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ON COMMITTEE
ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES**

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INTRODUCTION

This report on committee activities and expenditures for fiscal year 2009-2010 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 2009-2010 is slightly higher than last year, but in line with the five year average. The level of expenditures is at its highest since 2005-2006.

Committee expenditures totalled **\$1,977,297** (excluding printing costs). The breakdown of expenditures is as follows:

- 66.3% (**\$1,310,945**) was spent on committee hearings outside of Ottawa, site visits and travel abroad;
- 27.8% (**\$549,775**) on the reimbursement of witness expenses;
- 0.30% (**\$5,772**) on additional expenditures relating to the production of committee reports;
- 5.4% (**\$106,805**) was attributable to miscellaneous expenditures.
- 0.20% (**\$4,000**) was attributable to contract fees.

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 their budgets amounted to \$29,739. During the period covered by this report, a total of 1,087 meetings were held (of which 175 were televised), 3,708 witnesses were heard and 185 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				
	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Standing	917	1,340	1,062	892	1,066
Legislative	24	54	25	8	1
Special	0	0	0	11	20
Total	941	1,394	1,087	911	1,087

Type	Expenditures				
	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Standing	1,530,183	1,711,404	1,333,407	1,633,610	1,963,691
Legislative	36,918	27,182	14,020	5,862	0
Special	0	0	0	29,700	13,606
Sub-total	1,567,101	1,738,586	1,347,427	1,669,172	1,977,297
Printing Costs	85,264	48,449	90,583	54,562	41,509
Total	1,652,365	1,787,035	1,438,010	1,723,734	2,018,806

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS BY TYPE OF ORDER OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS
(2005-2006 TO 2009-2010)**

REFERENCE TYPE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS BY TYPE					% OF MEETINGS BY TYPE				
	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
House Orders of Reference	49	60	7	23	30	4.1	3.3	0.5	1.8	1.8
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	417	750	620	559	714	34.9	41.7	42.8	44.7	41.9
Reports and Returns	15	5	3	3	23	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	1.3
Estimates	46	54	49	56	83	3.8	3.0	3.4	4.5	4.9
Order in Council Appointments	23	13	13	3	5	1.9	0.7	0.9	0.2	0.3
Legislation	185	206	186	84	158	15.5	11.5	12.8	6.7	9.3
Pre-budget Consultations	67	33	17	0	24	5.6	1.8	1.2	0	1.4
Written Questions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Responses to Petitions	1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0
Committee Business	334	610	513	486	612	28.0	33.9	35.4	38.9	35.8
Election of Chairs	28	68	34	36	56	2.3	3.8	2.3	2.9	3.3
Others	30	0	7	1	0	2.5	0	0.5	0.1	0
TOTAL*	1,195	1,799	1,449	1,251	1,705	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
(2005-2006 TO 2009-2010)**

REFERENCE TYPE	NUMBER OF REPORTS BY TYPE					% OF REPORTS BY TYPE				
	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
House Orders of Reference	4	3	0	4	4	2.5	1.3	0	2.9	2.2
Standing Order 108 (2), (3) & (4)	69	108	77	73	82	43.4	46.8	40.5	53.7	44.3
Reports and Returns	1	1	0	0	2	0.6	0.4	0	0	1.1
Estimates	16	14	21	20	34	10.1	6.0	11.1	14.7	18.4
Order in Council Appointments	8	7	6	0	1	5.0	3.0	3.2		0.5
Legislation	47	38	44	20	42	29.6	16.5	23.2	14.7	22.7
Pre-budget Consultations	0	2	1	0	1	0	0.9	0.5	0	0.5
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	--	--	16.8	6.6	2.7
Striking of Committee Membership **	--	--	--	10	14	--	--	--	7.4	7.6
Others	14	58	9	0	0	8.8	25.1	4.7	0	0
TOTAL	159	231	190	136	185	100	100	100	100	100

* New category added to this report in 2007-2008

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ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (2009-2010)

