



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, November 26, 2020

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day by videoconference at 3:35 p.m. [ET], the chair, the Honourable Percy Mockler, presiding. This meeting is considered to have taken place in the parliamentary precinct.

Members of the committee present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators Boehm, Dagenais, Deacon (*Ontario*), Duncan, Forest, Galvez, Klyne, Loffreda, Marshall, Mockler, Richards and Smith (12).

In attendance: Andrea Mugny, Procedural Clerk, Committees Directorate; Alex Smith and Shaowei Pu, Analysts, Parliamentary Information and Research Services, Library of Parliament.

Also present: The official reporters of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, the committee continued its examination of the expenditures set out in the Main Estimates and the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer:

Yves Giroux, Parliamentary Budget Officer;

Jill Giswold, Analyst;

Jason Stanton, Analyst.

Transport Canada:

Ryan Pilgrim, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;

Kevin Brosseau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety and Security;

Anuradha Marisetti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Programs;

Lawrence Hanson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada:

Douglas McConnachie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Sector;

Stéphane Lagacé, Vice-President, Finance and Corporate Services, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency;

Margaret Buist, Vice-President Policy, Planning, Communications and NPMO, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency;

Guy Lepage, Vice-President, Corporate Services, Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions;

Lisa St-Amour, Chief Financial Officer, Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario;

Ryan Dunford, Director General, Policy, Planning and Analytics, Western Economic Diversification Canada.

Mr. Giroux made a statement and, together with Mr. Stanton and Ms. Giswold, answered questions.

At 4:46 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 4:49 p.m., the committee resumed.

Mr. Pilgrim and Mr. McConnachie each made a statement and, together with Mr. Brosseau, Ms. Marisetti and Mr. Hanson, answered questions.

At 5:52 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Maxime Fortin

Clerk of the Committee