



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
(14)

[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of December 9, 2021, the Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight met in camera this day in room B30, Senate of Canada Building and with videoconference, at 1:32 p.m. ET, the chair, the Honourable Marty Klyne, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Downe, Dupuis, Klyne and Wells (4).

*External members of the committee present:* Robert Plamondon (1).

*External members of the committee present by videoconference:* Hélène F. Fortin (1).

*Participating in the meeting:* Shaila Anwar, Clerk Assistant, Stéphanie van Beek, Procedural Clerk and Brigitte Martineau, administrative assistant, Committees Directorate; Lindsay McGlashan and Rosemonde Samedy, analysts, Library of Parliament; Dominik Legault, Principal and Michael Williams, Managing Partner, Odgers Berndston.

Pursuant to rule 12-7(4), the committee continued its consideration of the Senate's internal and external audits and related matters.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Ernst & Young LLP:*

Suzanne Gignac, Partner, Assurance Services;

Niguel Givogue, Senior Manager, Assurance Services.

#### *Senate of Canada:*

Pierre Lanctôt, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Procurement Directorate;

Nathalie Charpentier, Comptroller and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Procurement Directorate.

Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee discussed in camera a draft agenda (future business).

At 1:56 pm, pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(c), the committee discussed in camera a personnel matter.

At 2:47 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 2:48 p.m., the committee resumed in public.

The committee considered a draft budget application for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

It was agreed that the following special study budget application for a fact-finding mission in London, United Kingdom, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, be approved for submission to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

ACTIVITY 1: FACT-FINDING TRIP TO LONDON, UK (spring-summer 2023)	\$167,373
TOTAL	<b>\$167,373</b>

Suzanne Gignac made a statement and, together with Niguel Givogue and Pierre Lanctôt, answered questions.

At 3:13 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 3:14 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

At 3:28 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Maxime Fortin

*Clerk of the Committee*