



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 3, 2022

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of November 25, 2021, the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, and with videoconference at 11:34 p.m. ET, the deputy chair, the Honourable Éric Forest, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Dagenais, Duncan and Pate (3).

*Members of the committee present by videoconference:* The Honourable Senators Forest, Galvez, Loffreda, Marshall and Wetston (5).

*Participating in the meeting:* Kalina Waltos, Procedural Clerk, Sara Gajic, Legislative Clerk, and Annie Trudel, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Shaowei Pu, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, the committee continued its examination of the Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

*WITNESSES (by videoconference):*

*Indigenous Services Canada:*

Philippe Thompson, Chief Finances, Results and Delivery Officer;

Joanne Wilkinson, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations;

Keith Conn, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

Catherine Lappe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Services Reform Sector;

Christopher Duschenes, Director General, Economic Policy Development Branch, Lands and Economic Development;

Christine Harmston, Acting Director General, Education Branch.

*Infrastructure Canada:*

Nathalie Bertrand, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Services;

Kris Johnson, Director General of the Homelessness Policy Directorate;

Paul Loo, Director General of Resilient and Innovative Communities;

Mary Mckay, Director General of Alternative Finance.

*Global Affairs Canada:*

Anick Ouellette, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Planning, Finance and Information Technology Branch;

Annie Boyer, Director General, Financial Planning and Management, and Deputy Chief Financial Officer;

Sue Szabo, Director General, Innovative and Climate Finance Bureau;

Joshua Tabah, Director General, Health and Nutrition;

Sean Boyd, Director, Middle East Development Division.

Philippe Thompson, Nathalie Bertrand and Anick Ouellette each made a statement and, together with Mary Mckay, Keith Conn, Paul Loo, Christopher Duschenes, Christine Harmston, Kris Johnson, Sean Boyd and Sue Szabo, answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Mireille K. Aubé

*Clerk of the Committee*