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INTRODUCTION

Each year, parliamentary committees undertake numerous studies based on permanent or specific mandates given to them by the House of Commons. For instance, they study bills and may amend them before sending them back to the House of Commons. They are involved in the financial process by examining departmental estimates, reports on plans and priorities (RPPs), and performance reports. They also participate in the review of order in council appointments by calling nominees to appear. Furthermore, committees may initiate their own studies on issues related to the subject area of their mandates. In conducting these studies, committees will hear from witnesses, and, in most cases, will present a report of their findings and recommendations back to the House of Commons. Given the number and scope of their duties it is clear that committees play an essential role in the work of the House of Commons.

The Liaison Committee, composed ex officio of the Chairs of all the standing committees and the House Co-Chairs of standing joint committees, is empowered to deliberate on administrative matters relating to the standing committee system. Its main responsibility is to apportion funds to standing committees from the money allocated for that purpose by the Board of Internal Economy. This global envelope for committee activities, which is in the amount of \$4M for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, is available to committees for regular operational, study and travel budgets, as well as professional services. To this end, in June 2013, the Committee approved the creation of regular reports of the committee activities and expenditures, which continues with this report.

As their name suggests, these reports, which are presented three times per fiscal year, present cumulative financial information on the committees' expenditures and the work they are doing. This is the final step in the life cycle of committee activities after the committees have received their mandate, identified their objectives and determined how to fulfill them, prepared studies or travel budgets, secured the necessary funding from the global envelope for committee activities and completed their studies.

The reports presented by the Liaison Committee serve three purposes. First, they give Members of Parliament—especially committee chairs — and the House, information to ensure better financial planning, and provide a summary of their work.

Second, they complement the information provided to committee chairs on a monthly basis and serve as a consolidated information source for the public. Special committees, funded directly by the Board of Internal Economy, are also included in the report. By summarizing and consolidating document statistics regarding the number of meetings, meeting hours, reports and witnesses for each of the committees, these reports provide readers with a concise summary of committee activities, presented in a format intended to help readers better understand the work of committees. Furthermore, they now include summaries of each committee's mandate, extracted from the Committees website, providing even more background information.

Third, these reports serve as essential reporting and accountability mechanisms, not only for activities, but also for the use of the resources at the committees' disposal. They are among the many reports available to Canadians, including the *Members' Expenditures Report*, the *Report to Canadians*, the *Financial Statements of the House of Commons* and even the *Public Accounts of Canada*.

We hope this report, which covers the period April 1 to December 31, 2017, will provide helpful and concise information on the activities of committees, thus giving a better sense of their important work on behalf of Canadians.

For further information, please contact the Liaison Committee at LIAI@parl.gc.ca.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PRIVACY AND ETHICS (ETHI)



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics studies matters related to the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and the Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying of Canada, and certain issues related to the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee continued and completed its review of the *Security of Canada Information Sharing Act* (SCISA). A report, the Committee's fifth, was presented to the House on May 1. A government response was tabled in the House on June 20. The Committee considered the votes of the *Main Estimates 2017-18* that were referred to it by the House. It dedicated two meetings to hearing from four of the commissioners concerned before presenting a report, on May 10, recommending that the proposed votes be adopted. The Committee also continued its study of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA). Moreover, the Committee held a *Briefing Session with the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada* and commenced a study of the *Privacy of Canadians at Airports, Borders and Travelling in the United States*. Lastly, due to a change in Committee membership, Karine Trudel was elected Vice-Chair on May 9. The position became vacant when the committee membership was again modified on June 1.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee resumed its study of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA), and a draft report is being prepared. On September 20, Bob Zimmer was elected Committee Chair, and Nathan Cullen was elected Second Vice-Chair. The Committee studied Bill C-58, *An Act to amend the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*, and reported it to the House with amendments on November 20. The Committee also examined the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*, and reported the votes back to the House on November 30. The Committee considered the *Certificate of Nomination of Nancy Bélanger to the Position of Commissioner of Lobbying* and the *Certificate of Nomination of Mario Dion to the Position of Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner*, and recommended in its reports tabled December 7 and December 13 that the House approve the nominations. The Committee also held a *Briefing session with Equifax Canada* and a *Briefing on Net Neutrality*. Lastly, the Committee concluded its study on *Privacy of Canadians at Airports, Borders and Travelling in the United States*, and presented a report to the House, the Committee's 10th, on December 13.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Bob Zimmer	
Vice-Chairs	Nathaniel Erskine-Smith Nathan Cullen	
Members	Frank Baylis Emmanuel Dubourg Mona Fortier Jacques Gourde	Hon. Peter Kent Michel Picard Raj Saini
Parliamentary Secretary (Non-Voting Member)	Joyce Murray	

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PRIVACY AND ETHICS (ETHI) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	129	129
Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)	6,700	694	606	7,999
Privacy of Canadians at Airports, Borders and Travelling in the United States	1,140	450	174	1,764
Bill C-58	-	500	348	848
TOTAL³	7,840	1,644	1,256	10,740

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ¹
Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) – Washington, D.C., United States of America October 2 to 4, 2017	4	2	11,135	12,099	2,108	-	25,342
TOTAL¹	4	2	11,135	12,099	2,108	-	25,342

¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PRIVACY AND ETHICS (ETHI) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (ETHI)	31	8	7	-	46h55m	111	7
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SETH) ⁴	1	-	-	-	0h33m	-	-
TOTAL	32	8	7	-	47h28m	111	7

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

⁴ Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committees.



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food studies bills, government activities and expenditures, and issues related to Canada's agriculture and agri-food industry.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee finished its study of *Amendments to Health of Animals Regulations (Humane Transportation)* and undertook a study on *Debt in the Agriculture Sector and its Effects*, culminating in the Seventh Report of the Committee, which was presented to the House on June 19. From May 17 to 19, the Committee travelled to Washington D.C. as part of its study on *Canada–United States Cooperation in Agriculture* and made it the subject of its Sixth Report presented to the House on June 12. It also studied the *Main Estimates 2017-18* hearing from the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and departmental officials on May 16. It also held two briefing sessions, the first with the Auditor General of Canada in relation to the Spring Reports of 2017, more precisely on customs duties, and the second on the porcine epidemic diarrhea (PED) situation in Canada. In addition, the Committee heard from witnesses on its study on *Non-Tariff Trade Barriers to the Sale of Agricultural Products* and undertook the study of *Food Policy for Canada*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee completed its study of *Non-Tariff Trade Barriers to the Sale of Agricultural Products* and presented an eighth report to the House on November 6. The Committee held seven hearings regarding its study on *Food Policy for Canada*. A report was presented to the House, the Committee's 10th, on December 11. It also undertook a new study on *Climate Change and Water and Soil Conservation Issues*, and held four hearings on the subject. The meeting of November 30, attended by the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food and departmental officials, was spent considering the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*. Lastly, Luc Berthold was elected Committee Vice-Chair on September 19, 2017, replacing Bev Shipley.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Pat Finnigan

Vice-Chairs Luc Berthold
Ruth Ellen Brosseau

Members John Barlow
Sylvie Boucher
Pierre Breton
Francis Drouin

Lloyd Longfield
Eva Nassif
Joe Peschisolido

**Parliamentary Secretary
(Non-Voting Member)** Jean-Claude Poissant

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD (AGRI) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	2,471	2,471
Non-Tariff Trade Barriers to the Sale of Agricultural Products	2,897	-	269	3,167
Debt in the Agriculture Sector and its Effects	6,842	-	816	7,658
Amendments to Health of Animals Regulations (Humane Transportation)	4,983	350	412	5,745
Briefing on the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) Situation in Canada	5,136	600	222	5,958
Food Policy for Canada	6,942	1,431	548	8,921
Climate Change and Water and Soil Conservation Issues	1,178	-	244	1,422
TOTAL³	27,978	2,381	4,982	35,341

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ¹
Canada–United States Cooperation in Agriculture – Washington, D.C. (United States of America) May 17 to 19, 2017	6	6	11,602	13,365	3,363	2,084	30,414
TOTAL¹	6	6	11,602	13,365	3,363	2,084	30,414

¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD (AGRI) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (AGRI)	35	2	6	-	58h16m	147	3
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SAGR) ⁴	1	-	-	-	0h45m	-	-
TOTAL	36	2	6	-	59h02m	147	3

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

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MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage studies the policies and programs of the Department of Canadian Heritage and the organizations within the portfolio. These organizations are active in the fields of culture, heritage and human rights.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee met 18 times. It considered the *Main Estimates 2017-18* and reported the same to the House in its Fifth Report. It completed its study *The Media and Local Communities*, having heard 131 witnesses and considered 13 briefs (over the previous 16 months) before presenting its Sixth Report on June 15. The Committee agreed to undertake three new studies: *Indigenous Participation in Sport*; *Systemic Racism and Religious Discrimination*; and *Cultural Hubs and Cultural Districts in Canada*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee continued its study of *Systemic Racism and Religious Discrimination* which included hearing from 78 witnesses before beginning consideration of a draft report. On September 20, the Hon. Peter Van Loan was elected as the new First Vice-Chair of the Committee. On September 27, it presented to the House its Seventh Report entitled *Women and Girls in Sport*. On November 2, the Committee received a briefing from the Hon. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, on the government's new cultural policy. The Committee also completed a study of Bill S-232, *An Act respecting Canadian Jewish Heritage Month*, as well as a study of Bill S-236, *An Act to recognize Charlottetown as the birthplace of Confederation*. The Committee reported both bills back to the House without amendment on November 29, 2017.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Hon. Hedy Fry	
Vice-Chairs	Hon. Peter Van Loan Pierre Nantel	
Members	Pierre Breton Julie Dabrusin Anju Dhillon Julie Dzerowicz	Robert Kitchen Martin Shields Dan Vandal
Parliamentary Secretaries (Non-Voting Members)	Sean Casey Stéphane Lauzon	Arif Virani

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CANADIAN HERITAGE (CHPC) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	922	922
The Media and Local Communities	-	-	4,290	4,290
Canadian Women and Girls in Sport	-	-	142	142
Main Estimates 2017-18	-	-	173	173
Systemic Racism and Religious Discrimination	39,236	1,201	1,103	41,539
TOTAL³	39,236	1,201	6,628	47,065

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (CHPC)	40	4	3	-	71h16m	88	5
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCHP) ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	40	4	3	-	71h16m	88	5

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

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MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration studies matters related to immigration and citizenship. It has oversight of Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, and monitors federal multiculturalism policy.

Between April 1 and August 31, 2017, the Committee held 14 meetings. It continued its study of *Immigration Consultants* and presented the 11th Report on the same on June 16. The Committee also undertook a study of the *2011 LGBTQ Refugee Pilot Project*, holding four meetings and hearing from 14 witnesses. The 12th Report of the Committee, entitled *LGBTQ+ At Risk Abroad: Canada's Call to Action*, was presented on June 20. Finally, the Committee also began consideration of motion M-39, *Immigration to Atlantic Canada*, following an order of reference received from the House on November 2, 2016.

