



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, May 3, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 4:15 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Dupuis, Jaffer, Klyne, Pate and Patterson (*Nunavut*) (10).

*Participating in the meeting:* Aoife Mc Donald, 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 Thursday, April 27, 2023, the committee began its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 30, 31, 34 and 39 of Part 4, and in Subdivision B of Division 3 of Part 4 of Bill C-47, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 28, 2023. (Topic: Elements of Part 4, Division 39)

WITNESSES:

*Elections Canada:*

Stéphane Perrault, Chief Electoral Officer.

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*

Anne Lawson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Regulatory Affairs.

*Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada:*

Philippe Dufresne, Privacy Commissioner of Canada;

Jennifer Poirier, Team Leader, Senior Legal Counsel.

Stéphane Perrault made a statement and, together with Anne Lawson, answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:12 p.m., the committee resumed.

Philippe Dufresne made a statement and, together with Jennifer Poirier, answered questions.

At 6:02 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:04 p.m., the committee resumed.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 2023, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to amend the Judges Act.

The committee discussed a draft agenda (future business).

At 6:07 p.m., the Honourable Senator Cotter took the chair.

At 6:31 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Mark Palmer

*Clerk of the Committee*