



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
(47)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day at 6:45 p.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the deputy chair, the Honourable Éric Forest, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Boehm, Bovey, Dagenais, Duncan, Forest, Galvez, Gignac, Loffreda, Marshall, Moncion and Smith (11).

*Participating in the meeting:* Shaowei Pu and Sylvain Fleury, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, the committee began its examination of the Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Global Affairs Canada:*

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

Annie Boyer, Director General and Deputy Chief Financial Officer;

Kati Csaba, Executive Director, Ukraine Bureau;

Cam Do, Director General, Innovative and Climate Finance Bureau;

Jess Dutton, Director General, Middle East;

Peter Lundy, Director General, Indo-Pacific Strategy Secretariat;

Joshua Tabah, Director General, Health and Nutrition.

*Indigenous Services Canada:*

Marc Geoffrion, Deputy Chief Financial Officer;

Sylvain Souigny, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations;

Ian Kenney, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Education and Social Development Programs and Partnership Sector;

Stephen Traynor, Director General, Lands and Environmental Management Branch.

*Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces:*

Lieutenant-General Frances Allen, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff;

Troy Crosby, Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel);

Cheri Crosby, Assistant Deputy Minister (Finance) and Chief Financial Officer.

Anick Ouellette, Marc Geoffrion and Cheri Crosby each made a statement and, together with Joshua Tabah, Lieutenant-General Frances Allen, Sylvain Souigny, Cam Do, Kati Csaba and Ian Kenney, answered questions.

At 8:42 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Mireille K. Aubé

*Clerk of the Committee*