STANDING COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANO)	38	5	100h26m	4h03m	217	1
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)	33	3	54h16m	0	56	13
Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI)	41	1	76h14m	2h03m	195	8
Canadian Heritage (CHPC)	34	9	57h48m	0	161	5
Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM)	36	9	54h43m	1h58m	103	10
Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)	37	6	85h03m	11h27m	142	6
Finance (FINA)	58	31	141h12m	0	638	5
Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO)	42	4	67h41m	0	85	6
Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE)	41	1	66h09m	1h56m	152	3
Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)	41	14	73h03m	6h28m	129	7
Health (HESA)	43	12	87h04m	8h41m	284	10
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)	64	9	109h54m	1h51m	301	6
Industry, Science and Technology (INDU)	44	9	79h07m	0	179	7
International Trade (CIIT)	36	1	53h06m	2h46m	92	6
Justice and Human Rights (JUST)	50	9	107h57m	11h21m	289	13
Liaison (LIAI)	3	0	2h09m	0	1	0
National Defence (NDDN)	40	0	57h15m	3h35m	88	3
Natural Resources (RNNR)	40	9	70h07m	20h48m	139	5
Official Languages (LANG)	41	8	63h22m	3h46m	112	3
Procedure and House Affairs (PROC)	26	0	27h28m	0	43	22
Public Accounts (PACP)	38	7	70h20m	0	152	19
Public Safety and National Security (SECU)	36	12	60h23m	0	107	5
Status of Women (FEWO)	47	1	82h25m	21h37m	146	7
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (TRAN)	38	5	63h45m	3h09	144	4
Veterans Affairs (ACVA)	32	1	48h19m	0	70	2
TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES	870	151	1,529h45m	102h15m	3,474	176

* Number of televised meetings

** Number of hours of videoconferencing

ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE – 2009-2010 (cont'd)

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Library of Parliament (BILI)	12	0	18h49m	0	24	3
Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)	11	0	15h05m	0	1	3
TOTAL STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	23	0	33h54m	0	25	6

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	4h23m	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)	4	0	4h51m	0	0	
Agriculture and Agri-Food (SAGR)	3	0	2h01m	0	0	
Canadian Mission in Afghanistan (SAFG)	5	0	3h58m	0	0	
Citizenship and Immigration (SCIM)	9	0	7h09m	0	2	
Environment and Sustainable Development (SENV)	4	0	4h03m	0	0	
Finance (SFIN)	2	0	0h58m	0	0	
Fisheries and Oceans (SFOP)	6	0	4h06m	0	0	
Foreign Affairs and International Development (SFAA)	9	0	6h55m	0	0	
Government Operations and Estimates (SOGG)	6	0	3h36m	0	0	
Health (SHES)	1	0	0h34m	0	0	
Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (SHUM)	1	0	0h32m	0	0	
Industry, Science and Technology (SIND)	1	0	1h00m	0	0	
International Trade (SCII)	0	0	0	0	0	
Justice and Human Rights (SJUS)	7	0	5h01m	0	0	
Library of Parliament (SBIL)	2	0	0h36m	0	0	
National Defence (SNDD)	2	0	2h03m	0	0	
Official Languages (SLAN)	1	0	0h36m	0	0	
Procedure and House Affairs (SPRO)	4	0	1h29m	0	0	
Public Accounts (SPAC)	16	0	10h23m	0	0	
Public Safety and National Security (SSEC)	0	0	0	0	0	
Scrutiny of Regulations (SREG)	0	0	0	0	0	
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (STRA)	7	0	4h12m	0	0	
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEES ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE	97	0	20h34m	0	2	

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

ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE – 2009-2010 (cont'd)

OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Automotive Industry in Canada (SAIA)	0	0	0	0	0	Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committee.
Canadian Industrial Sectors (SSIS)	8	0	18h39m	3h12m	24	
Committee Budgets (SBLI)	7	0	1h46m	0	0	
Gifts under the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons (SCOD)	4	0	4h20m	0	12	
Food Safety (SFSA)	11	8	47h28m	3h55m	90	
International Human Rights (SDIR)	38	6	41h13m	4h51m	47	
Neurological Disease (SMND)	4	0	3h17m	0	0	
Private Members' Business (SMEM)	4	0	2h53m	0	0	
TOTAL OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES	76	14	119h38m	11h59m	173	