Between September 1 and December 31, 2017, the Committee held 24 meetings. On September 21, elections for the positions of both Chair and First Vice-Chair were conducted; Robert Oliphant was elected Chair and the Hon. Michelle Rempel was elected First Vice-Chair (*in absentia*). The Committee continued its study of motion M-39, *Immigration to Atlantic Canada* and, on October 26, the Committee presented its 13th Report, which sought to extend the reporting deadline contained in its order of reference; concurrence was granted by the House on the same day. Further to this, the Committee presented its 14th Report on November 9 entitled *Immigration to Atlantic Canada: Moving to the Future*. The Committee also undertook a study of *Medical Inadmissibility of Immigrants*, holding four meetings and hearing from 25 witnesses, and presenting its 15th Report on December 13, entitled *Building an Inclusive Canada: Bringing the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act in line with Modern Values*.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Robert Oliphant

Vice-Chairs Hon. Michelle Rempel
Jenny Kwan

Members Gary Anandasangaree Marwan Tabbara
Larry Maguire Nick Whalen
Randeep Sarai Salma Zahid
Bob Saroya

**Parliamentary Secretary
(Non-Voting Member)** Serge Cormier

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION (CIMM) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	924	924
2011 LGBTQ Refugee Pilot Project	18,374	2,793	1,130	22,296
Immigration Consultants	3,941	572	576	5,088
M-39, Immigration to Atlantic Canada	17,607	4,102	1,257	22,966
Medical Inadmissibility of Immigrants	2,942	350	862	4,154
Resettling Yazidi Girls and Women	5,388	2,037	403	7,828
TOTAL³	48,251	9,853	5,152	63,256

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (CIMM)	38	18	16	1	72h09m	186	5
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCIM) ⁴	2	-	-	-	1h18m	-	-
TOTAL	40	18	16	1	73h28m	186	5

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

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MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development studies the programs and legislation of Environment Canada, Parks Canada and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency as well as reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

During the period of April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee continued its consideration of a draft report on its study of *A Review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*. The Chair presented the report to the House on June 15, 2017. The Committee began consideration of Bill C-323, *An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (rehabilitation of historic property)*. The Committee also held meetings to consider the *Main Estimates 2017-18* and *Supplementary Estimates (A), 2017-18*. The Committee also held a follow-up meeting with several departments to discuss progress that had been made with regard to issues raised in the *Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development—Spring 2016*.

During the period of September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee commenced a study on heritage preservation and protection in Canada. This study included seven meetings with 27 witnesses. The Committee tabled a report for this study on December 4. The Committee also continued its study of Bill C-323, *An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (rehabilitation of historic property)*, hearing from nine witnesses. The Committee reported back to the House in relation to this bill on November 30. The Committee also commenced its study of Bill C-57, *An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act*. The Committee reported this bill back to the House, with amendments, on December 13. The Committee also held a briefing with department officials and the Commissioner, in relation to the *Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development – Fall 2017*, on October 31. On December 12, it held a *Briefing on the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change*. Finally the Committee elected the Hon. Ed Fast as First Vice-Chair on September 19.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Deborah Schulte

Vice-Chairs Hon. Ed Fast
Linda Duncan

Members	John Aldag	Mark Gerretsen
	William Amos	Joël Godin
	Mike Bossio	Robert Sopuck
	Darren Fisher	

**Parliamentary Secretary
(Non-Voting Member)** Jonathan Wilkinson

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ENVI) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	1,105	1,105
Review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999	-	613	1,241	1,854
Federal Protected Areas and Conservation Objectives	-	-	968	968
Heritage Preservation and Protection in Canada	5,883	1,046	172	7,101
TOTAL³	5,883	1,659	3,486	11,028

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Canada—U.S. Environment Partnerships and Transborder-Related Issues – Washington, D.C. (United States of America) Cancelled ¹	-	-	9,473	6,479	-	-	15,952
TOTAL²	-	-	9,473	6,479	-	-	15,952

¹ Expenses accounted for cancelled travels do not take into consideration amounts available as credits for futures trips.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ENVI) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (ENVI)	37	3	3	-	69h08m	88	6
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SENV) ⁴	1	-	-	-	0h30m	-	-
TOTAL	38	3	3	-	69h38m	88	6

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

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MANDATE

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Finance is to study and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management and operation of selected federal departments and agencies, including the Department of Finance and the Canada Revenue Agency, and to conduct pre-budget consultations.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee held 27 meetings. In April, the Committee completed its study of the *Canadian Real Estate Market and Home Ownership* and presented its 15th Report to the House on April 13. The Committee also heard from each of the three territorial premiers during its study of *Economic Growth in the Territories*. The Committee then held a meeting where they heard from the Minister of Finance on the *Main Estimates 2017-18* and to offer a *Briefing on Budget 2017*. The Committee also heard from the Minister of National Revenue on the *Main Estimates 2017-18*, and reported the votes referred to it back to the House on May 11. The Governor of the Bank of Canada appeared before the Committee during a meeting on the *Report of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy*. In May, the Committee heard from the Parliamentary Budget Officer on his *Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. The Committee then held 10 meetings to consider Bill C-44, *An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures*, and reported the bill back to the House with amendments on May 31. In June, the Committee held three meetings on the study of *Consumer Protection and Oversight in Relation to Schedule I Banks*.

The Committee held 28 meetings from September 1 to December 31, 2017. On September 19, the Hon. Pierre Poilievre was elected as the new First Vice-Chair of the Committee. The Committee heard from more than 300 witnesses and received more than 400 written briefs on its study of *Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2018 Budget*. Between September 19 and October 20, the Committee held meetings in Ottawa, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Yellowknife, Calgary, St. John’s, Halifax, Montréal, Windsor, and Toronto on this study. Periods of time were dedicated to audience remarks at the beginning and end of each meeting held outside Ottawa. During this time, the Committee also held two meetings on the study of *Tax Planning Using Private Corporations*. The written briefs received for this study were also shared with to the Department of Finance. On October 31, the Committee heard from the Governor of the Bank of Canada on the *Report of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy*, as well as the Parliamentary Budget Officer on the *Economic and Fiscal Outlook*. In November, the Committee considered Bill C-63, *A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures*, and reported the bill back to the House without amendment on November 22. The Committee also heard from the Minister of Finance and the Minister of National Revenue, as well as their respective officials, on the votes from the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18* which had been referred from the House. It reported them back to the House on November 27. The Committee then travelled to Washington, D.C., and New York, New York, to meet with various stakeholders and Members of Congress to complete its study of the Pre-Budget Consultations. The Committee’s 21st report, entitled *Driving Inclusive Growth: Spurring Productivity and Competitiveness in Canada*, was presented to the House on December 8.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Hon. Wayne Easter

Vice-Chairs Hon. Pierre Poilievre
Pierre-Luc Dusseault

Members	Dan Albas	Michael V. McLeod
	Greg Fergus	Jennifer O'Connell
	Raj Grewal	Francesco Sorbara
	Tom Kmiec	

**Parliamentary Secretaries
(Non-Voting Members)** Kamal Khera
Joël Lightbound

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (FINA) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	2,458	2,458
Canadian Real Estate Market and Home Ownership	2,752	-	258	3,010
Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2018 Budget	23,210	-	129	23,338
Consumer Protection and Oversight in Relation to Schedule I Banks	2,631	-	488	3,119
Bill C-44	14,667	-	2,883	17,550
Tax Planning Using Private Corporations: Contributions to the Department of Finance's Consultations	9,989	650	-	10,639
Subject Matter of Bill C-63	3,836	-	1,241	5,077
TOTAL³	57,085	650	7,456	65,191

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (FINA) (CONT'D)

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS ¹	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2018 Budget – Vancouver (British Columbia), Yellowknife (Northwest Territories), Calgary (Alberta) and Saskatoon (Saskatchewan) October 2 to 6, 2017	7	8	2,440	10,733	5,392	21,157	39,722
Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2018 Budget – St. John's (Newfoundland and Labrador), Halifax (Nova-Scotia), Montréal (Quebec), and Windsor and Toronto (Ontario) October 15 to 20, 2017	7	8	9,637	10,865	5,454	25,515	51,471
Pre-Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2018 Budget – Washington, D.C., New York, New York (United States of America) November 29 to December 1, 2017	7	6	1,951	3,696	3,819	929	10,396
TOTAL³	21	22	14,029	25,294	14,665	47,601	101,589

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (FINA)	55	38	3	-	147h53m	588	7
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFIN) ⁴	3	-	-	-	2h26m	-	-
TOTAL	58	38	3	-	150h20m	588	7

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² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND OCEANS (FOPO)



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans studies and reports on matters related to the federal role in the management of Canada's fisheries and the safeguarding of its waters.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee commenced its study of *The Ocean Act's Marine Protected Areas*, which included 12 public hearings in Ottawa, with a total of 46 witnesses. In relation to this study, between May 28 and June 1, the Committee travelled to Inuvik, Paulatuk, and Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, as well as Prince Rupert, British Columbia, to conduct site visits. On April 6, the Committee dedicated a second meeting to the *Briefing on Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development — Fall 2016*. The Committee also held meetings with officials from the Department of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard, in relation to the *Briefing by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans — Cohen Commission of Inquiry*, on May 4, and to its study of the *Subject Matter of Supplementary Estimates (A), 2017-18*, on June 15. On June 8, the Committee met at the request of four Members to discuss the suggestion to review the issues surrounding closures to the Canadian Coast Guard stations in Gimli and Selkirk, Manitoba, and Kenora, Ontario, and cuts made to the Search and Rescue Dive Program in British Columbia and cuts to the Salmonid Enhancement Program.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee continued its study of *The Oceans Act's Marine Protected Areas*. In relation to this study, from October 16 to October 20, the Committee travelled to Halifax, Dartmouth, Sydney and Chéticamp, Nova Scotia, Gaspé, Quebec, and Shippagan and Bathurst, New Brunswick, to conduct site visits. The Committee studied Bill C-55, *An Act to amend the Oceans Act and the Canada Petroleum Resources Act* and reported it back to the House on December 11, with amendments. On October 31, the Committee held a *Briefing on the Detailed Action Plan of Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation*. On November 7, the Committee considered the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*. Finally, on September 19, Todd Doherty was elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Scott Simms

Vice-Chairs Todd Doherty
Fin Donnelly

Members Mel Arnold
Pat Finnigan
Ken Hardie
Bernadette Jordan
Ken McDonald
Larry Miller
Robert J. Morrissey

**Parliamentary Secretary
(Non-Voting Member)** Terry Beech

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND OCEANS (FOPO) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	237	237
The Oceans Act's Marine Protected Areas	19,022	6,829	687	26,538
Bill C-55	738	2,777	344	3,859
TOTAL³	19,760	9,606	1,267	30,634

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

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TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME ¹ DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
The Oceans Act's Marine Protected Areas – Vancouver, Masset, Queen Charlotte, Sandspit and Prince Rupert (British Columbia), Inuvik, Paulatuk and Tuktoyaktuk (Northwest Territories) May 28 to June 2, 2017	7	3	69,618	7,733	4,256	3,586	85,195
The Oceans Act's Marine Protected Areas – Halifax, Sydney, Cheticamp and Dartmouth (Nova Scotia), Gaspé (Quebec), Bathurst and Shippagan (New Brunswick) October 16 to 20, 2017	5	7	45,032	7,793	4,614	4,199	61,638
TOTAL³	12	10	114,650	15,527	8,870	7,785	146,832

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND OCEANS (FOPO) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (FOPO)	28	1	15	-	52h50m	113	2
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFOP) ⁴	1	-	-	-	1h01m	-	-
TOTAL	29	1	15	-	53h52m	113	2

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MANDATE (FAAE)

The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development studies matters related to international affairs, including Canada's foreign policy and development assistance. The government department under the Committee's scrutiny is the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee completed its report on its study on the *Statutory Review of the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act and the Special Economic Measures Act* and presented the report to the House on April 6. It heard from further witnesses concerning its study on the *Situation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 25 Years After the End of the Cold War*, and began hearing from witnesses concerning its studies on *United States and Canadian Foreign Policy* and *Canada's Development Financing Initiative*. On May 2, the Committee heard from the Hon. Stéphane Dion and the Hon. John McCallum, separately, on their Order in Council appointments and on May 10, reported to the House on said appointments. On May 9, the Committee received a briefing from the Vice-Speaker of the Ukrainian Parliament, H.E. Oksana Syroyid. On May 11, it received separate briefings from the Library of Parliament and the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer on studying the Main Estimates and from Justin Forsyth, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF and UN Assistant Secretary-General. On June 22, the Committee studied Bill S-226, *An Act to provide for the taking of restrictive measures in respect of foreign nationals responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights and to make related amendments to the Special Economic Measures Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and reported it back to the House with amendments, by depositing it with the Clerk of the House on June 22.

