



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, September 27, 2023
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[English]

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

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Dagenais, Forest, Gignac, Loffreda, MacAdam, Mockler, Pate and Smith (8).

Participating in the meeting: André Léonard and Shaowei Pu, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, the committee continued its examination of the expenditures set out in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

WITNESSES:

Infrastructure Canada:

Michelle Baron, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Services;

Alison O'Leary, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Communities and Infrastructure Programs Branch;

Janet Goulding, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Policy and Programs Branch;

Marco Presutti, Assistant Deputy Minister, Investment, Partnerships and Innovation;

Gerard Peets, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Results.

Indigenous Services Canada:

Philippe Thompson, Chief Financial, Results and Delivery Officer;

Paula Hadden-Jokiel, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations Sector;

Danielle White, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Partnerships Sector;

Marc Sanderson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education and Social Development Programs and Partnerships;

Lisa Legault, Director General, First Nations Children and Families Program and Partnership Branch;

Valerie Gideon, Associate Deputy Minister;

Jessica Sultan, Director General, Economic Policy Development (*by videoconference*).

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada:

Darlene Bess, Chief Finances, Results and Delivery Officer;

Heather McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Implementation Sector;

Eric Marion, Director General, Treaties and Aboriginal Government;

Stefan Matiation, Director General, Resolution and Partnerships;

Kate Ledgerwood, Director General, Policy and Strategic Direction;

Joshua Rose, Director, Northern Affairs Organization.

Michelle Baron, Philippe Thompson and Darlene Bess each made a statement and, together with Janet Goulding, Gerard Peets, Paula Hadden-Jokiel, Danielle White, Kate Ledgerwood and Valerie Gideon, answered questions.

At 8:32 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Mireille K. Aubé

Clerk of the Committee