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ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES**

**COMMITTEES AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIRECTORATE  
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## INTRODUCTION

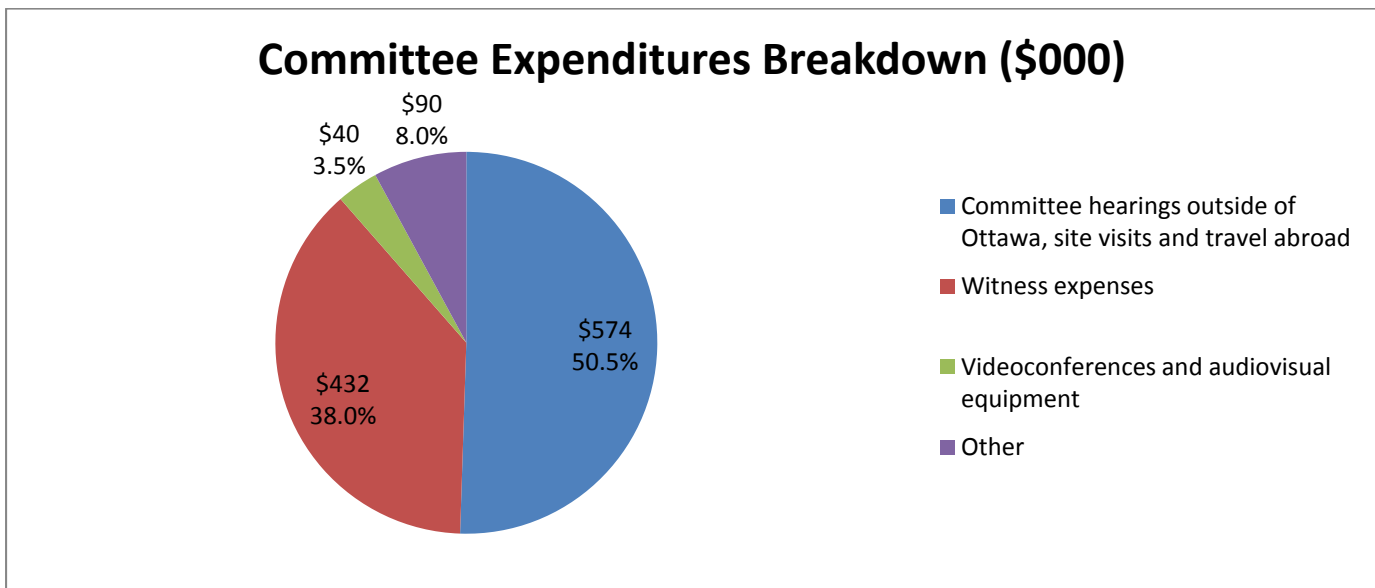
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This report on committee activities and expenditures for fiscal year 2011-2012 is tabled pursuant to Standing Order 121(4) and includes a five-year historical framework.

Statistics reveal that committee activity for 2011-2012 was at its lowest level in the last five fiscal years, partly as a result of the March 26, 2011 dissolution of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parliament and the ensuing general election campaign. Committee activity returned to normal levels in late September thus significantly reducing expenditures over the first half of the fiscal 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 e-consultations and other specialized experts. Two legislative committees 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 expenditures amounted to \$30,333.

Committee expenditures totalled **\$1,135,909**. The breakdown of expenditures is as follows:



During the period covered by this report, a total of 900 meetings were held (of which 95 included witnesses via videoconference, 140 were televised and 30 were video recorded by external broadcasters), 2,670 witnesses were heard and 86 reports were presented to the House.

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

The tables below outline committee activities and expenditures over the last five years. Please note that all subcommittee expenditures have been added to the expenditures of the standing committees.