Between April 1 and August 31, 2017, the Subcommittee on International Human Rights heard witnesses on its studies of the *Human Rights Situation in South Sudan* and of *Human Trafficking in South Asia*. It received a briefing on April 4 from the Burma Task Force of Canada. On April 6 and May 16, the Subcommittee received a briefing on the human rights situation in Venezuela and received an additional briefing on May 2 concerning the human rights situation in the Dabaad refugee camp in Kenya. During the week of May 8 to 12, the Subcommittee hosted its annual Iran Accountability Week and heard from witnesses on the human rights situation in Iran. On May 15, the Subcommittee issued a joint statement in the form of a news release regarding Iran Accountability Week 2017. The Subcommittee also produced two reports on its studies on the *Situation of Yazidis, Christians and Other Religious and Ethnic Minorities in Syria and Iraq* (presented on April 10) and the *Human Rights Situation in South Sudan* (presented on June 14).

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee completed its study on the *Situation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia 25 Years After the End of the Cold War* and presented the report to the House on Wednesday, November 22. The Committee heard from the Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie on September 28, in relation to its study of *Canada's Development Financing Initiative*. It began hearing witnesses concerning its study of the *Provision of Assistance to Canadians in Difficulty Abroad (Consular Affairs)*, and received a briefing on its study of *United States and Canadian Foreign Policy*. From October 22 until October 27, the Committee travelled to Mexico City, Mexico, New York, New York, and Washington, D.C., in relation to its study of *United States and Canadian Foreign Policy*. From November 26 to December 6, it travelled to Beijing and Hong Kong, China, Hanoi, Vietnam, and Jakarta, Indonesia, in relation to its study of *Canada's Engagement in Asia*. The Committee hosted Ojars Ericks Kalninš, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee of the 12th Saeima (Latvian Parliament), on October 31, 2017. During October and November the Committee held four meetings to study Bill C-47, *An Act to amend the Export and Import Permits Act and the Criminal Code (amendments permitting the accession to the Arms Trade Treaty and other amendments)*. It was still under consideration by the Committee at the end of December. On Tuesday, November 21, the Committee received a briefing from H.E. Hashim Thaçi, President of the Republic of Kosovo. Finally, on September 21, the Hon. Erin O'Toole was elected as the new First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Sub-Committee on International Human Rights held 22 meetings between September 1 and December 31, 2017. The Sub-Committee examined the matters of human rights situation of the Rohingya, natural resource extraction within Latin America, human rights defenders in Mexico, human trafficking in South Asia, human rights situation in Somalia, and child labour and modern slavery.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FAAE) (CONT'D)

MEMBERSHIP FAAE (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Hon. Robert D. Nault

Vice-Chairs Hon. Erin O'Toole
Hélène Laverdière

Members Ziad Aboultaif Jati Sidhu
Garnett Genuis Anita Vandenberg
Michael Levitt Borys Wrzesnewskyj
Raj Saini

Parliamentary Secretaries Omar Alhabra Matt DeCoursey
(Non-Voting Members) Celina Caesar-Chavannes Hon. Andrew Leslie

MEMBERSHIP SDIR (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Michael Levitt

Vice-Chairs David Sweet
Cheryl Hardcastle

Members David Anderson Iqra Khalid
Peter Fragiskatos Marwan Tabbara

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FAAE) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
FAAE - Operational Budget ⁴	71	-	5,168	5,239
FAAE - Current Human Rights Situation of the Rohingya in Myanmar	1,397	-	-	1,397
FAAE - Statutory Review of the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act and the Special Economic Measures Act	-	-	169	169
FAAE - Situation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia 25 Years after the End of the Cold War	-	-	398	398
FAAE - United States and Canadian Foreign Policy	1,361	850	1,088	3,299
FAAE - Canada's Development Finance Initiative	-	1,279	395	1,674
FAAE - Provision of Assistance to Canadians in Difficulty Abroad	-	-	300	300
FAAE - Bill C-47	-	1,013	836	1,849
FAAE - Canada's Engagement in Asia	-	-	735	735
SDIR - Operational Budget ⁴	387	511	3,952	4,851
SDIR - Briefing on the Human Rights Situation in Iran	198	250	225	673
SDIR - Human Rights Situation in South Sudan	-	524	-	524
SDIR - Human Trafficking in South Asia	1,364	894	675	2,933
SDIR - Briefing on the Human Rights Situation of the Rohingya	1,449	188	-	1,636
SDIR - Human Rights Surrounding Natural Resource Extraction within Latin America	2,374	407	-	2,781
SDIR - Human Rights Situation in Somalia	495	770	193	1,457
TOTAL³	9,096	6,685	14,134	29,915

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FAAE) (CONT'D)

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME ¹ DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
FAAE – Canada’s Engagement in Asia – Beijing, Jingzhuang and Hong Kong (China), Jakarta (Indonesia), Hanoi (Vietnam) November 25 to December 6, 2017	7	3	100,617	-	-	6,424	107,041
FAAE – United States and Canadian Foreign Policy – Mexico City (Mexico), Washington, D.C., and New York (New York) (United States of America) October 22 to 27, 2017	7	3	27,299	46,322	6,362	11,408	91,390
TOTAL³	14	6	127,916	46,322	6,362	17,832	198,432

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² “Other” (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (FAAE)	29	8	8	-	51h29m	83	6
Subcommittee on International Human Rights (SDIR) ⁴	39	3	14	1	34h58m	83	-
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFAA) ⁴	6	-	-	-	4h00m	-	-
TOTAL	74	11	22	1	90h28m	166	6

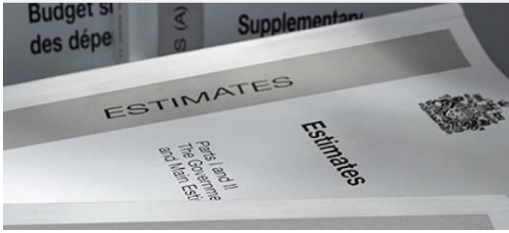
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATES (OGGO)



MANDATE

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates studies the effectiveness and proper functioning of government operations, on the estimates process as well as on the expenditure plans of central departments and agencies.

During the period from April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee completed its *Review of the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act* and presented to the House its Ninth Report entitled *Strengthening the Protection of the Public Interest within the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act* on June 16. During the course of the study, the Committee heard from 52 witnesses over 12 meetings. On April 11, the Committee considered the *Certificate of Nomination of Patrick Borbey to the Position of President of the Public Service Commission* and, on April 13, presented its Sixth Report to the House, on the said appointment. On May 2, the Committee dedicated a second meeting to the *Briefing on the Use of National Security Exceptions*. The Committee studied the *Main Estimates 2017-18*, the *Supplementary Estimates (A), 2017-18*, as well as several *Reports on Plans and Priorities 2017-18*: Privy Council Office; Canada School of Public Service; Office of the Public Sector Integrity Commissioner of Canada; Shared Services Canada; Public Services and Procurement Canada; Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada; and Public Service Commission of Canada. On May 16, the Committee studied the *Subject Matter of Clauses 113 to 114 of Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures*. On June 15, the Committee began a study of *Changes to the Communications Policy*. Finally, on June 20, the Committee resumed its study of the *Estimates Process* with the appearance of the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

During the period from September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee studied Bill C-24, *An Act to amend the Salaries Act and to make a consequential amendment to the Financial Administration Act*, and reported the bill back to the House without amendment on October 23. The Committee also considered the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*, presenting its 11th Report to the House on November 29. The Committee continued its study of *Changes to the Communications Policy* and concluded it on December 4 by presenting its 12th Report to the House entitled *Reaching Canadians with Effective Government Advertising*. The Committee also initiated a study of the *Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business*, hearing from 28 witnesses over four meetings. Furthermore, the Committee commenced a study of *Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) in Federal Procurement*. Finally, the Committee considered the *Departmental Performance Reports 2016-17* and held a *Briefing on Government Information Technology Transformation*.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Tom Lukiwski	
Vice-Chairs	Yasmin Ratansi Erin Weir	
Members	Ramez Ayoub Francis Drouin Kelly McCauley Kyle Peterson	Brenda Shanahan Bev Shipley Nick Whalen
Parliamentary Secretaries (Non-Voting Members)	Steven MacKinnon Joyce Murray	

STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATES (OGGO) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	3,863	4,149
Estimates Process	-	-	109	109
Review of the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act	2,156	2,300	745	5,201
Changes to the Communications Policy	800	1,378	942	2,834
Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business	2,491	658	600	3,749
TOTAL³	5,447	4,336	6,260	16,043

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

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MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (OGGO)	35	6	8	-	59h03m	184	7
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SOGG) ⁴	3	-	-	-	2h00m	-	-
TOTAL	38	6	8	-	61h04m	184	7

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² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

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MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Health studies issues that relate to Health Canada, including bills and regulations. It also has oversight of four health-related agencies, including the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee continued its study of the *Public Health Effects of Online Violent and Degrading Sexually Explicit Material on Children, Women and Men (M-47)*, during which it heard from 11 witnesses. The Committee presented its report to the House on this subject on June 9. The Committee began three studies: *Thalidomide Survivors Contribution Program*, *Federal Framework on Lyme Disease*, and *Antimicrobial Resistance*. The Committee devoted four meetings to the first study and two meetings to the two others and heard a total of nine witnesses on each study. The Committee considered Bill C-211, *An Act respecting a federal framework on post-traumatic stress disorder*, and reported it to the House with amendments on May 30. The Committee also considered Bill S-211, *An Act respecting National Sickle Cell Awareness Day*, and reported it to the House without amendment on May 9. Furthermore, the Committee studied the *Main Estimates 2017-18* and continued its study of the *Development of a National Pharmacare Program*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee considered Bill C-45, *An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts*. During the course of the study, the Committee held eight meetings and heard from 120 witnesses. It reported the bill to the House with amendments on October 5. On September 21, Marilyn Gladu was elected as the new First Vice-Chair of the Committee. The Committee also continued its studies *Development of a National Pharmacare Program* and *Antimicrobial Resistance*, hearing from 27 witnesses over eight meetings. Additionally, the Committee held a *Briefing on Report 4 – Oral Health for First Nations and Inuit*, related to the Fall 2017 report of the Auditor General. The Committee also studied the *Subject Matter of the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*. Finally, the Committee began a study of *Canada’s Food Guide*.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Bill Casey

