



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, December 9, 2021

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[*English*]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of November 25, 2021, the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day in room B30, Senate of Canada Building and with videoconference at 10:02 a.m. ET, the chair, the Honourable Percy Mockler, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Boehm, Dagenais and Pate (3).

*Members of the committee present by videoconference:* The Honourable Senators Duncan, Forest, Galvez, Gerba, Gignac, Loffreda, Marshall, Mockler and Richards (9).

*Participating in the meeting:* Kalina Waltos, Procedural Clerk, Annie Trudel, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Shaowei Pu and Michaël Lambert-Racine, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, December 2, 2021, the committee continued its examination of the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

*WITNESSES (by videoconference):*

*Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer:*

Yves Giroux, Parliamentary Budget Officer;

Jason Jacques, Director General, Costing and Budgetary Analysis;

Jill Giswold, Analyst;

Kaitlyn Vanderwees, Analyst.

*Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada:*

Douglas McConnachie, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Management Sector;

Andrea Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation Canada;

Étienne-René Massie, Director General, Small Business Branch;

Nipun Vats, Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Research Sector.

Yves Giroux made a statement and, together with Jason Jacques, answered questions.

At 11:20 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:45 a.m., the committee resumed.

Douglas McConnachie made a statement and, together with Andrea Johnston, Étienne-René Massie and Nipun Vats, answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Mireille K. Aubé

*Clerk of the Committee*