



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, June 3, 2021

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of March 30, 2021, the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day by videoconference at 3 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).

Participating in the meeting: Chantal Cardinal, Procedural Clerk, Committees Directorate; Sylvain Fleury, Analyst, 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 Thursday, May 27, 2021, the committee began its examination of the expenditures set out in the Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Roger Ermuth, Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management Sector, Office of the Comptroller General;

Karen Cahill, Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer;

Glenn Purves, Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector;

Rod Greenough, Executive Director, Expenditure Strategies and Estimates;

Sonya Read, Acting Assistant Secretary, Digital and Services Policy;

Tolga Yalkin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Workplace Policies and Services Sector.

Department of Finance Canada:

Soren Halverson, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial Sector Policy Branch;

Evelyn Dancey, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic Development and Corporate Finance Branch;

Miodrag Jovanovic, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Tax Policy Branch;

Patrick Halley, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, International Trade and Finance;

Alison McDermott, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy;

Darlene Bess, Chief Financial Officer, Financial Management Directorate, Corporate Services Branch;

Galen Countryman, Director General, Federal-Provincial Relations, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch.

Mr. Purves and Ms. Bess each made a statement and, together with Mses. Cahill, Read, Dancey and McDermott and Messrs. Greenough, Yalkin, Halverson, Halley and Countryman, answered questions.

At 4:57 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Maxime Fortin

Clerk of the Committee