

## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OTTAWA, Monday, January 30, 2023 (22)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs met this day at 4 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Tony Dean, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Boehm, Boisvenu, Dagenais, Dasko, Dean, Gignac, Klyne, Oh, Ravalia, Richards and Yussuff (11).

Participating in the meeting: Ariel Shapiro and Anne-Marie Therrien-Tremblay, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 10, 2022, the committee continued its study of issues relating to security and defence in the Arctic.

## **WITNESSES:**

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada:

Paula Isaak, Associate Deputy Minister;

Georgina Lloyd, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs;

Wayne Walsh, Director General, Northern Strategic Policy Branch, Northern Affairs.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Andrew Hayes, Deputy Auditor General;

Nicholas Swales, Principal;

Chantal Thibaudeau, Director.

Paula Isaak made a statement and, together with Wayne Walsh, answered questions.

At 5 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the committee resumed.

Andrew Hayes made a statement and, together with Chantal Thibaudeau and Nicholas Swales, answered questions.

At 6:05 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ericka Dupont

Clerk of the Committee