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INTRODUCTION

This report on committee activities and expenditures for fiscal year 2010-2011 is tabled pursuant to Standing Order 121(4) and includes a five-year historical framework.

Statistics reveal that committee activity for 2010-2011 was at its highest level in the last five fiscal years. The level of expenditures increased by 22.4% compared to last year.

Committee expenditures totalled **\$2,410,701** (excluding printing costs). The breakdown of expenditures is as follows:

- 55.8% (**\$1,345,187**) was spent on committee hearings outside of Ottawa, site visits and travel abroad;
- 38.1% (**\$917,991**) was spent on the reimbursement of witness expenses;
- 0.30% (**\$7,351**) was spent on additional expenditures relating to the production of committee reports;
- 5.7% (**\$137,172**) was attributable to miscellaneous expenditures.
- 0.10% (**\$3,000**) was attributable to contract expenditures.

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. One legislative and one special committee were also created and, in accordance with decisions by the Board of Internal Economy, their budgets were allocated from the funds reserved for standing and standing joint committees. These budgets amounted to \$358,201.

During the period covered by this report, a total of 1,400 meetings were held (of which 267 were televised), 4,755 witnesses were heard and 230 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.

Type	Number of Meetings				
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Standing	1,340	1,062	892	1,066	1,358
Legislative	54	25	8	1	20
Special	0	0	11	20	22
Total	1,394	1,087	911	1,087	1,400

Type	Expenditures				
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Standing	1,711,404	1,333,407	1,633,610	1,963,691	2,216,340
Legislative	27,182	14,020	5,862	0	41,183
Special	0	0	29,700	13,606	153,179
Sub-total	1,738,586	1,347,427	1,669,172	1,977,297	2,410,701
Printing Costs	48,449	90,583	54,562	41,509	60,164
Total	1,787,035	1,438,010	1,723,734	2,018,806	2,470,865

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS BY TYPE OF ORDER OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS
(2006-2007 TO 2010-2011)**

REFERENCE TYPE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS BY TYPE					% OF MEETINGS BY TYPE				
	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11
House Orders of Reference	60	7	23	30	36	3.3	0.5	1.8	1.8	1.9
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	750	620	559	714	838	41.7	42.8	44.7	41.9	42.9
Reports and Returns	5	3	3	23	25	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.3	1.3
Estimates	54	49	56	83	51	3.0	3.4	4.5	4.9	2.6
Order in Council Appointments	13	13	3	5	6	0.7	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.3
Legislation	206	186	84	158	258	11.5	12.8	6.7	9.3	13.2
Pre-budget Consultations	33	17	0	24	16	1.8	1.2	0	1.4	0.8
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	610	513	486	612	692	33.9	35.4	38.9	35.8	35.4
Election of Chairs	68	34	36	56	32	3.8	2.3	2.9	3.3	1.6
Others	0	7	1	0	0	0	0.5	0.1	0	0
TOTAL*	1,799	1,449	1,251	1,705	1,954	100	100	100	100	100

* 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 REPORTS BY TYPE OF ORDER OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS
(2006-2007 TO 2010-2011)**

REFERENCE TYPE	NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE					% OF REPORTS BY TYPE				
	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11
House Orders of Reference	3	0	4	4	7	1.3	0	2.9	2.2	3
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	108	77	73	82	107	46.8	40.5	53.7	44.3	46.5
Reports and Returns	1	0	0	2	2	0.4	0	0	1.1	0.9
Estimates	14	21	20	34	29	6.0	11.1	14.7	18.4	12.6
Order in Council Appointments	7	6	0	1	3	3.0	3.2		0.5	1.3
Legislation	38	44	20	42	66	16.5	23.2	14.7	22.7	28.7
Pre-budget Consultations	2	1	0	1	1	0.9	0.5	0	0.5	0.4
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 *	--	32	9	5	3	--	16.8	6.6	2.7	1.3
Striking of Committee Membership **	--	--	10	14	12	--	--	7.4	7.6	5.2
Others	58	9	0	0	0	25.1	4.7	0	0	0
TOTAL	231	190	136	185	230	100	100	100	100	100

