



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, October 10, 2024
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources met this day at 8:59 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Paul J. Massicotte, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Anderson, Arnot, Galvez, Massicotte, McCallum, Miville-Dechêne, Robinson, Verner, P.C., Wells (*Newfoundland and Labrador*) and White (10).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Fridhandler (1).

Participating in the meeting: Jesse Good and Avalon Jennings, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 24, 2022, the committee continued its study on emerging issues related to the committee's mandate.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Jerry V. DeMarco, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development;

Kimberley Leach, Principal;

Susan Gomez, Principal;

Markirit Armutlu, Principal;

Nicholas Swales, Principal;

Nicolas Blouin, Director.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Shannon Nix, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;

Liz Foster, Assistant Deputy Minister, Programs Branch;

Marco Valicenti, Director General, Innovation Programs Directorate.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada:

Georgina Lloyd, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs;

Jeffrey Mackey, Acting Director General, Northern Contaminated Sites Program (*by videoconference*).

Environment and Climate Change Canada:

Nicole Cote, Director General, Environmental Protection Operations;

Dany Drouin, Director General, Plastics and Waste Management Directorate.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada:

Brett Gilchrist, Director of National Programs.

Industry Canada:

Stephanie Tanton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Innovation Fund;

Denis Martel, Director General, Strategic Innovation Fund, Collaboration and Networks Branch;

Milenka Mitrovic, Acting Director General, Business Development and Strategy Branch.

Natural Resources Canada:

Victoria Orsborne, Director, Analysis and Coordination.

Public Services and Procurement Canada:

Kelby Hamilton, Director General, Technical Services Service Line.

Statistics Canada:

Jennifer Withington, Assistant Chief Statistician, Economic Statistics;

Augustine Akuoko-Asibey, Director General, Agriculture, Energy and Environment Statistics Branch.

Transport Canada:

Ross Ezzeddin, Director General, Air and Marine Programs;

Adele Cooper, Director, Environmental Management.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Nick Xenos, Executive Director, Centre for Greening Government.

Jerry V. DeMarco made a statement and, together with Shannon Nix, Liz Foster, Georgina Lloyd, Jeffrey Mackey, Nicole Cote, Dany Drouin, Jennifer Withington and Brett Gilchrist, answered questions.

At 10:50 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ferda Simpson

Clerk of the Committee