



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day at 9 a.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Claude Carignan, P.C., presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Forest, Galvez, Kingston, Loffreda, MacAdam, Marshall, Pate, Ross and Smith (10).

Participating in the meeting: André Léonard, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, the committee continued its examination of the expenditures set out in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, with the exception of Library of Parliament Vote 1.

WITNESSES:

Global Affairs Canada:

Shirley Carruthers, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Planning, Finance and Information Technology;

Annie Boyer, Director General, Financial Planning and Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer;

Cam Do, Director General, Innovative and Climate Finance Bureau;

Ann Flanagan Whalen, Director General, North Africa, Israel, West Bank/Gaza.

Canadian Commercial Corporation:

Juliet Woodfield, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer;

Darren Boomer, Director, Contract Management and Operations Office, International Programs.

Department of National Defence:

Cheri Crosby, Chief Financial Officer;

Lieutenant-General Frances Allen, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff.

Veterans Affairs Canada:

Sara Lantz, Assistant Deputy Minister, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Services Branch;

Mitch Freeman, Director General, Policy and Research.

Shirley Carruthers, Juliet Woodfield, Sara Lantz and Cheri Crosby each made a statement and, together with Mitch Freeman, Lieutenant-General Frances Allen and Cam Do, answered questions.

At 10:56 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Mireille K. Aubé

Clerk of the Committee