Vice-Chairs Marilyn Gladu
Don Davies

Members	Ramez Ayoub	Sonia Sidhu
	Doug Eyolfson	Dave Van Kesteren
	Ron McKinnon	Len Webber
	John Oliver	

**Parliamentary Secretary
(Non-Voting Member)** Bill Blair

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH (HESA) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	1,312	1,312
Development of a National Pharmacare Program	3,531	-	75	3,606
Bill C-277	428	-	-	428
Public Health Effects of Online Violent and Degrading Sexually Explicit Material on Children, Women and Men (M-47)	5,228	3,075	1,013	9,316
Thalidomide Survivors Contribution Program	2,586	515	675	3,777
Bill C-211	-	1,050	1,013	2,063
Federal Framework on Lyme Disease	2,089	500	685	3,274
Bill C-45	37,863	7,628	-	45,491
Antimicrobial Resistance	11,283	1,995	695	13,972
Canada's Food Guide	266	-	-	266
TOTAL³	63,274	14,763	5,467	83,504

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (HESA)	38	11	18	-	108h16m	208	4
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHES) ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	38	11	18	-	108h16m	208	4

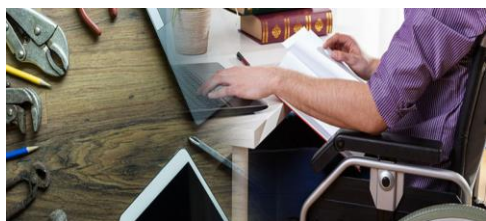
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³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES, SKILLS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE STATUS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (HUMA)



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities studies employment, labour, income security, skills development and disability issues, as well as programs administered by Employment and Social Development Canada. The Committee also administers the Centennial Flame Research Award.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee continued its study of Bill C-243, *An Act respecting the development of a national maternity assistance program strategy and amending the Employment Insurance Act (maternity benefits)*. It held three meetings, during which it heard nine witnesses, including the sponsor of the bill and representatives from the Department of Employment and Social Development, and reported the bill to the House with amendments on May 3. The Committee completed its study on *Poverty Reduction Strategies* and presented its Seventh Report, *Breaking the Cycle: A Study on Poverty Reduction* to the House on May 31. Further to the adoption of motion M-106 by the House, the Committee began a study on *Advancing Inclusion and Quality of Life for Canadian Seniors*. The Committee also studied the *Main Estimates 2017-18*. Lastly, it launched the *2017 Centennial Flame Research Award* and invited Canadians with disabilities to apply.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee continued its study of *Advancing Inclusion and Quality of Life for Canadian Seniors*. After it had held 11 meetings on the topic, heard from 65 witnesses and reviewed 35 briefs, the Committee began writing its draft report. On September 26, the Hon. Steven Blaney was elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee. The Committee also selected the recipient of the *2017 Centennial Flame Research Award*, Mr. Benjamin Fulton. On September 28, the Committee received a *Briefing on Report 5 – Temporary Foreign Worker Program – ESDC*, related to the Spring 2017 report of the Auditor General of Canada. Lastly, the Committee began a study of *Experiential Learning and Pathways to Employment for Canadian Youth*.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Bryan May	
Vice-Chairs	Hon. Steven Blaney Brigitte Sansoucy	
Members	Mona Fortier Robert J. Morrissey Yves Robillard Dan Ruimy	Ramesh Sangha Mark Warawa Hon. Alice Wong
Parliamentary Secretaries (Non-Voting Members)	Rodger Cuzner Stéphane Lauzon	Adam Vaughan

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES, SKILLS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE STATUS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (HUMA) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	1,450	1,450
Poverty Reduction Strategies	3,063	-	9	3,073
Bill C-243	574	2,663	759	3,995
Advancing Inclusion and Quality of Life for Canadian Seniors	19,496	6,873	1,155	27,525
2017 Centennial Flame Research Award	1,138	-	-	1,138
Experiential Learning and Pathways to Employment for Canadian Youth	4,544	1,750	405	6,698
TOTAL³	28,816	11,286	3,777	43,879

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (HUMA)	27	4	11	-	51h30m	107	2
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHUM) ⁴	1	-	-	-	0h36m	-	-
TOTAL	28	4	11	-	52h06m	107	2

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² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

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MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs reviews, examines and reports on issues affecting Aboriginal Canadians and northerners.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee completed its study of *Default Prevention and Management Policy* and presented its Sixth Report to the House on May 29. The Committee also completed its study of *Suicide Among Indigenous Peoples and Communities*, presenting its Ninth Report to the House on June 19. The Committee resumed its study of the *Subject Matter of Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Indian Act (elimination of sex-based inequities in registration)*, hearing from over 20 witnesses over the course of two meetings. It studied the bill before reporting it back to the House with amendments on June 16. The Committee considered the *Main Estimates 2017-18*, presenting its Fifth Report on May 8, as well as the *Supplementary Estimates (A), 2017-18*, presenting its Seventh Report on June 2. Finally, the Committee began a study of the *Subject Matter of Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee commenced a study of *Specific and Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements* which included travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Quebec City, Quebec, Belleville, Ontario, and Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, and hearing from 89 witnesses. The Committee also completed its study of *Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act*, reporting the bill back to the House on October 6, 2017, without amendment. The Committee commenced a study on *Fire Safety and Emergency Management in Indigenous Communities*. On November 30, it received a *Briefing on the Mandate Letter of the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and on the Mandate Letter of the Minister of Indigenous Services* followed by consideration of the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*. The Committee presented its 11th Report, on the Estimates, on December 1, 2017. On September 19, Cathy McLeod was elected as the new First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Hon. MaryAnn Mihychuk

Vice-Chairs Cathy McLeod
Romeo Saganash

Members William Amos
Gary Anandasangaree
Mike Bossio
T.J. Harvey
Arnold Viersen
Kevin Waugh
Salma Zahid

**Parliamentary Secretaries
(Non-Voting Members)** Yvonne Jones
Don Rusnak

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS (INAN) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	2,959	2,959
Suicide Among Indigenous Peoples and Communities	5,574	-	283	5,857
Subject Matter of Bill S-3	4,573	275	261	5,109
Default Prevention and Management Policy	6,443	425	270	7,137
Specific and Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements	19,160	370	1,198	20,728
Subject Matter of Bill C-17	1,189	-	1,059	2,248
Fire Safety and Emergency Management in Indigenous Communities	7,013	700	1,192	8,905
TOTAL³	43,952	1,770	7,222	52,944

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ¹
Specific and Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements – Vancouver (British Columbia), Yellowknife (Northwest Territories), Winnipeg (Manitoba), Belleville (Ontario), Québec (Quebec) September 24 to 29, 2017 and October 22 and 23, 2017	7	9	62,176	14,403	5,852	25,000	107,431
TOTAL¹	7	9	62,176	14,403	5,852	25,000	107,431

¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS (INAN) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (INAN)	40	6	5	2	80h24m	204	7
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SINA) ⁴	2	-	-	-	0h58m	-	-
TOTAL	42	6	5	2	81h23m	204	7

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

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MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology studies and reports on legislation, the activities and spending of Industry Canada and its portfolio members, and other issues related to industry and technology capability; scientific research and development; telecommunications policy; investment, trade, small business and tourism; and rules and services that support the effective operation of the marketplace.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee concluded its consideration of Bill C-36, *An Act to amend the Statistics Act*. Over the course of the study, the Committee heard 18 witnesses over seven meetings, and reported the bill back to the House without amendment on May 8. Two meetings were dedicated to the consideration of the *Main Estimates 2017-18*, and they were reported back to the House on May 29. During this same period, the Committee completed its study of the *Manufacturing Sector* by presenting its Sixth Report entitled *The Canadian Manufacturing Sector: Urgent Need to Adapt* to the House on May 31. The Committee’s Seventh Report relative to its study of *Canada-United States Cooperation in Innovation and Jobs Creation* was presented to the House on June 12. In relation to this study, the Committee travelled to Washington, D.C., from May 1 to 3. Following a *Briefing on Broadband Connectivity in Rural Canada* and a *Briefing on Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer*, the Committee commenced a study on the latter, holding six meetings and hearing 27 witnesses on this matter. The Committee also issued a news release inviting Canadians to submit briefs on its upcoming study of *Broadband Connectivity in Rural Canada*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee continued its study of *Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer* and presented its Eighth Report to the House on November 23. Two meetings were dedicated to the consideration of the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*, and the Committee reported them back to the House on December 4. Following an order of reference from the House in relation to the *Statutory Review of Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation*, the Committee held 13 meetings and heard from 41 witnesses before reporting its findings to the House in its 10th Report, presented on December 13. Furthermore, following a briefing from the Department of Industry and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, on November 23, the Committee commenced its study of *Broadband Connectivity in Rural Canada*. Also, on December 7, the Committee considered the *Order in Council Appointment of Mona Nemer to the Position of Chief Science Advisor*. On September 19, the Hon. Maxime Bernier was elected as the new First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Dan Ruimy	
Vice-Chairs	Hon. Maxime Bernier Brian Masse	
Members	Frank Baylis Jim Eglinski Matt Jeneroux Majid Jowhari	Lloyd Longfield Mary Ng Terry Sheehan
Parliamentary Secretaries (Non-Voting Members)	David Lametti Alaina Lockhart	Kate Young

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (INDU) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	1,794	1,794
Bill C-36	4,310	1,284	305	5,899
Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer	4,282	3,186	962	8,429
Statutory Review of Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation	3,566	737	440	4,742
Broadband Connectivity in Rural Canada	-	350	-	350
TOTAL³	12,159	5,556	3,500	21,215

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TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ¹
Canada—United States Cooperation in Innovation and Jobs Creation – Washington, D.C. (United States of America) May 1 to 3, 2017	7	4	15,554	12,061	3,499	1,713	32,826
TOTAL¹	7	4	15,554	12,061	3,499	1,713	32,826

¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (INDU) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (INDU)	37	3	9	-	65h37m	114	7
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SIND) ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	37	3	9	-	65h37m	114	7

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MANDATE

The Standing Committee on International Trade studies and reports on such matters as international trade policy, and the global trade and investment environment.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee continued its public consultation on the *Priorities of Canadian Stakeholders in Bilateral and Trilateral Trade in North America*. It held eight meetings on the matter in Ottawa, including two during the summer, during which it heard 35 witnesses including the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In relation to the same study, it also travelled in April to San Francisco and Sacramento, California, Denver, Colorado, and Seattle, Washington, and in June to Detroit, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, and Washington, D.C. During these trips, the Committee met with elected officials, the Canadian and American business community, and think tank experts. A meeting was also held in Washington with the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, to which all members of the House Committee on Ways and Means were invited; in total, 17 American Representatives attended this meeting. Lastly, the Committee presented in the House its Sixth and Seventh reports, respectively entitled *The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement Benefits and Challenges for Canadians* and *The Canadian Steel Industry's Ability to Compete Internationally*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee continued and completed its study on *Priorities of Canadian Stakeholders in Bilateral and Trilateral Trade in North America*. It held 10 meetings in Ottawa and heard 34 witnesses, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The Committee traveled to the United States in September as part of this study. Committee members visited a number of businesses in Columbus, Ohio, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in addition to meeting several elected officials and business people. The Committee was to travel to Mexico City, Mexico, but had to cancel the trip when an earthquake struck the area. The Committee presented its Eighth Report to the House on December 12.

