

SENATE

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APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEES

ANSWER TO INQUIRY BY HON. MR. POULIOT

Question: 1. What is the membership, the quorum, the purpose and the jurisdiction of each one of the sixteen standing committees of the Senate?

Answer: Rule 78 of the Rules of the Senate provides that the standing committees shall be as follows:—

Library	1. The Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, whereto there shall be appointed seventeen senators.
Printing	2. The Joint Committee on the Printing of Parliament, whereto there shall be appointed twenty-one senators.
Standing Orders	3. The Committee on Standing Orders, composed of fifteen senators.
Banking	4. The Committee on Banking and Commerce composed of fifty senators.
Transport	5. The Committee on Transport and Communications, composed of fifty senators.
Private Bills	6. The Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, composed of thirty-five senators.
Internal Economy	7. The Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, composed of twenty-five senators.
Debates	8. The Committee on Debates and Reporting, composed of nine senators.
Divorce	9. The Committee on Divorce, composed of not less than nine senators and not more than twenty-five senators.
Restaurant	10. The Committee on the Restaurant, composed of the Speaker and six other senators.
Resources	11. The Committee on Natural Resources, composed of forty senators.
Immigration	12. The Committee on Immigration and Labour, composed of thirty-five senators.
Trade Relations	13. The Committee on Canadian Trade Relations, composed of thirty-five senators.
Civil Service	14. The Committee on Civil Service Administration, composed of twenty-five senators.
Welfare	15. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare, composed of thirty-five senators.
Public Bldgs.	16. The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, composed of fifteen senators.
Finance	17. The Committee on Finance, composed of fifty senators.
Tourist Traffic	18. The Committee on Tourist Traffic, composed of twenty-five senators.
External Relations	19. The Committee on External Relations, composed of thirty-five senators.
78a. The senators occupying the positions of Leader of the Government and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate shall be <i>ex officio</i> members of all standing committees of the Senate.	

The quorum is fixed and the Chairman elected by the committee at the first meeting held each session.

The purpose and the jurisdiction of each one of the standing committees is to inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time by the Senate.

Question: 2. Besides the yearly routine meetings to set a quorum and elect a chairman, how many

meetings of each standing committee were held during each one of the last ten sessions of Parliament?

Answer:

THE COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS

Session	No. of Meetings
29th Aug. 1950 to 29th Jan. 1951..	No standing committees appointed.
30th Jan. 1951 to 9th Oct. 1951...	0
2nd Session	
9th Oct. 1951 to 29th Dec. 1951..	1
28th Feb. 1952 to 20th Nov. 1952..	0
20th Nov. 1952 to 14th May 1953..	2
12th Nov. 1953 to 26th June 1954..	2
7th Jan. 1955 to 28th July 1955..	2
10th Jan. 1956 to 14th Aug. 1956..	2
26th Nov. 1956 to 8th Jan. 1957...	No standing committees appointed.
8th Jan. 1957 to 12th April 1957..	0
No Subcommittees appointed.	

THE COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND COMMERCE

Session	No. of Meetings
29th Aug. 1950 to 29th Jan. 1951..	No standing committees appointed.
30th Jan. 1951 to 9th Oct. 1951 ..	16
2nd Session	
9th Oct. 1951 to 29th Dec. 1951 ..	6
28th Feb. 1952 to 20th Nov. 1952 ..	23
*20th Nov. 1952 to 14th May 1953 ..	26
(15 subcommittees)	
12th Nov. 1953 to 26th June 1954 ..	26
7th Jan. 1955 to 28th July 1955 ..	17
10th Jan. 1956 to 14th Aug. 1956 ..	14
26th Nov. 1956 to 8th Jan. 1957	No standing committees appointed.
8th Jan. 1957 to 12th April 1957 ..	9

*On November 26, 1952 the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce appointed a Subcommittee of not less than seven members and having a quorum of three to consider Bill O, An Act respecting the Criminal Law. The personnel to be selected from time to time.

The Subcommittee held a total of 15 meetings.

THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Session	No. of Meetings
29th Aug. 1950 to 29th Jan. 1951 ...	No standing committees appointed.
30th Jan. 1951 to 9th Oct. 1951 ..	6
2nd Session	
9th Oct. 1951 to 29th Dec. 1951 ..	15
28th Feb. 1952 to 20th Nov. 1952 ..	5
20th Nov. 1952 to 14th May 1953 .	5
12th Nov. 1953 to 26th June 1954 ..	9
7th Jan. 1955 to 28th July 1955 ..	13
10th Jan. 1956 to 14th Aug. 1956 ..	14