



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, September 22, 2022  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:30 a.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Mobina S. B. Jaffer, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Gold, P.C., Jaffer, Klyne, Miville-Dechêne, Pate, Simons and White (12).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator LaBoucane-Benson (1).

*Participating in the meeting:* Laurie-Anne Spooner, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Julian Walker and Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies:*

Emilie Coyle, Executive Director (by videoconference);

Nyki Kish, Director of Advocacy and Systems Change (by videoconference).

#### *AGP LLP:*

Michael Spratt, Partner, AGP LLP.

#### *Regina Drug Treatment Court:*

Judie Birns, Manager (by videoconference).

*Indigenous Bar Association:*

Alain Bartleman, Treasurer (by videoconference).

*As an individual:*

Janani Shanmuganathan, Partner, Goddard & Shanmuganathan LLP (by videoconference).

Emilie Coyle, Nyki Kish and Janani Shanmuganathan each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:33 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:35 p.m., the committee resumed.

Michael Spratt, Judie Birns and Alain Bartleman each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:34 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Mark Palmer

*Clerk of the Committee*