On October 31, the Committee held a *Meeting with a Delegation from Ukraine*, attended by the Prime Minister H.E. Volodymyr Groysman, the First Vice Prime Minister H.E. Stepan Kubiv and the Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada H.E. Andriy Shevchenko. Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Standing Committee on National Defence were invited to the meeting, and 30 MPs attended.

The Committee conducted four studies during the period. Three meetings were held and 14 witnesses heard as part of the first study, *Progressive Canadian Enterprises and SMEs Through Electronic Commerce*. Three meetings were held and 17 witnesses questioned during the second study, *Multiculturalism and International Trade*. During the third study, *Briefing on the Ongoing Negotiations on the North American Free Trade Agreement*, Committee members questioned the chief Canadian negotiator for the NAFTA talks. The last study, *Global Affairs Canada Update on Certain International Trade Agreements Negotiations*, involved four senior officials and one meeting. The Committee welcomed the Auditor General of Canada as part of the study of *Report 2 – Customs Duties, of the Spring 2017 Report of the Auditor General of Canada*. Lastly, Dean Allison was elected Vice-Chair on September 20.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE (CIIT) (CONT'D)

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Hon. Mark Eyking

Vice-Chairs Dean Allison
Tracey Ramsey

Members Colin Carrie
Sukh Dhaliwal
Earl Dreeshen
Peter Fonseca
Linda Lapointe
Karen Ludwig
Kyle Peterson

Parliamentary Secretaries Pam Goldsmith-Jones
(Non-Voting Members) Hon. Andrew Leslie

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	3,006	3,006
The Canadian Steel Industry's Ability to Compete Internationally	1,045	-	43	1,088
Priorities of Canadian Stakeholders in Bilateral and Trilateral Trade in North America	8,380	4,376	1,328	14,084
Progressive Canadian Enterprises and SMEs through Electronic Commerce	2,406	-	166	2,572
Multiculturalism and International Trade	1,351	550	166	2,067
TOTAL³	13,182	4,926	4,709	22,817

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE (CIIT) (CONT'D)

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME ¹ DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Priorities of Canadian Stakeholders Having an Interest in Bilateral and Trilateral Trade in North America – Seattle, Washington, Sacramento and San Francisco (California), Denver (Colorado), (United States of America) April 2 to 7, 2017	7	3	29,733	20,510	4,061	8,729	63,034
Priorities of Canadian Stakeholders Having an Interest in Bilateral and Trilateral Trade in North America – Detroit (Michigan), Chicago (Illinois), Washington, D.C. (United States of America) June 4 to 8, 2017	7	5	23,851	17,780	5,860	3,767	51,257
Priorities of Canadian Stakeholders Having an Interest in Bilateral and Trilateral Trade in North America – Columbus (Ohio), Milwaukee (Wisconsin), (United States of America) September 27 to 29, 2017	7	5	34,181	5,202	2,298	3,287	44,968
TOTAL³	21	13	87,765	43,492	12,218	15,784	159,259

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

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MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (CIIT)	31	13	10	1	41h23m	110	2
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCII) ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	31	13	10	1	41h23m	110	2

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS (JUST)



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights studies the bills, policies, programs and spending of the Department of Justice and the six federal agencies related to its portfolio.

During the period of April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee continued with the next part of its study on *Access to the Justice System* which focussed on *Legal Aid*. The Committee studied Bill S-217, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (detention in custody)* and reported back to the House on May 11, recommending that the bill not proceed further. With regard to its study on the *Proposals for a Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment, 2017*, the Committee considered the said proposals and the Chair presented the report to the House on May 31. The Committee held a meeting for the *Consideration of Kathleen Roussel for Appointment as Director of Public Prosecutions* and, on June 7, reported to the House recommending that her appointment be approved. The Committee then began its study of Bill C-46, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences related to conveyances) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee completed its study of Bill C-46. The Committee held six meetings, heard 70 witnesses and received 18 briefs before reporting the bill to the House with amendments on October 16, 2017. The Committee continued its study on *Access to the Justice System*, and completed the second part of the study concerning *Legal Aid*. It presented its report to the House on October 30. The Committee then considered Bill C-51, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Department of Justice Act and to make consequential amendments to another Act*. The Committee heard from 46 witnesses and received 17 briefs before reporting the bill to the House with amendments on November 20. The Committee also began a study on *Counselling and Other Mental Health Supports for Jurors*. The Committee held a meeting on December 4 regarding the *Nomination of the Honourable Sheilah L. Martin to the Supreme Court of Canada*. Lastly, the Hon. Rob Nicholson was elected Committee Vice-Chair on September 19.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Anthony Housefather	
Vice-Chairs	Hon. Rob Nicholson Alistair MacGregor	
Members	Randy Boissonnault Michael Cooper Ali Ehsassi Colin Fraser	Iqra Khalid Ron Liepert Ron McKinnon
Parliamentary Secretaries (Non-Voting Members)	Bill Blair Marco Mendicino	

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS (JUST) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	265	265
Access to the Justice System	4,069	-	530	4,598
Bill C-305	1,409	-	-	1,409
Bill S-217	6,872	-	344	7,216
Bill C-46	17,776	2,602	1,396	21,773
Bill C-51	10,552	1,303	1,219	13,074
Counselling and Other Mental Health Supports for Jurors	582	1,413	-	1,995
TOTAL³	41,260	5,317	3,753	50,329

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

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MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (JUST)	31	11	10	1	59h54m	171	7
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SJUS) ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	31	11	10	1	59h54m	171	7

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MANDATE

The Standing Committee on National Defence studies the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as the domestic, continental and international security environment.

During the period of April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee held 15 meetings. The Committee studied the order in council appointment of Jody Thomas, to the position of Senior Associate Deputy Minister of National Defence. The Committee then continued its study of *Canada and the Defence of North America* and adopted two reports on this question. The first, *The Canada-U.S. Relationship: Perspectives on Defence, Security and Trade*, presented to the House on May 31 and the second, *The Readiness of Canada’s Naval Forces*, presented to the House on June 15. The Committee also began a study on *Canada’s Involvement in NATO* and held a meeting with the Minister of National Defence and department officials in regards to *Canada’s Defence Policy Review*. On August 22, the Committee met at the request of four members, pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), and agreed to conduct a study on *Canada’s Abilities to Defend Itself and our Allies in the Event of an Attack by North Korea*.

During the period of September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee held 19 meetings. The Committee held one meeting to study *Canada’s Abilities to Defend Itself and our Allies in the Event of an Attack by North Korea*. The Committee then continued its study on *Canada’s Involvement in NATO*, holding a total of six meetings. The Committee then undertook a study on *Canada and the Ukraine Crisis*, holding a total of nine meetings prior to presenting its report on December 11, 2017. The Committee also studied the order in council appointments of Jody Thomas to the position of Deputy Minister of National Defence, Gordon Venner to the position of Associate Deputy Minister of National Defence, William Matthews to the position of Senior Associate Deputy Minister of National Defence, and Geneviève Bernatchez to the position of Judge Advocate General of the Canadian Armed Forces. The Committee also held one meeting on the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*, reporting them on November 30, 2017. During this same period, from September 18 to 26, 2017, the Committee travelled to NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, then to Latvia and Ukraine in connection with its study on *Canada’s Involvement in NATO*. Finally, on October 2, James Bezan was elected the new First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Stephen Fuhr

Vice-Chairs James Bezan
Randall Garrison

Members	Leona Alleslev	Yves Robillard
	Darren Fisher	Sven Spengemann
	Mark Gerretsen	David Yurdiga
	Randy Hoback	

Parliamentary Secretaries Jean R. Rioux
(Non-Voting Members) Sherry Romanado

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE (NDDN) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	823	823
Canada and the Defence of North America	-	-	957	957
Canada's Abilities to Defend Itself and our Allies in the Event of an Attack by North Korea	4,745	620	-	5,365
Canada and the Ukraine Crisis	3,266	2,359	1,096	6,720
Canada's Involvement in NATO	2,374	1,344	319	4,037
TOTAL³	10,384	4,323	3,195	17,902

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ¹
Canada's Involvement in NATO – Brussels (Belgium), Riga (Latvia), Kiev (Ukraine) September 18 to 26, 2017	7	2	80,004	15,722	6,079	2,292	104,098
TOTAL¹	7	2	80,004	15,722	6,079	2,292	104,098

¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE (NDDN) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (NDDN)	34	2	6	2	55h19m	67	5
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SNDD) ⁴	1	-	-	-	1h04m	-	-
TOTAL	35	2	6	2	56h23m	67	5

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

⁴ Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committees.



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Natural Resources studies bills, government activities and expenditures, and issues related to Canada's energy, forest, minerals and metals, and earth sciences sectors.

From April 1 to August 31, the Committee held ten meetings, mainly for its study on *Clean Technology in Canada's Natural Resources Sectors*. Over the course of 12 meetings on this study, the Committee heard from 52 witnesses, and the Chair presented the report on June 9. The same day, the Committee also presented the third report relating to its study of *The Future of Canada's Oil and Gas, Mining and Nuclear Sectors: Innovation, Sustainable Solutions and Economic Opportunities*, focussing on the Nuclear Sector. During this period, the Committee also studied the *Main Estimates 2017-18*, hearing from the Minister of Natural Resources on this subject.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee focused on two studies. The first concerned *Strategic Electricity Inter-ties*. The Committee heard 45 witnesses before presenting a report to the House on December 11. The other study concerned *Secondary Supply Chain Products in the Forestry Sector in Canada* and involved seven hearings. On September 20, Shannon Stubbs was elected Committee Vice-Chair.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair James Maloney

Vice-Chairs Shannon Stubbs
Richard Cannings

Members Ted Falk
T.J. Harvey
Richard Hébert
Mary Ng
Jamie Schmale
Marc Serré
Geng Tan

**Parliamentary Secretary
(Non-Voting Member)** Kim Rudd

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (RNNR) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	201	201
The Future of Canada's Oil and Gas, Mining and Nuclear Sectors: Innovation, Sustainable Solutions and Economic Opportunities	-	-	86	86
Clean Technology in Canada's Natural Resource Sectors	15,129	1,370	236	16,735
Strategic Electricity Inter-ties	4,312	2,861	670	7,843
Secondary Supply Chain Products in the Forestry Sector in Canada	2,246	5,747	487	8,480
TOTAL³	21,687	9,978	1,680	33,344

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (RNNR)	30	1	15	-	40h56m	101	4
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SRNN) ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	30	1	15	-	40h56m	101	4

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

⁴ Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committees.



