	37h21m	2h06m	48h40m	4h31m	75	90	2	0
International Trade (CIIT)	12	3	21	0	22h05m	0	34h18m	5h40m	44	52	3	3
Justice and Human Rights (JUST)	20	1	20	3	35h17m	0	34h34m	1h52m	52	79	5	5
Liaison (LIAI)	1	0	2	0	0h52m	0	1h28m	0	0	0	0	0
National Defence (NDDN)	16	2	18	0	24h49m	0	27h19m	0	10	26	1	2
Natural Resources (RNNR)	14	1	21	5	24h22m	1h51m	39h11m	5h43m	38	82	0	1
Official Languages (LANG)	13	1	21	2	21h51m	3h42m	36h56m	0	30	37	1	3
Procedure and House Affairs (PROC)	20	2	19	6	35h14m	0	31h27m	2h10m	59	43	15	14
Public Accounts (PACP)	24	18	22	2	65h13m	0	44h27m	2h00m	118	45	7	11
Public Safety and National Security (SECU)	16	1	22	1	27h40m	3h43m	35h45m	0	37	61	3	2
Status of Women (FEWO)	15	1	23	2	25h20m	0	39h23m	7h16m	30	52	7	6
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (TRAN)	15	1	17	1	35h21m	0	23h17m	0	63	54	5	2
Veterans Affairs (ACVA)	15	0	18	0	24h50m	0	28h46m	1h30m	20	28	4	0
TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES	422	76	504	74	807h14m	36h22m	879h44m	58h02m	1,464	1,494	93	92

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Number of televised meetings Number of hours of videoconferencing \*\*

#### ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE - 2007-2008 (cont'd)

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	Ν	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				NUMBER	OF HOURS		NUMB WITNE	NUMBE REPO	-	
	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/2	39/1	39/2
	Total	*	Total	*	Total	**	Total	**				
Library of Parliament (BILI)	1	0	2	0	0h29m	0	1h14m	0	0	2	0	1
Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)	5	0	7	0	6h47m	0	8h37m	0	0	4	0	2
TOTAL STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	6	0	9	0	7h16m	0	9h51m	0	0	6	0	3

SUBCOMMITTEES ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE	N	IUMBER OI	FMEETING	5		NUMBER	OF HOURS		NUMBE			BER OF ORTS
	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/2	39/1	39/2
	Total	*	Total	*	Total	**	Total	**				
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (SAAN)	1	0	4	0	0h39m	0	3h39m	0	0	0		
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (SETH)	1	0	2	0	1h17m	0	1h10m	0	0	0		
Agriculture and Agri-Food (SAGR)	1	0	2	0	0h28m	0	1h21m	0	0	0		
Citizenship and Immigration (SCIM)	3	0	4	0	2h09m	0	4h01m	0	0	0		
Environment and Sustainable Development (SENV)	2	0	1	0	2h52m	0	0h36m	0	0	0		
Finance (SFIN)	1	0	0	0	0h31m	0	0	0	0	0		
Fisheries and Oceans (SFOP)	0	0	2	0	0	0	1h57m	0	0	0		
Foreign Affairs and International Development (SFAA)	5	0	5	0	3h10m	0	5h21m	0	0	0		
Government Operations and Estimates (SOGG)	1	0	0	0	0h55m	0	0	0	0	0		
Health (SHES)	1	0	2	0	0h54m	0	1h12m	0	0	0		
Human Resources, Social Development and the Status					41.50	_	01.40		_			mmittees
of Persons with Disabilities (SHUM)	4	0	1	0	1h53m	0	0h42m	0	0	0		e not wered to
Industry, Science and Technology (SIND)	1	0	3	0	0h38m	0	1h30m	0	0	0		rt to the
International Trade (SCII)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		e. They
Justice and Human Rights (SJUS)	2	0	5	0	1h13m	0	4h47m	0	0	0		present
National Defence (SNDD)	1	0	2	0	0h48m	0	1h34m	0	0	0		ts to the
Official Languages (SLAN)	N/A	N/A	4	0	N/A	N/A	2h47m	0	N/A	0		evant nding
Procedure and House Affairs (SPRO)	1	0	2	0	0h24m	0	0h58m	0	0	0		mittee.
Public Accounts (SPAC)	9	0	8	0	6h54m	0	4h53m	0	0	0		
Public Safety and National Security (SSEC)	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A		
Scrutiny of Regulations (SREG)	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0			
Status of Women (SFEW)	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A		
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (STRA)	3	0	4	0	1h17m	0	2h29m	0	0	0		
Veterans Affairs (SACV)	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	0		
Legislative (C-20)	N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	N/A	0h28m	0	N/A	0		
Legislative (C-35)	1	0	N/A	N/A	0h31m	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A		
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEES ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE	38	0	52	0	26h34m	0	39h25m	0	0	0		

