



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, June 7, 2021

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of March 30, 2021, the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages met this day by videoconference at 5 p.m. [ET], the chair, the Honourable René Cormier, presiding. This meeting is considered to have taken place in the parliamentary precinct.

*Members of the committee present by videoconference:* The Honourable Senators Bovey, Carignan, P.C., Cormier, Dagenais, Gagné, Moncion and Smith (7).

*Participating in the meeting:* Marie-Eve Belzile, Principal Clerk, Sébastien Payet, Legislative Clerk and Jamey Irwin, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Marie-Ève Hudon, 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 Tuesday, March 30, 2021, the committee continued its examination of matters relating to official languages generally, as stated in rule 12-7(3).

The committee continued its study of the official languages reform project.

*APPEARING (by videoconference):*

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P., Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages.

*WITNESSES (by videoconference):*

*Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages:*

Raymond Thériège, Commissioner of Official Languages;

Isabelle Gervais, Assistant Commissioner;

Pierre Leduc, Assistant Commissioner;

Pascale Giguère, General Counsel.

*Canadian Heritage:*

Julie Boyer, Assistant Deputy Minister, Official Languages, Heritage and Regions;

Denis Racine, Director General, Official Languages.

The chair made a statement.

Mr. Théberge made a statement and answered questions.

The minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:58 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6 p.m., the committee resumed.

At 7 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Vincent Labrosse

*Clerk of the Committee*