MANDATE

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Official Languages includes, among other matters, the review of official language policies and programs, including reports of the Commissioner of Official Languages.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017 the Committee concluded its study on *Enumeration of Rights-Holders Under Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* with the presentation of its Fifth Report to the House on May 9. The Committee also continued its study on the *Full Implementation of the Official Languages Act in the Canadian Justice System*, hearing from 24 witnesses. Furthermore, the Committee held one meeting on *Issues Related to French-Language Training in the Field of Nursing in Canada*. Moreover, the Committee pursued its study on *Air Canada's Implementation of the Official Languages Act*, hearing from officials of the Department of Transport and from the Interim Commissioner of Official Languages. As well, the Committee dedicated one meeting to the *Audit of Bilingual Services to the Travelling Public Provided by the CATSA*. On May 15, pursuant to Standing Order 111.1(1), the *Certificate of Nomination of Madeleine Meilleur to the Position of Commissioner of Official Languages* was referred to the Committee by the House, and on May 18, the nominee appeared before the Committee. Additionally, the Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship appeared on June 14 on the Government's Response to the Committee's Report entitled *Toward a New Action Plan for Official Languages and Building New Momentum for Immigration in Francophone Minority Communities*. Finally, the Committee met with the Interim Commissioner of Official Languages to discuss the *Annual Report 2016-17*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee held one meeting to discuss the Government's Response to its Fifth Report entitled *The Enumeration of Rights-Holders Under Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms: Toward a Census that Supports the Charter*. Also, from October 23 to 26, seven members of the Committee travelled to Brome-Missisquoi, Quebec, and to Cape Breton and Grand Pré, Nova Scotia, in relation to its *Review of the Status of Official Languages in Minority Settings across Canada* during which they met with various community representatives from the two official language minority groups. Additionally during this period, the Committee concluded its study of *Air Canada's Implementation of the Official Languages Act* with the presentation of its Sixth Report to the House on November 2. Furthermore, the Committee held one meeting on the *2016 Census Language Data: Overestimation of the Growth of English in Quebec*. The Committee also began its study on *Access to Early Childhood Services in the Minority Language* by hearing from the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development on November 30. Also, pursuant to Standing Order 111.1(1), the *Certificate of Nomination of Raymond Th  berge to the Position of Commissioner of Official Languages* was referred to the Committee by the House on November 30 and the nominee appeared before the Committee on December 5 and 7. On December 8, the Committee presented its Seventh Report to the House, recommending the nominee's appointment. Moreover, the Minister of Canadian Heritage appeared before the Committee on December 7 to discuss the *Annual Report on Official Languages 2015-16*. Finally, the Committee concluded its study on the *Full Implementation of the Official Languages Act in the Canadian Justice System* by presenting its Eighth Report to the House on December 12. On September 19, Alupa Clarke was elected as the new First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (LANG) (CONT'D)

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Hon. Denis Paradis

Vice-Chairs Alupa A. Clarke
François Choquette

Members René Arseneault Paul Lefebvre
Bernard Généreux Darrell Samson
Stephanie Kusie Dan Vandal
Linda Lapointe

Parliamentary Secretary Sean Casey
(Non-Voting Member)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	2,747	2,747
Air Canada's Implementation of the Official Languages Act	2,296	-	652	2,948
Full Implementation of the Official Languages Act in the Canadian Justice System	5,571	-	1,116	6,687
Issues Related to French-Language Training in the Field of Nursing in Canada	4,720	-	261	4,981
TOTAL³	12,587	-	4,775	17,363

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (LANG) (CONT'D)

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ¹
Review of the Status of Official Languages in Minority Settings across Canada – Brome- Missisquoi (Quebec), Cape Breton, Grand Pré de la Vallée (Nova Scotia) October 22 to 26, 2017	8	2	13,741	3,946	2,754	783	21,224
TOTAL¹	8	2	13,741	3,946	2,754	783	21,224

¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (LANG)	33	7	1	-	51h01m	72	4
TOTAL	33	7	1	-	51h01m	72	4

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS (PROC)



MANDATE (PROC)

The Procedure and House Affairs Committee studies and reports on the rules and practices of the House and its committees, electoral matters, questions of privilege, MP conflicts of interest, internal administration of the House, and services and facilities for MPs.

Between April 1 and August 31, 2017, the Committee held 12 meetings and presented seven reports to the House. Its 55th meeting, which had begun on March 21, was adjourned on May 2. Both the 29th Report, presented and concurred in on May 1, and the 32nd Report, presented and concurred in on June 1, dealt with changes to the membership of committees. The Committee considered the *Main Estimates 2017-18*, as reported to the House on May 18 in its 31st Report. In addition, following an order of reference from the House in relation to a *Question of Privilege Regarding the Free Movement of Members of Parliament within the Parliamentary Precinct*, the Committee held seven meetings and heard from ten witnesses before reporting its findings to the House in its 34th Report, presented on June 19. Furthermore, the Committee continued its study of the Chief Electoral Officer's report entitled *An Electoral Framework for the 21st Century: Recommendations from the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada Following the 42nd General Election*, presenting a third interim report in relation to this study on June 20. On June 15, the Committee heard from the Hon. Bardish Chagger, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, in relation to potential changes to the Standing Orders. At the same meeting, the Committee also considered the *Proposed Appointment of Charles Robert to the Position of Clerk of the House of Commons*, by hearing from the nominee.

The Subcommittee on Private Members' Business met twice pursuant to Standing Order 91.1 to consider the votability of Private Members' bills and motions. These meetings led to two PROC reports: its 30th Report, presented on May 4; and its 33rd Report, presented on June 14.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee held 18 meetings and presented 13 reports to the House. During this period, the Committee conducted a *Review of the Code of Conduct for Members of the House of Commons: Sexual Harassment*, recommending changes to the Code in its 42nd Report. The Committee also studied Bill C-50, *An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (political financing)*, hearing from 16 witnesses before reporting it back to the House with amendments on October 23. The Committee undertook a study of *Services and Facilities Provided to Members of Parliament with Young Children*, which culminated in the Committee's 48th Report, presented to the House on November 30. On November 7, the Committee began the *Review of the House of Commons Electronic Petition System*. On November 9, it received a *Briefing on the Status of Labour Relations at the Parliamentary Protective Service* and considered the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*, presenting its 45th Report to the House on November 20. On November 9, the Committee also heard from Sheila Malcolmson, the sponsor of Bill C-352, *An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and to provide for the development of a national strategy (abandonment of vessels)*, regarding her appeal of the designation of the Bill as non-votable by the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business. The Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Subcommittee and presented its 46th Report to the House on November 20. During this reporting period, the Committee also initiated a study of the *Creation of an Independent Commissioner Responsible for Leaders' Debates*. On September 21, Scott Reid was elected as the new First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Subcommittee on Private Members' Business met three times pursuant to Standing Order 91.1 to consider the votability of Private Members' bills and motions. These meetings led to the presentation of four Committee reports to the House.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS (PROC) (CONT'D)

MEMBERSHIP PROC (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Hon. Larry Bagnell	
Vice-Chairs	Scott Reid David Christopherson	
Members	Chris Bittle David de Burgh Graham John Nater Blake Richards	Ruby Sahota Scott Simms Filomena Tassi
Parliamentary Secretaries (Non-Voting Members)	Andy Fillmore Kevin Lamoureux	

MEMBERSHIP SMEM (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Filomena Tassi
Members	David de Burgh Graham Irene Mathysen Blake Richards

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	5,957	5,957
Chief Electoral Officer's Report - Recommendations Following the 42nd General Election	-	-	418	418
Question of Privilege Regarding the Free Movement of Members of Parliament within the Parliamentary Precinct	-	-	689	689
Bill C-50	901	-	770	1,671
Creation of an Independent Commissioner Responsible for Leaders' Debates	908	1,925	-	2,833
TOTAL³	1,810	1,925	7,834	11,569

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS (PROC) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (PROC)	30	5	2	1	94h48m	102	20
Subcommittee on Private Members' Business (SMEM) ⁴	5	-	-	-	0h39m	-	-
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPRO) ⁴	2	-	-	-	1h08m	-	-
TOTAL	37	5	2	1	96h36m	102	20

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

⁴ Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committees.



MANDATE

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts is to review and report on the Public Accounts of Canada and all reports of the Auditor General of Canada.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee held 15 meetings and presented nine reports. During that time, the Committee completed the study of all the *Fall 2016 Reports of the Auditor General of Canada*, except the *Special Examination Report — Pacific Pilotage Authority*, and presented to the House a report on each of them. The Committee began the study of the *Spring 2017 Reports of the Auditor General*, especially *Report 3, Preventing Corruption in Immigration and Border Services*, and *Report 4, Mental Health Support for Members — Royal Canadian Mounted Police*. The Committee also considered Votes under the Office of the Auditor General in the *Main Estimates 2017-18*, its *Performance Report 2015-16*, as well as the *Report on Plans and Priorities 2017-18*. The Committee also concluded its studies on the *Public Accounts of Canada 2016* and on the *Review of the Plan of the Department of National Defence to Record and Value Inventory* and presented to the House a report on the former entitled *Public Accounts of Canada 2016*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee held 19 meetings and presented 10 reports to the House. During that time, the Committee studied most of the *Spring 2017 Reports of the Auditor General of Canada*, as well as three special examination reports on the Canadian Museum of Nature, Defence Construction Canada, and the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation. The Committee also studied the *Public Accounts of Canada 2017* and initiated the study of the *Fall 2017 Reports of the Auditor General of Canada*. The Committee held a *Briefing with the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation (CAAF)* on the Public Accounts as well as two briefings on the Committee's power to summon persons, papers and records with the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel. From September 10 to 12, six members, the Clerk and the two analysts participated in the 38th Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees (CCPAC), in Fredericton, New Brunswick. From December 4 to 7, the Chair, the Vice-Chairs and the Clerk participated in the 2017 Westminster Workshop for Public Account Committees and the First Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees (CAPAC) Conference, in London, United Kingdom.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Hon. Kevin Sorenson

Vice-Chairs Alexandra Mendès
David Christopherson

Members Chandra Arya Rémi Massé
Shaun Chen Alexander Nuttall
Gérard Deltell Brenda Shanahan
Paul Lefebvre

**Parliamentary Secretaries
(Non-Voting Members)** Steven MacKinnon
Joyce Murray

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (PACP) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ¹	TOTAL ²
Operational Budget ³	-	-	2,255	2,255
TOTAL²	-	-	2,255	2,255

¹ "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

² Differences in totals are due to rounding.

³ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME ¹ DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees (CCPAC) and Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors (COLA) Annual Conference – Fredericton (New Brunswick) September 10 to 12, 2017	6	3	7,807	2,843	941	3,604	15,194
2017 Westminster Workshop and First Conference of the Commonwealth Association of Public Accounts Committees (CAPAC) – London (United Kingdom) December 3 to 8, 2017	3	1	8,473	-	-	-	8,473
TOTAL³	9	4	16,279	2,843	941	3,604	23,667

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (PACP) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (PACP)	34	17	-	-	59h40m	140	19
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPAC) ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	34	17	-	-	59h40m	140	19

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

⁴ Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committees.



