



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, May 2, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 11:30 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Ratna Omidvar, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Bernard, Burey, Cordy, Cormier, Dasko, McPhedran, Mégie, Moodie, Omidvar, Petitclerc and Seidman (11).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senators Manning, Oudar and Pate (3).

Participating in the meeting: Mayra Perez-Leclerc and Diana Ambrozas, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, June 1, 2023, the committee continued its study of Bill S-249, An Act respecting the development of a national strategy for the prevention of intimate partner violence.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Centre for Men and Families:

Justin Trottier, National Executive Director;

Craig Thompson, Ottawa Executive Director.

WomenatthecentrE:

Nicole Taylor, Program Director;

Gifty Asare, Director of Research and Community Impact.

Office of the Federal Ombudsperson for Victims of Crime:

Benjamin Roebuck, Federal Ombudsperson for Victims of Crime.

Safe Centre of Peel:

Sharon Mayne, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin;

Shelina Jeshani, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Collaboration.

Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale:

Louise Riendeau, Co-Lead, Political Issues *(by videoconference)*.

PARTNERS Family Services:

Hayley Kennedy, Executive Director *(by videoconference)*.

Justin Trottier, Nicole Taylor, Gifty Asare and Benjamin Roebuck each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:35 p.m., the committee resumed.

Sharon Mayne, Shelina Jeshani, Louise Riendeau and Hayley Kennedy each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:29 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ericka Dupont

Clerk of the Committee