SPECIAL COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Canadian Mission in Afghanistan (AFGH)	20	10	30h05	0h49m	34	3
TOTAL SPECIAL COMMITTEES	20	10	30h05	0h49m	34	3

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
Bill C-31 (CC31)	1	0	0h24m	0	0	0
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES	1	0	0h24m	0	0	0

ALL COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS		NUMBER OF HOURS		NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	Total	*	Total	**		
TOTAL ALL COMMITTEES	1,087	175	1,782h22m	115h03m	3,708	185

* Number of televised meetings

** Number of videoconferences

DETAILED COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE REPORT (2009-2010)

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	219,143	0	0	33,254	5,116	126,804	165,174
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics	28,050	381	0	5,717	744	0	6,842
Agriculture and Agri-Food	224,774	510	0	80,395	7,910	15,419	104,234
Canadian Heritage	80,806	476	0	26,186	1,815	0	28,477
Citizenship and Immigration	97,274	505	0	28,749	611	525	30,390
Environment and Sustainable Development	172,938	0	0	17,380	6,136	59,881	83,396
Finance	314,995	572	0	52,962	6,968	188,743	249,245
Fisheries and Oceans	86,960	397	0	20,891	341	13,627	35,256
Foreign Affairs and International Development	130,967	0	0	21,786	8,139	33,347	63,272
Government Operations and Estimates	11,450	0	0	2,204	1,120	1,175	4,498
Health	189,155	0	0	45,550	3,367	63,027	111,944
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities	303,903	0	0	19,619	8,670	196,228	224,518
Industry, Science and Technology	94,338	828	0	18,723	3,785	2,057	25,392
International Trade	265,943	96	0	17,583	7,448	84,864	109,990
Justice and Human Rights	425,674	106	0	37,328	1,922	177,855	217,211
Liaison	5,676	0	0	0	1,786	0	1,786
National Defence	287,833	182	0	7,159	2,026	1,999	11,366
Natural Resources	160,400	116	0	36,731	446	8,249	45,542
Official Languages	48,259	180	0	20,676	516	300	21,672
Procedure and House Affairs	10,326	0	0	4,512	2,394	0	6,906
Public Accounts	34,419	0	0	0	4,331	4,594	8,925
Public Safety and National Security	463,555	321	0	17,283	8,620	232,496	258,720
Status of Women	62,956	951	0	15,728	5,112	5,246	27,038
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities	117,873	0	4,000	7,098	4,865	30,008	45,971
Veterans Affairs	122,786	88	0	11,056	1,190	24,524	36,859
SUB-TOTAL	3,960,452	5,709	4,000	548,570	95,378	1,270,968	1,924,623

DETAILED COMMITTEES EXPENDITURE REPORT (2009-2010) (cont'd)

2. STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Library of Parliament	7,780	63	0	1,206	4,136	0	5,404
Scrutiny of Regulations	64,851	0	0	0	3,011	30,652	33,663
SUB-TOTAL	72,631	63	0	1,206	7,147	30,652	39,068

TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES	4,033,083	5,772	4,000	549,775	102,524	1,301,620	1,963,691
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3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Bill C-31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB-TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
Canadian Mission in Afghanistan	29,739	0	0	0	4,281	9,325	13,606
SUB-TOTAL	29,739	0	0	0	4,281	9,325	13,606

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	29,739	0	0	0	4,281	9,325	13,606
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ALL COMMITTEES	BUDGETS	EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
		Reports	Contracts	Witnesses	Misc.	Travel	
GRAND TOTAL	4,062,822	5,772	4,000	549,775	106,805	1,310,945	1,977,297