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security reviews legislation, policies, programs and expenditure plans of government departments and agencies responsible for public safety and national security, policing and law enforcement, corrections and conditional release of federal offenders, emergency management, crime prevention and the protection of Canada's borders.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee continued its study of *Canada's National Security Framework* and presented its report to the House on May 2. The Committee continued its consideration of this matter by traveling to Washington, D.C., between May 3 and 5, to meet with elected and government officials. The Committee studied Bill C-226, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences in relation to conveyances) and the Criminal Records Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*, recommending that the House not proceed further with the bill. It also considered Bill S-233, *An Act to amend the Customs Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (presentation and reporting requirements)* (reporting it to the House with one amendment on June 8), Bill C-23, *An Act respecting the preclearance of persons and goods in Canada and the United States* (reporting it to the House with amendments on June 16), and Bill S-231, *An Act to amend the Canada Evidence Act and the Criminal Code (protection of journalistic sources)* (reporting it to the House with amendments on June 20). Finally, the Committee studied the *Main Estimates 2017-18* as well as the *Subject Matter of the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2017-18*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee elected the Hon. John McKay as its new Chair and Pierre Paul-Hus as new First Vice-Chair (on September 21). The Committee received a *Briefing on the Road to Mental Readiness Program*, as a follow-up to the Fifth Report of the Committee presented in October 2016 for its study of *Operational Stress Injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Public Safety Officers and First Responders*. The Committee also held a joint meeting with the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration to receive a briefing on asylum seekers. Furthermore, the Committee examined Bill C-21, *An Act to amend the Customs Act* and reported it back to the House with an amendment on October 30. The Committee also initiated a study on *Indigenous People in the Correctional System* as well as a study on the *Use of Ion Mobility Spectrometers by Correctional Service Canada*. The Committee also studied the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*. The Committee also began studying Bill C-59, *An Act respecting national security matters*, which was referred to the Committee before second reading. Finally, the Committee studied Bill C-66, *An Act to establish a procedure for expunging certain historically unjust convictions and to make related amendments to other Acts*, before reporting it back to the House without amendment, on December 12.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Hon. John McKay	
Vice-Chairs	Pierre Paul-Hus Matthew Dubé	
Members	Julie Dabrusin Pam Damoff Peter Fragiskatos Dave MacKenzie	Glen Motz Michel Picard Sven Spengemann
Parliamentary Secretary (Non-Voting Member)	Mark Holland	

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY (SECU) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	392	392
Canada's National Security Framework	-	-	817	817
Bill C-23	5,555	700	668	6,923
Bill S-231	783	-	289	1,072
Bill C-21	1,224	250	258	1,732
Indigenous People in the Correctional System	5,420	-	387	5,807
Use of Ion Mobility Spectrometers by Correctional Service Canada	1,575	-	-	1,575
Bill C-59	878	450	-	1,328
TOTAL³	15,436	1,400	2,811	19,647

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ¹
Canada's National Security Framework – Washington, D.C. (United States of America) May 3 to 5, 2017	7	4	12,478	12,354	3,438	1,847	30,116
TOTAL¹	7	4	12,478	12,354	3,438	1,847	30,116

¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY (SECU) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (SECU)	35	9	5	1	60h41m	159	8
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SSEC) ⁴	8	-	-	-	4h52m	-	-
TOTAL	43	9	5	1	65h34m	159	8

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

⁴ Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committees.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (FEWO)



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on the Status of Women studies the policies, programs, expenditures and legislation of departments and agencies, including Status of Women Canada, that conduct work related to the status of women.

In the period from April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee held 17 meetings. Five of these meetings were dedicated to the study of Bill C-337, *An Act to amend the Judges Act and the Criminal Code (sexual assault)*. The Committee reported the bill back to the House with amendments in the Committee's Ninth Report, tabled on May 12. The Committee also continued its study of the *Economic Security of Women in Canada*.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee began by holding two meetings, on September 26 and October 3, respectively, for the election of its Chair, with Karen Vecchio being elected to this position on the latter day. The Committee then finished hearing witnesses as part of its study on the *Economic Security of Women in Canada*, and provided instructions for the drafting of the final report. Over the course of this study, which began in February 2017, 138 witnesses appeared. Finally, the Committee began a new study entitled *Indigenous Women in the Federal Justice and Correctional Systems*.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Karen Vecchio

Vice-Chairs Pam Damoff
Sheila Malcolmson

Members Sean Fraser
Rachael Harder
Bernadette Jordan
Emmanuella Lambropoulos

Eva Nassif
Marc Serré
Martin Shields

**Parliamentary Secretary
(Non-Voting Member)** Terry Duguid

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (FEWO) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	409	409
Economic Security of Women in Canada	29,889	5,566	1,553	37,008
Bill C-337	1,970	1,161	486	3,617
Indigenous Women In The Federal Justice and Correctional Systems	904	575	-	1,479
TOTAL³	32,764	7,302	2,447	42,513

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (FEWO)	31	4	15	-	47h40m	160	2
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFEW) ⁴	3	-	-	-	2h00m	-	-
TOTAL	34	4	15	-	49h40m	160	2

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

⁴ Subcommittees are not empowered to report to the House. They only present reports to the relevant standing committees.



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities primarily studies the legislation, policies and programs, and other issues of national importance related to transportation, infrastructure, and Canadian cities and communities as well as the operations of Transport Canada and Infrastructure Canada.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee met 15 times. It began a study on *Aviation Safety*, during which it heard from 47 witnesses over 11 meetings. On May 9, the Committee resumed the study of votes from the *Main Estimates, 2017-18* that had begun in March. The Minister of Transport, the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and six other witnesses appeared. On May 16, the Committee studied the *Subject Matter of Clauses 403 to 406 (Division 18 of Part 4) of Bill C-44* and, on May 30, studied the votes of the *Supplementary Estimates (A), 2017-18* that were referred to it. The Committee also resumed its study on *Water Quality*. Lastly, it presented its 14th report, “Aviation Safety in Canada”, to the House on June 20.

The Committee met 20 times between September 1 and December 31, 2017. It considered Bill C-49, *An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act and other Acts respecting transportation and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts*, hearing from a total of 92 witnesses. The bill was adopted with amendments and was the subject of the Committee's 15th Report to the House on October 5. The Committee subsequently examined Bill S-2, *An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act* and reported it with amendments on October 19. It also examined Bill C-48, *An Act respecting the regulation of vessels that transport crude oil or persistent oil to or from ports or marine installations located along British Columbia's north coast* and presented its 18th Report to the House on 29 November. On November 30, the Committee began its consideration of Bill C-344, *An Act to amend the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act (community benefit)*. This bill was passed without amendment and was the subject of the Committee's 19th Report to the House on December 6. During this period, the Committee considered the *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18*, and presented its 17th Report to the House on November 20. It also concluded its study on *Infrastructure and Smart Communities* and reported to the House on December 11. That same day, the Committee also reported to the House on its *Water Quality* study. In addition, the Committee elected Kelly Block Vice-Chair on September 19.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair	Hon. Judy A. Sgro	
Vice-Chairs	Kelly Block Robert Aubin	
Members	Vance Badawey Hon. Michael Chong Sean Fraser Ken Hardie	Angelo Iacono Ben Lobb Gagan Sikand
Parliamentary Secretaries (Non-Voting Members)	Karen McCrimmon Marc Miller	

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (TRAN) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	3,597	3,597
Infrastructure and Smart Communities	2,896	-	-	2,896
Aviation Safety	5,087	561	969	6,617
Bill C-49, Transportation Modernization Act	18,148	-	3,945	22,093
Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act	463	-	209	672
Bill C-48, Oil Tanker Moratorium Act	13,671	2,606	4,237	20,514
Water Quality	2,891	1,181	278	4,350
TOTAL³	43,156	4,348	13,234	60,739

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (TRAN)	35	11	9	1	92h46m	258	10
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (STRA) ⁴	1	-	-	-	0h57m	-	-
TOTAL	36	11	9	1	93h43m	258	10

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS (ACVA)



MANDATE

The Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs examines all matters relating to the mandate, management and operation of the Department of Veterans Affairs and of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Committee continued and completed its study of *Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Among Veterans*, presenting its Sixth Report to the House on June 19. During this period, the Committee heard from ten witnesses and held nine meetings in relation to this study. In addition, the Committee commenced its *Comparative Study of Services to Veterans in Other Jurisdictions*, hearing from 24 witnesses over the course of six meetings. The Committee also travelled to Washington, D.C., between May 14 and 16 to conduct site visits and meet with United States officials in relation to this study.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Committee continued and completed its *Comparative Study of Services to Veterans in Other Jurisdictions*, hearing witnesses from France and Germany and presenting its Eighth Report to the House on December 13. It also proceeded to the study of *Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017-18* hearing from the Minister of Veterans Affairs. On September 26, due to a change in the Committee's membership, Phil McColeman was elected Vice-Chair.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Neil R. Ellis

Vice-Chairs Phil McColeman
Irene Mathysen

Members Bob Bratina
Blaine Calkins
Doug Eyolfson
Colin Fraser
Emmanuella Lambropoulos
Darrell Samson
Cathay Wagantall

**Parliamentary Secretary
(Non-Voting Member)** Sherry Romanado

STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS (ACVA) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME ¹	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ²	TOTAL ³
Operational Budget ⁴	-	-	197	197
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Among Veterans	4,237	950	747	5,933
Comparative Study of Services to Veterans in Other Jurisdictions	-	253	1,362	1,615
TOTAL³	4,237	1,203	2,305	7,745

¹ Studies for which expenses were made are listed in chronological order.

² "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

³ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

⁴ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

DATE OF TRAVEL STUDY NAME DESTINATIONS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF STAFF	TRANSPORTATION	ACCOMMODATION	PER DIEMS	OTHER ²	TOTAL ¹
Comparative Study of Programs and Support Offered to Veterans and Their Families in Other Jurisdictions – Washington, D.C. (United States of America) May 14 to 16, 2017	7	3	11,454	11,509	3,099	1,521	27,584
TOTAL¹	7	3	11,454	11,509	3,099	1,521	27,584

¹ Differences in totals are due to rounding.

² "Other" (travel) includes expenditures such as audio-visual equipment, meeting rooms, excess baggage fees, passport and visa processing, conference fees and other minor miscellaneous expenses.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS (ACVA) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (ACVA)	23	-	9	-	36h54m	49	3
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SACV) ⁴	3	-	-	-	0h55m	-	-
TOTAL	26	-	9	-	37h49m	49	3

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

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MANDATE

The Liaison Committee deliberates on administrative matters relating to the standing committee system. The main responsibility of the Liaison Committee is to apportion funds to standing committees from the money allocated for that purpose by the Board of Internal Economy.

During the period from April 1 and August 31, 2017, the Liaison Committee met twice. During the first of these two meetings, it adopted its Fourth Report, on committee activities and expenditures between April 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, and established a new subcommittee whose mandate was to review communication activities in relation to committees. The Fifth Report of the Committee, entitled *Committee Activities and Expenditures – April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017*, was adopted during the second meeting.

The Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (SBLI) met thrice to consider travel proposals and budgets, as well as to discuss subcommittee business.

The Subcommittee on Communications Activities in Relation to Committees (SLCO) met once to elect its Chair and to begin consideration of matters related to its mandate.

During the period from September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Liaison Committee met once. During this meeting, it adopted its Sixth Report, on committee activities and expenditures between April 1, 2017, and August 31, 2017. It also received a briefing from House of Commons officials and the Analyst of the Committee.

The Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (SBLI) met five times to consider travel proposals and budgets, as well as to discuss committee business.

The Subcommittee on Communications Activities in Relation to Committees (SLCO) met once to received a briefing from House of Commons officials and the Analyst of the Committee in relation to the subcommittee's mandate.

MEMBERSHIP LIAI (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Hon. Judy A. Sgro

Vice-Chair Tom Lukiwski

Members	Harold Albrecht	Hon. John McKay
	Hon. Larry Bagnell	Hon. MaryAnn Mihychuk
	Bill Casey	Hon. Robert D. Nault
	Hon. Wayne Easter	Robert Oliphant
	Neil R. Ellis	Hon. Denis Paradis
	Hon. Mark Eyking	Dan Ruimy
	Pat Finnigan	Deborah Schulte
	Hon. Hedy Fry	Scott Simms
	Stephen Fuhr	Hon. Kevin Sorenson
	Anthony Housefather	Karen Vecchio
	James Maloney	Bob Zimmer
	Bryan May	

LIAISON COMMITTEE (LIAI) (CONT'D)

MEMBERSHIP SBLI (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Hon. Judy A. Sgro

Members Hon. Wayne Easter
Stephen Fuhr
Tom Lukiwski

Deborah Schulte
Hon. Kevin Sorenson

MEMBERSHIP SLCO (as of December 31, 2017)

Chair Hon. Judy A. Sgro

Members Bryan May
Hon. Robert Nault
Dan Ruimy

Karen Vecchio
Bob Zimmer

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ¹	TOTAL ²
Operational Budget ³	-	-	1,609	1,609
TOTAL²	-	-	1,609	1,609

¹ "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

² Differences in totals are due to rounding.

³ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Committee (LIAI)	3	-	-	-	2h12m	-	3
Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (SBLI) ⁴	8	-	-	-	3h08m	-	-
Subcommittee on Communications Activities in Relation to Committees (SLCO) ⁴	2	-	-	-	1h45m	-	-
TOTAL	13	-	-	-	7h05m	-	3

¹ Number of televised meetings.

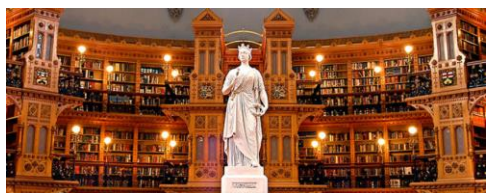
² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

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STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT (BILI)



MANDATE

The Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament assists the Speakers of both the Senate and the House of Commons in reviewing the effectiveness, management and operation of the Library.

The Committee did not meet during the period between April 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Members representing the Senate

Hon. Michael Dennis Duffy	Hon. Thomas Johnson McInnis
Hon. Nicole Eaton	Hon. Terry M. Mercer
Hon. Éric Forest	

Members representing the House of Commons

Julie Dzerowicz	Robert-Falcon Ouellette
Angelo Iacono	Anne Minh-Thu Quach
Pat Kelly	Gagan Sikand
Guy Lauzon	Mark Strahl
Denis Lemieux	Chris Warkentin
Michael Levitt	Borys Wresnewskyj

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ¹	TOTAL ²
Operational Budget ³	-	-	-	-
TOTAL²	-	-	-	-

¹ "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

² Differences in totals are due to rounding.

³ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT (BILI) (CONT'D)

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Joint Committee (BILI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS (REGS)



The Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations reviews and scrutinizes government regulations and other statutory instruments.

From April 1 to August 31, 2017, the Joint Committee examined a number of statutory instruments and held six meetings, during which it heard from a total of four witnesses representing the Department of Employment and Social Development and the Department of Justice. It also elected the Hon. Joseph A. Day as its new Joint Chair from the Senate.

From September 1 to December 31, 2017, the Joint Committee continued examining various statutory instruments and held six meetings during which it heard from six witnesses representing the Department of Justice, the Department of Public Safety, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the University of Adelaide.

MEMBERSHIP (as of December 31, 2017)

Members representing the Senate

Joint-Chair Hon. Joseph A. Day

Members Hon. Michael Dennis Duffy Hon. Betty E. Unger
Hon. Carolyn Stewart Olsen Hon. Yuen Pau Woo

Members representing the House of Commons

Joint-Chair Harold Albrecht

Vice-Chairs Vance Badawey
Pierre-Luc Dusseault

Members Bob Benzen Fayçal El-Khoury
Anju Dhillon John Oliver
Nicola Di Iorio Francis Scarpaleggia
Kerry Diotte David Tilson
Ali Ehsassi

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS (REGS) (CONT'D)

EXPENDITURES (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STUDY NAME	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ¹	TOTAL ²
Operational Budget ³	-	-	-	-
TOTAL²	-	-	-	-

¹ "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

² Differences in totals are due to rounding.

³ "Operational Budget" contains expenditures for cases where no separate funding request has been made in relation to a study or an activity of a committee.

MEETINGS, WITNESSES AND REPORTS (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS
	TOTAL	TV ¹	VC ²	VR ³			
Standing Joint Committee (REGS)	12	-	-	-	21h30m	-	3
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SREG) ⁴	4	-	-	-	4h00m	-	-
TOTAL	16	-	-	-	25h30m	-	3

¹ Number of televised meetings.

² Number of meetings using videoconferencing.

³ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES ¹	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS ⁵
	TOTAL	TV ²	VC ³	VR ⁴			
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)	31	8	7	-	46h55m	111	7
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SETH)</i>	1	-	-	-	0h33m	-	-
Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI)	35	2	6	-	58h16m	147	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SAGR)</i>	1	-	-	-	0h45m	-	-
Canadian Heritage (CHPC)	40	4	3	-	71h16m	88	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCHP)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM)	38	18	16	1	72h09m	186	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCIM)</i>	2	-	-	-	1h18m	-	-
Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)	37	3	3	-	69h08m	88	6
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SENV)</i>	1	-	-	-	0h30m	-	-
Finance (FINA)	55	38	3	-	147h53m	588	7
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFIN)</i>	3	-	-	-	2h26m	-	-
Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO)	28	1	15	-	52h50m	113	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFOP)</i>	1	-	-	-	1h01m	-	-
Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE)	29	8	8	-	51h29m	83	6
<i>Subcommittee on International Human Rights (SDIR)</i>	39	3	14	1	34h58m	83	-
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFAA)</i>	6	-	-	-	4h00m	-	-

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017) (CONT'D)

STANDING COMMITTEES (CONT'D)

STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES ¹	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS ⁵
	TOTAL	TV ²	VC ³	VR ⁴			
Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)	35	6	8	-	59h03m	184	7
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SOGG)</i>	3	-	-	-	2h00m	-	-
Health (HESA)	38	11	18	-	108h16m	208	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHES)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)	27	4	11	-	51h30m	107	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SHUM)</i>	1	-	-	-	0h36m	-	-
Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN)	40	6	5	2	80h24m	204	7
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SINA)</i>	2	-	-	-	0h58m	-	-
Industry, Science and Technology (INDU)	37	3	9	-	65h37m	114	7
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SIND)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Trade (CIIT)	31	13	10	1	41h23m	110	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SCII)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Justice and Human Rights (JUST)	31	11	10	1	59h54m	171	7
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SJUS)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
National Defence (NDDN)	34	2	6	2	55h19m	67	5
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SNDD)</i>	1	-	-	-	1h04m	-	-
Natural Resources (RNNR)	30	1	15	0	40h56m	101	4
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SRNN)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017) (CONT'D)

STANDING COMMITTEES (CONT'D)

STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES ¹	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS ⁵
	TOTAL	TV ²	VC ³	VR ⁴			
Official Languages (LANG)	33	7	1		51h01m	72	4
Procedure and House Affairs (PROC)	30	5	2	1	94h48m	102	20
<i>Subcommittee on Private Members' Business (SMEM)</i>	5	-	-	-	0h39m	-	-
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPRO)</i>	2	-	-	-	1h08m	-	-
Public Accounts (PACP)	34	17	-	-	59h40m	140	19
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SPAC)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Safety and National Security (SECU)	35	9	5	1	60h41m	159	8
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SSEC)</i>	8	-	-	-	4h52m	-	-
Status of Women (FEWO)	31	4	15	-	47h40m	160	2
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SFEW)</i>	3	-	-	-	2h00m	-	-
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (TRAN)	35	11	9	1	92h46m	258	10
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (STRA)</i>	1	-	-	-	0h57m	-	-
Veterans Affairs (ACVA)	23	-	9	-	36h54m	49	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SACV)</i>	3	-	-	-	0h55m	-	-
Liaison (LIAI)	3	-	-	-	2h12m	-	3
<i>Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (SBLI)</i>	8	-	-	-	3h08m	-	-
<i>Subcommittee on Communications Activities in Relation to Committees (SLCO)</i>	2	-	-	-	1h45m	-	-
TOTAL STANDING AND SUBCOMMITTEES	913	195	208	11	1,643h57m	3,693	155

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES BY COMMITTEE (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017) (CONT'D)

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS ⁵
	TOTAL	TV ²	VC ³	VR ⁴			
Library of Parliament (BILI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)	12	-	-	-	21h30m	-	3
<i>Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure (SREG)</i>	4	-	-	-	4h00m	-	-
TOTAL STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES	16	-	-	-	25h30m	-	3

TOTAL ALL COMMITTEES

ALL COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF MEETINGS				TOTAL MEETING HOURS	NUMBER OF WITNESSES	NUMBER OF REPORTS ⁵
	TOTAL	TV ²	VC ³	VR ⁴			
TOTAL ALL COMMITTEES	929	195	208	11	1,669h27m	3,693	158

¹ 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.

² Number of televised meetings.

³ Number of meetings using videoconferencing

⁴ Number of meetings video recorded by members of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery.

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

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEE (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE NAME	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ¹	TRAVEL	TOTAL ²
Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)	7,840	1,644	1,256	25,342	36,082
Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI)	27,978	2,381	4,982	30,414	65,755
Canadian Heritage (CHPC)	39,236	1,201	6,628	-	47,065
Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM)	48,251	9,853	5,152	-	63,256
Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI)	5,883	1,659	3,486	15,952	26,980
Finance (FINA)	57,085	650	7,456	101,589	166,780
Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO)	19,760	9,606	1,267	146,832	177,465
Foreign Affairs and International Development (FAAE)	9,096	6,685	14,134	198,432	228,347
Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)	5,447	4,336	6,260	-	16,043
Health (HESA)	63,274	14,763	5,467	-	83,504
Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA)	28,816	11,286	3,777	-	43,879
Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN)	43,952	1,770	7,222	107,431	160,375
Industry, Science and Technology (INDU)	12,159	5,556	3,500	32,826	54,041
International Trade (CIIT)	13,182	4,926	4,709	159,259	182,076
Justice and Human Rights (JUST)	41,260	5,317	3,753	-	50,329
National Defence (NDDN)	10,384	4,323	3,195	104,098	122,000
Natural Resources (RNNR)	21,687	9,978	1,680	-	33,344
Official Languages (LANG)	12,587	-	4,775	21,224	38,586
Procedure and House Affairs (PROC)	1,810	1,925	7,834	-	11,569
Public Accounts (PACP)	-	-	2,255	23,667	25,922
Public Safety and National Security (SECU)	15,436	1,400	2,811	30,116	49,763
Status of Women (FEWO)	32,764	7,302	2,447	-	42,513
Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (TRAN)	43,156	4,348	13,234	-	60,739
Veterans Affairs (ACVA)	4,237	1,203	2,305	27,584	35,329
Liaison (LIAI)	-	-	1,609	-	1,609
TOTAL²	565,278	112,112	121,194	1,024,765	1,823,249

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES BY COMMITTEE (April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017) (CONT'D)

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE NAME	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ¹	TRAVEL	TOTAL ²
Library of Parliament (BILL)	-	-	-	-	-
Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL²	-	-	-	-	-

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE NAME	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ¹	TRAVEL	TOTAL ²
Electoral Reform (ERRE) ³	-	-	-	637	637
TOTAL²	-	-	-	637	637

TOTAL ALL COMMITTEES

ALL COMMITTEES	WITNESS EXPENSES	VIDEO CONFERENCES	OTHER ¹	TRAVEL	TOTAL ²
GRAND TOTAL²	565,278	112,112	121,194	1,025,402	1,823,986

¹ "Other" (studies/operational) includes expenditures such as working meals, reports, professional services, audio-visual equipment and minor miscellaneous expenses.

² Differences in totals are due to rounding.

³ The Special Committee completed its mandate by presenting its Third Report to the House on December 1, 2016. However, additional travel expenses for this study were recorded during fiscal year 2017-18.

A copy of the relevant *Minutes of Proceedings* ([Meeting No. 8](#)) is tabled.

Respectfully submitted,

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