Number of televised meetings Number of videoconferences \*

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### ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE – 2007-2008 (cont'd)

OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES	1		F MEETING	S		NUMBER	OF HOURS			NUMBER OF REPORTS	
OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/2	39/ 39/2
	Total	*	Total	*	Total	**	Total	**			1
Bill C-28 (C-28)	N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	N/A	0h03m	0	N/A	0	Subcommittees
Committee Budgets (SBLI)	2	0	3	0	1h20m	0	1h38m	0	0	0	are not
Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons (SCOD)	6	0	3	0	10h12m	0	3h00m	0	4	6	empowered to report to the House. They
International Human Rights (SDIR)	9	0	3	0	16h17m	0	3h27m	0	24	1	only present
Private Members' Business (SMEM)	1	0	3	0	1h07m	0	1h43m	0	0	0	reports to the
Solicitation Laws (SSLR)	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	relevant standing
TOTAL OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES	18	0	13	0	28h56m	0	9h51m	0	28	7	committee.

	1	NUMBER O	FMEETING	iS		NUMBER	OF HOURS			-	NUMBER OF REPORTS	
SPECIAL COMMITTEES	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/2	39/1	39/2
	Total	*	Total	*	Total	**	Total	**				
TOTAL SPECIAL COMMITTEES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	N	IUMBER OI	F MEETING	s		NUMBER	OF HOURS				NUMBER OF REPORTS	
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/2	39/1	39/2
	Total	*	Total	*	Total	**	Total	**				
Bill C-2 (CC2)	N/A	N/A	8	7	N/A	N/A	15h23m	0	N/A	28	N/A	1
Bill C-20 (CC20)	N/A	N/A	2	1	N/A	N/A	2h19m	0	N/A	3	N/A	0
Bill C-27 (CC27)	6	2	N/A	N/A	5h03m	0	N/A	N/A	9	N/A	0	N/A
Bill C-35 (CC35)	9	1	N/A	N/A	8h40m	0	N/A	N/A	21	N/A	1	N/A
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	15	3	10	8	13h43m	0	17h42m	0	30	31	1	1

	N	IUMBER O	F MEETING	s		NUMBER	OF HOURS		NUMB WITNE		NUMBE REPO	-
ALL COMMITTEES	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/1	39/2	39/2	39/1	39/2	39/1	39/2
	Total	*	Total	*	Total	**	Total	**				
TOTAL ALL COMMITTEES (2007-2008, BY SESSION)	499	79	588	82	883h43m	36h22m	956h33m	58h02m	1,522	1,538	94	96
TOTAL ALL COMMITTEES FOR 2007-2008	Meetings: Televised: 1,087 161			Hours: Videoconf.: 1,840h16m 94h24m				3,0	60	19	0	

\* Number of televised meetings

\*\* Number of videoconferences

#### **DETAILED COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE REPORT (2007-2008)**

Standing and standing joint committees are funded from a **\$5 million** envelope and an additional **\$250,000** fund for the purpose of financing committee requests for forensic, e-consultation and other specialized experts. This envelope is managed by the Liaison Committee. Special, special joint and legislative committees are funded directly by the Board of Internal Economy. Joint committees are funded by both the House of Commons (70%) and the Senate (30%); the figures provided in this report reflect the House of Commons portion.