Type	Number of Meetings				
	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
<b>Standing</b>	1,062	892	1,066	1,358	885
<b>Legislative</b>	25	8	1	20	15
<b>Special</b>	0	11	20	22	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>900</b>

Type	Expenditures				
	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Standing</b>	1,333,407	1,633,610	1,963,691	2,216,340	1,105,575
<b>Legislative</b>	14,020	5,862	0	41,183	30,333
<b>Special</b>	0	29,700	13,606	153,179	0
<b>Total*</b>	<b>1,347,427</b>	<b>1,669,172</b>	<b>1,977,297</b>	<b>2,410,701</b>	<b>1,135,909</b>

\* Differences in totals are due to rounding.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS BY TYPE OF ORDER OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS  
(2007-2008 TO 2011-2012)**

REFERENCE TYPE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS BY TYPE					% OF MEETINGS BY TYPE				
	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
House Orders of Reference	7	23	30	36	36	0.5	1.8	1.8	1.9	3.0
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	620	559	714	838	526	42.8	44.7	41.9	42.9	43.2
Reports and Returns	3	3	23	25	5	0.2	0.2	1.3	1.3	0.4
Estimates	49	56	83	51	53	3.4	4.5	4.9	2.6	4.3
Order in Council Appointments	13	3	5	6	3	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Legislation	186	84	158	258	78	12.8	6.7	9.3	13.2	6.4
Pre-budget Consultations	17	0	24	16	21	1.2	0	1.4	0.8	1.7
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	513	486	612	692	462	35.4	38.9	35.8	35.4	37.9
Election of Chairs	34	36	56	32	35	2.3	2.9	3.3	1.6	2.9
Others	7	1	0	0	0	0.5	0.1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

\* 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  
(2007-2008 TO 2011-2012)**

REFERENCE TYPE	NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE					PERCENTAGE OF REPORTS BY TYPE				
	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
House Orders of Reference	0	4	4	7	1	0	2.9	2.2	3.0	1.2
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	77	73	82	107	22	40.5	53.7	44.3	46.5	24.7
Reports and Returns	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1.1	0.9	1.2
Estimates	21	20	34	29	27	11.1	14.7	18.4	12.6	31.8
Order in Council Appointments	6	0	1	3	2	3.2	0	0.5	1.3	2.4
Legislation	44	20	42	66	19	23.2	14.7	22.7	28.7	22.4
Pre-budget Consultations	1	0	1	1	2	0.5	0	0.5	0.4	2.4
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	1	16.8	6.6	2.7	1.3	1.2
Striking of Committee Membership **	--	10	14	12	11	--	7.4	7.6	5.2	12.9
Others	9	0	0	0	0	4.7	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL***</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

\* New category added to this report in 2007-2008.

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

\*\*\* Differences in totals are due to rounding.

## ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (2011-2012)

STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES <sup>1</sup>	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS <sup>5</sup>
	Total	TV <sup>2</sup>	VC <sup>3</sup>	VR <sup>4</sup>			
AANO - Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development	31	2	1	1	45h59m	97	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SAAN)</i>	7	0	0	0	5h05m	0	-
ACVA - Veterans Affairs	26	2	2	1	38h30m	73	4
AGRI - Agriculture and Agri-Food	32	2	11	0	56h17m	143	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SAGR)</i>	4	0	0	0	2h50m	0	-
CHPC - Canadian Heritage	23	3	1	1	34h56m	61	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCHP)</i>	2	0	0	0	0h55m	0	-
CIIT - International Trade	30	0	7	0	48h22m	89	3
CIMM - Citizenship and Immigration	29	16	8	0	51h23m	90	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCIM)</i>	5	0	0	0	3h29m	0	-
ENVI - Environment and Sustainable Development	27	0	4	2	42h54m	77	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SENV)</i>	5	0	0	0	3h02m	0	-
ETHI - Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics	31	20	0	3	62h37m	68	1
FAAE - Foreign Affairs and International Development	29	2	1	5	44h39m	99	1
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFAA)</i>	1	0	0	0	0h41m	0	-
<i>Subcommittee on International Human Rights (SDIR)</i>	30	2	5	1	28h43m	40	-
FEWO - Status of Women	26	1	4	0	38h16m	66	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFEW)</i>	8	0	0	0	3h45m	0	-
FINA - Finance	50	11	5	1	107h22m	331	7
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFIN)</i>	7	0	0	0	3h45m	2	-
FOPO - Fisheries and Oceans	31	2	9	0	43h25m	67	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFOP)</i>	2	0	0	0	1h01m	0	-
HESA - Health	37	3	8	2	56h41m	164	6
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHES)</i>	2	0	0	0	2h09m	0	-
HUMA - Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities	31	1	2	0	50h24m	123	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHUM)</i>	2	0	0	0	1h13m	0	-
INDU - Industry, Science and Technology	23	1	2	0	33h47m	75	0
JUST - Justice and Human Rights	29	12	4	0	64h09m	139	8
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SJUS)</i>	5	0	0	0	1h46m	0	-
<i>Subcommittee on the Review of the Report on the Organized Crime in Canada (SRRO)</i>	3	0	0	0	3h55m	0	-
LANG - Official Languages	34	3	0	0	60h59m	117	0
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SLAN)</i>	1	0	0	0	1h05m	0	-

STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES <sup>1</sup>	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS <sup>5</sup>
	Total	TV <sup>2</sup>	VC <sup>3</sup>	VR <sup>4</sup>			
LIAI - Liaison	2	0	0	0	1h09m	1	0
<i>Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (SBLI)</i>	8	0	0	0	2h28m	0	-
NDDN - National Defence	35	0	0	7	56h04m	80	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SNDD)</i>	5	0	0	0	5h22m	0	-
OGGO - Government Operations and Estimates	36	23	3	0	56h05m	146	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SOGG)</i>	5	0	0	0	2h06m	0	-
PACP - Public Accounts	36	8	0	0	59h05m	88	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPAC)</i>	8	0	0	0	6h13m	0	-
PROC - Procedure and House Affairs	30	5	2	0	38h50m	59	17
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPRO)</i>	2	0	0	0	1h01m	0	-
<i>Subcommittee on Private Members' Business (SMEM)</i>	3	0	0	0	2h47m	0	-
RNNR - Natural Resources	33	2	4	4	54h51m	102	2
SECU - Public Safety and National Security	32	5	9	2	53h48m	100	1
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SSEC)</i>	2	0	0	0	0h43m	0	-
TRAN - Transport, Infrastructure and Communities	30	2	2	0	41h22m	82	1
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (STRA)</i>	3	0	0	0	2h01m	0	-
<b>TOTAL STANDING AND SUBCOMMITTEES</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,328h19m</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>82</b>

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS <sup>5</sup>
	Total	TV <sup>2</sup>	VC <sup>3</sup>	VR <sup>4</sup>			
BILI - Library of Parliament	1	0	0	0	0h40m	0	1
REGS - Scrutiny of Regulations	11	0	0	0	10h32m	0	1
<b>TOTAL STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11h12m</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>



## ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (2011-2012) (cont'd)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS <sup>5</sup>
	Total	TV <sup>2</sup>	VC <sup>3</sup>	VR <sup>4</sup>			
CC11 - Bill C-11	11	10	0	0	28h44m	71	1
CC18 - Bill C-18	4	2	1	0	12h32m	20	1
<b>TOTAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41h16m</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2</b>

SPECIAL COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS <sup>5</sup>
	Total	TV <sup>2</sup>	VC <sup>3</sup>	VR <sup>4</sup>			
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL COMMITTEES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

ALL COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS <sup>5</sup>
	Total	TV <sup>2</sup>	VC <sup>3</sup>	VR <sup>4</sup>			
<b>TOTAL ALL COMMITTEES</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,380h49m</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>86</b>

<sup>1</sup> In practice, most Committees create a Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, commonly referred to as a "steering committee", to help them plan their work. The establishment of subcommittees is usually designed to relieve parliamentary committees of planning and administrative tasks, or to address important issues relating to their mandate.

<sup>2</sup> Number of televised meetings.

<sup>3</sup> Number of meetings using videoconferencing

<sup>4</sup> Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

<sup>5</sup> Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committees.

