



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, February 8, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:45 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Mobina S. B. Jaffer, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Jaffer, Klyne, Pate, Prosper and Simons (9).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Carignan, P.C. (1).

*Participating in the meeting:* Aoife Mc Donald, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, November 3, 2022, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-230, An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act.

*WITNESSES:*

*Canadian Association of Black Lawyers:*

Kyle Elliott, President;

Theresa Donkor, Member, Criminal Justice and Police Reform Committee.

*Philippe-Pinel National Institute of Forensic Psychiatry:*

Dr. Mathieu Dufour, Forensic Psychiatrist, Head of the Department of Psychiatry (*by videoconference*).

*Canadian Mental Health Association:*

Margaret Eaton, National Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

*St. Leonard's Society of Canada:*

Anita Desai, Executive Director;

Danielle Kouri, Outreach Coordinator.

*As an individual:*

Michael Jackson, Emeritus Professor of Law, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia (*by videoconference*).

Kyle Elliott, Theresa Donkor and Michael Jackson each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:48 p.m., the committee resumed.

Mathieu Dufour, Margaret Eaton and Anita Desai each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:43 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Vincent Labrosse

*Clerk of the Committee*