* New category added to this report in 2007-2008

** New category added to this report in 2008-2009

ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (2010-2011)

STANDING COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANO)	49	3	94h19m	9h43m	183	6
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)	48	25	84h26m	9h10m	113	8
Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI)	50	0	116h29m	2h00	242	8
Canadian Heritage (CHPC)	44	0	67h35m	1h42m	169	9
Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM)	43	11	78h34m	31h44m	247	8
Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)	47	4	86h32m	9h57m	82	5
Finance (FINA)	58	27	112h34m	5h54m	486	10
Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO)	44	1	81h39m	9h32m	115	0
Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE)	45	2	69h15m	5h39m	125	9
Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)	49	37	92h44m	6h11m	181	11
Health (HESA)	50	5	84h17m	16h15m	277	14
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)	42	2	73h09m	12h13m	134	11
Industry, Science and Technology (INDU)	56	9	105h17m	28h10m	266	14
International Trade (CIIT)	44	0	73h36m	16h25m	144	6
Justice and Human Rights (JUST)	46	10	82h48m	5h47m	195	13
Liaison (LIAI)	2	0	1h14m	0	0	0
National Defence (NDDN)	49	1	85h51m	7h41m	139	5
Natural Resources (RNNR)	44	6	78h08m	33h03m	176	2
Official Languages (LANG)	48	15	83h42m	1h55m	187	3
Procedure and House Affairs (PROC)	49	6	92h07m	0	116	22
Public Accounts (PACP)	45	12	80h51m	1h46m	160	24
Public Safety and National Security (SECU)	56	30	120h17m	0	209	9
Status of Women (FEWO)	53	10	116h56m	8h00m	258	13
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (TRAN)	49	5	85h09m	9h32m	169	9
Veterans Affairs (ACVA)	39	2	60h55m	7h20m	74	4
TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES	1,149	223	2,108h37m	239h51m	4,447	223

* Number of televised meetings

** Number of hours of videoconferencing

ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE – 2010-2011 (cont'd)

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Library of Parliament (BILI)	8	0	7h42m	2h41	13	2
Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)	16	0	18h51m	0	1	2
TOTAL STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	24	0	26h33m	2h41m	14	4

SUBCOMMITTEES ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (SAAN)	7	0	4h40m	0	0	Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committee.
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (SETH)	16	0	10h22m	0	0	
Agriculture and Agri-Food (SAGR)	2	0	1h24m	0	0	
Canadian Mission in Afghanistan (SAFG)	5	0	4h29m	0	0	
Citizenship and Immigration (SCIM)	6	0	3h23m	0	0	
Environment and Sustainable Development (SENV)	3	0	2h40m	0	0	
Finance (SFIN)	4	0	2h19m	0	0	
Fisheries and Oceans (SFOP)	6	0	3h33m	0	0	
Foreign Affairs and International Development (SFAA)	3	0	1h53m	0	0	
Government Operations and Estimates (SOGG)	7	0	5h13m	0	0	
Health (SHES)	0	0	0	0	0	
Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (SHUM)	2	0	1h40m	0	0	
Industry, Science and Technology (SIND)	1	0	0h21m	0	0	
International Trade (SCII)	0	0	0	0	0	
Justice and Human Rights (SJUS)	8	0	4h03m	0	0	
Library of Parliament (SBIL)	1	0	1h09m	0	1	
National Defence (SNDD)	2	0	2h08m	0	0	
Official Languages (SLAN)	7	0	5h18m	0	0	
Procedure and House Affairs (SPRO)	4	0	2h38m	0	0	
Public Accounts (SPAC)	18	0	13h11m	0	2	
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (STRA)	6	0	3h17m	0	0	
Veterans Affairs (SACV)	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEES ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE	108	0	73h49m	0	3	

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

ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE – 2010-2011 (cont'd)

OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
International Human Rights (SDIR)	48	22	49h59m	8h51m	72	Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committee.
Neurological Disease (SMND)	18	0	24h44m	2h20m	61	
Committee Budgets (SBLI)	7	0	2h33m	0	0	
Private Members' Business (SMEM)	4	0	1h24m	0	0	
TOTAL OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES	77	22	78h42m	11h11m	133	

SPECIAL COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Canadian Mission in Afghanistan (AFGH)	22	7	35h40m	1h39m	34	3
TOTAL SPECIAL COMMITTEES	22	7	35h40m	1h39m	34	3

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Bill C-32 (CC32)	20	15	37h58m	1h59m	124	0
Bill C-49 (CC49)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	20	15	37h58m	1h59m	124	0

ALL COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
TOTAL ALL COMMITTEES	1,400	267	2,361h21m	257h23m	4,755	230

* Number of televised meetings

** Number of videoconferences

DETAILED COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE REPORT (2010-2011)

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.

1. STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development	219,907	903	0	72,252	3,051	0	76,206
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics	63,440	188	0	10,092	4,153	0	14,433
Agriculture and Agri-Food	529,844	380	0	64,235	3,146	246,511	314,272
Canadian Heritage	72,535	642	0	23,833	1,266	0	25,741
Citizenship and Immigration	126,891	70	0	35,681	5,723	0	41,474
Environment and Sustainable Development	64,443	0	0	11,728	877	0	12,606
Finance	563,966	110	0	91,041	4,989	76,525	172,665
Fisheries and Oceans	346,280	0	3,000	40,554	4,225	124,855	172,634
Foreign Affairs and International Development	232,697	681	0	47,935	8,884	9,450	66,951
Government Operations and Estimates	64,755	216	0	11,230	2,711	0	14,157
Health	371,477	490	0	82,896	4,889	0	88,275
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities	125,102	1,670	0	28,317	6,951	8,047	44,984
Industry, Science and Technology	193,778	276	0	45,903	5,360	0	51,539
International Trade	436,355	174	0	19,317	7,569	198,762	225,821
Justice and Human Rights	93,113	0	0	53,160	5,345	0	58,505
Liaison	5,616	0	0	0	1,526	0	1,526
National Defence	316,579	180	0	13,025	8,518	147,729	169,452
Natural Resources	219,618	143	0	81,099	38	3,396	84,676
Official Languages	208,745	234	0	17,844	1,682	108,726	128,486
Procedure and House Affairs	67,732	0	0	7,735	11,128	0	18,862
Public Accounts	42,068	254	0	0	6,352	9,374	15,979
Public Safety and National Security	160,633	226	0	52,267	5,115	0	57,608
Status of Women	504,355	248	0	26,657	6,120	255,731	288,756
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities	196,415	0	0	16,272	11,507	6,010	33,789
Veterans Affairs	55,962	210	0	23,570	3,866	1,155	28,801
SUB-TOTAL	5,282,306	7,295	3,000	876,645	124,988	1,196,270	2,208,198

DETAILED COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE REPORT (2010-2011) (cont'd)

2. STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Library of Parliament	30,300	0	0	113	3,919	0	4,032
Scrutiny of Regulations	4,248	0	0	0	4,110	0	4,110
SUB-TOTAL	34,548	0	0	113	8,029	0	8,142

TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES	5,316,854	7,295	3,000	876,758	133,017	1,196,270	2,216,340
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3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Bill C-32	50,000	0	0	37,832	3,351	0	41,183
Bill C-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB-TOTAL	50,000	0	0	37,832	3,351	0	41,183

4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Canadian Mission in Afghanistan	308,201	56	0	3,401	805	148,917	153,179
SUB-TOTAL	308,201	56	0	3,157	805	149,161	153,179

5. SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES

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

TOTAL SPECIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	358,201	56	0	41,233	4,155	148,917	194,362
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ALL COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
GRAND TOTAL	5,675,055	7,351	3,000	917,991	137,172	1,345,187	2,410,701