



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, April 17, 2023  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages met this day at 5:01 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable René Cormier, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Clement, Cormier, Dagenais, Dalphond, Gagné, Mégie, Mockler and Moncion (8).

*Participating in the meeting:* Marie-Ève Hudon, analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 2023, the committee began its study on minority-language health services.

*APPEARING (by videoconference):*

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health.

*WITNESSES:*

*Health Canada:*

Jocelyne Voisin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;

Nathalie Valdés, Manager, Official Language Community Development Bureau.

*Public Health Agency of Canada:*

Mark Nafekh, Director General, Centre for Health Promotion, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention.

The minister made a statement and, together with Mark Nafekh, Nathalie Valdés and Jocelyne Voisin, answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the committee suspended.

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Mark Nafekh, Nathalie Valdés, and Jocelyne Voisin answered questions.

At 6:47 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Angus Wilson

*Clerk of the Committee*