



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, September 18, 2024  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 4:15 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Ratna Omidvar, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Bernard, Brazeau, Burey, Cordy, Cormier, Dasko, Mégie, Moodie, Omidvar, Osler, Petitclerc and Seidman (12).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Boudreau, Cardozo, Kingston and Senior (4).

*Participating in the meeting:* Mayra Perez-Leclerc and Kelly Farrah, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, the committee began its study of Bill C-64, An Act respecting pharmacare.

### APPEARING:

The Honourable Mark Holland, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Health Canada:*

Michelle Boudreau, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch;

Daniel MacDonald, Director General, Office of Pharmaceuticals Management Strategies, Health Policy Branch.

#### *Pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance:*

Dominic Tan, Acting Chief Executive Officer *(by videoconference)*.

#### *Canada's Drug Agency:*

Suzanne McGurn, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer:*

Yves Giroux, Parliamentary Budget Officer;

Diarra Sourang, Director, Economic Analysis.

The Honourable Mark Holland made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:18 p.m., the committee resumed.

Suzanne McGurn, Dominic Tan and Yves Giroux each made a statement and, together with Diarra Sourang, answered questions.

At 6:15 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Emily Barrette

*Clerk of the Committee*