



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, April 8, 2024
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs met this day at 4:03 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, Cardozo, Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, Dasko, Deacon (*Ontario*), Dean, Loffreda, Oh, Patterson and Yussuff (11).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senators Al Zaibak, Dalphond and Duncan (3).

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 on issues relating to national security and defence generally.

APPEARING:

The Honourable Bill Blair, P.C., M.P., Minister of National Defence.

WITNESSES:

Communications Security Establishment:

Caroline Xavier, Chief.

Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces:

General Wayne Eyre, Chief of the Defence Staff;

Natasha Kim, Associate Deputy Minister;

Troy Crosby, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel;

Peter Hammerschmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy.

The Honourable Bill Blair made a statement and answered questions.

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

At 5:11 p.m., the committee resumed.

Caroline Xavier, General Wayne Eyre, Natasha Kim and Troy Crosby, each made a statement and answered questions.

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

ATTEST:

Ericka Dupont

Clerk of the Committee