## DETAILED COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE REPORT (2011-2012)

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 e-consultations 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. However, in accordance with a decision by the Board, two legislative committees were funded from the envelope normally reserved for standing and standing joint committees. 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 actual expenditures according to four standard categories. Please note that all subcommittee expenditures are included with those of their standing committees.***

### 1. STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	EXPENDITURES (in \$)				
	Committee Travel	Witnesses	Videoconferencing and Audiovisual Equipment	Other*	TOTAL
AANO - Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development	0	13,435	219	4,426	18,079
ACVA - Veterans Affairs	74,571	6,961	464	289	82,284
AGRI - Agriculture and Agri-Food	0	53,748	4,123	764	58,635
CHPC - Canadian Heritage	0	14,948	916	2,839	18,704
CIIT - International Trade	99,841	10,448	2,001	8,907	121,197
CIMM - Citizenship and Immigration	0	7,107	4,526	4,739	16,372
ENVI - Environment and Sustainable Development	0	16,049	760	5,301	22,110
ETHI - Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics	0	3,825	0	9,169	12,994
FAAE - Foreign Affairs and International Development	0	21,359	2,738	4,310	28,407
FEWO - Status of Women	0	11,207	802	1,287	13,297
FINA - Finance	292,113	34,332	2,307	7,765	336,517
FOPO - Fisheries and Oceans	48,770	13,023	3,608	1,679	67,080
HESA - Health	0	36,223	3,311	954	40,488
HUMA - Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities	0	14,885	0	1,292	16,177
INDU - Industry, Science and Technology	0	6,230	830	124	7,183
JUST - Justice and Human Rights	0	27,731	1,530	7,592	36,853
LANG - Official Languages	0	33,174	0	32	33,206
LIAI - Liaison	0	0	0	1,967	1,967

COMMITTEES	EXPENDITURES (in \$)				
	Committee Travel	Witnesses	Videoconferencing and Audiovisual Equipment	Other*	TOTAL
NDDN - National Defence	57,077	5,858	0	2,162	65,097
OGGO - Government Operations and Estimates	0	4,333	2,640	891	7,864
PACP - Public Accounts	0	0	0	1,064	1,064
PROC - Procedure and House Affairs	0	4,295	1,199	6,212	11,706
RNNR - Natural Resources	0	27,334	4,037	2,324	33,694
SECU - Public Safety and National Security	1,576	35,232	2,510	6,395	45,713
TRAN - Transport, Infrastructure and Communities	0	4,022	1,107	123	5,251
<b>SUB-TOTAL**</b>	<b>573,947</b>	<b>405,761</b>	<b>39,626</b>	<b>82,606</b>	<b>1,101,940</b>

## 2. STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	EXPENDITURES (in \$)				
	Committee Travel	Witnesses	Videoconferencing and Audiovisual Equipment	Other*	TOTAL
BILI - Library of Parliament	0	0	0	613	613
REGS - Scrutiny of Regulations	0	0	0	3,022	3,022
<b>SUB-TOTAL**</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>3,635</b>

<b>TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES**</b>	<b>573,947</b>	<b>405,761</b>	<b>39,626</b>	<b>86,242</b>	<b>1,105,575</b>
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## 3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	EXPENDITURES (in \$)				
	Committee Travel	Witnesses	Videoconferencing and Audiovisual Equipment	Other*	TOTAL
CC11 - Bill C-11	0	17,776	0	2,459	20,235
CC18 - Bill C-18	0	8,569	0	1,529	10,098
<b>SUB-TOTAL**</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,345</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,988</b>	<b>30,333</b>

## 4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	EXPENDITURES (in \$)				
	Committee Travel	Witnesses	Videoconferencing and Audiovisual Equipment	Other*	TOTAL
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUB-TOTAL**</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## DETAILED COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE REPORT (2011-2012) (cont'd)

### 5. SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	EXPENDITURES (in \$)				
	Committee Travel	Witnesses	Videoconferencing and Audiovisual Equipment	Other*	TOTAL
<b>SUB-TOTAL**</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL LEGISLATIVE AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**</b>	0	26,345	0	3,988	30,333

### TOTAL - ALL COMMITTEES

ALL COMMITTEES	EXPENDITURES (in \$)				
	Committee Travel	Witnesses	Videoconferencing and Audiovisual Equipment	Other*	TOTAL
<b>GRAND TOTAL**</b>	573,947	432,106	39,626	90,230	1,135,909

\* "Other" includes expenditures for working meals, reports, professional service contracts, and minor miscellaneous expenses.

\*\* Differences in totals are due to rounding.