



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 4:16 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, Kingston, Mégie, Moodie, Omidvar, Osler, Pate and Seidman (12).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Cardozo, Muggli and Senior (3).

*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 continued its study of Bill C-64, An Act respecting pharmacare.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Diabetes Canada:*

Laura Syron, Chief Executive Officer;

Glenn Thibeault, Executive Director, Government Affairs.

#### *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation:*

Monica Kocsmaros, Chief External Relations Officer (*by videoconference*).

#### *Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights:*

Deborah Owusu-Akyeeah, Co-Director of Policy and Advocacy.

*National Indigenous Diabetes Association:*

Céleste Thériault, Executive Director.

*Health Association of African Canadians:*

Dr. Lisa Dennis, Co-President Elect *(by videoconference)*;

Sharon Davis-Murdoch, Co-President *(by videoconference)*.

Laura Syron, Monica Kocsmaros and Deborah Owusu-Akyeeah each made a statement and, together with Glenn Thibeault, answered questions.

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

At 5:21 p.m., the committee resumed.

Céleste Thériault, Dr. Lisa Dennis and Sharon Davis-Murdoch each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:13 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Emily Barrette

*Clerk of the Committee*