

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, April 16, 2024 (72)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 6:28 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Robert Black, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Black, Burey, Dalphond, Klyne, McBean, McNair, Oh, Petitclerc and Simons (9).

Participating in the meeting: Joanne Markle LaMontagne, Analyst, 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 agriculture and forestry generally. (Topic: The growing issue of wildfires in Canada and the consequential effects that wildfires have on forestry and agriculture industries)

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Nathalie Gour, Director General, Regional Operations and Emergency Management Directorate;

Francesco Del Bianco, Director General, Business Risk Management Programs Directorate.

Natural Resources Canada:

Glenn Hargrove, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service.

Public Safety Canada:

Kenza El Bied, Director General, Policy and Outreach Directorate.

Nathalie Gour, Glenn Hargrove and Kenza El Bied each made a statement and, together with Francesco Del Bianco, answered questions.

At 7:59 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ferda Simpson

Clerk of the Committee