The following tables provide a detailed account of each committee's budget and actual expenditures according to five standard categories. Please note that all subcommittee expenditures are included with those of their standing committees.

#### **EXPENDITURES** COMMITTEES BUDGETS Witnesses Travel Reports Contracts Misc. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern 204.612 0 0 44.226 8,566 1,690 Development Access to Information, Privacy and 401 0 4,024 0 Ethics 30,761 2,854 Agriculture and Agri-Food 453.862 442 0 38.271 481 215.563 **Canadian Heritage** 164,145 2.813 0 13,985 1,867 95,152 Citizenship and Immigration 90,521 517 0 23,713 2,753 25,093 Environment and Sustainable 223 0 15.654 6,568 6.001 0 Development Finance 647,150 2.000 0 37,328 11.872 96,142 **Fisheries and Oceans** 279,113 728 0 16,327 159 37,123 Foreign Affairs and International 303.284 1,174 0 17,998 5,699 0 Development Government Operations and Estimates 5,703 0 0 703 0 0 Health 74,555 290 0 31,919 1,116 0 Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of 58,312 0 0 9,573 7,547 0 Persons with Disabilities Industry, Science and Technology 44,694 0 0 3,397 4,118 0 International Trade 422,591 587 0 3,612 1,125 214.652 Justice and Human Rights 106,074 0 0 32,430 3,067 0 Liaison 5,624 0 0 0 1,673 0 National Defence 269,461 401 0 826 2,618 471 Natural Resources 19,472 111,356 223 0 4,195 19,929 **Official Languages** 719 15,516 29,079 0 1,717 0 Procedure and House Affairs 32.265 0 0 9.080 1.234 0 Public Accounts 61,098 256 0 14,564 10,545 8,088 Public Safety and National Security 143,378 2,715 0 17,760 1,761 1,348 Status of Women 38,306 658 0 10,906 1,603 0 Transport, Infrastructure and 20,394 0 0 10,313 10 0 Communities Veterans Affairs 102 4,226 113,548 273,341 0 18,154

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#### 1. STANDING COMMITTEES

SUB-TOTAL

TOTAL

54.482

7,279

254.757

113,817

52,076

12.792

147.342

54,337

24,871

33,325

17,120

219,976

35,497

1,673

4,316

43,819

17,952

10.314

33,453

23,584

13,167

10,323

136,030

1.330.520

7,515

703

#### 2. STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS						
	DODGETO	Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	TOTAL
Library of Parliament	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scrutiny of Regulations	29,120	0	0	0	2,887	0	2,887
SUB-TOTAL	32,620	0	0	0	2,887	0	2,887

TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES 3,917,953 14,2	9 0	400,665	87,237 831,256	5 1,333,407
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#### 3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES							
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	TOTAL		
Bill C-2	50,000	0	0	5,125	714	0	5,839		
Bill C-20	50,000	0	0	0	15	0	15		
Bill C-27	50,000	0	0	512	0	0	512		
Bill C-35	50,000	0	0	7,654	0	0	7,654		
SUB-TOTAL	200,000	0	0	13,291	729	0	14,020		

#### 4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	DUDOFTO						
	BUDGETS	Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	TOTAL
SUB-TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### 5. SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	DUDOFTO			EXPEND	DITURES		
	BUDGETS	Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	TOTAL
SUB-TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL SPECIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	200,000	0	0	13,291	729	0	14,020
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ALL COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES						
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	TOTAL	
GRAND TOTAL	4,117,953	14,249	0	413,956	87,966	831,256	1,347,427	