



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of June 25, 2025, the Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight met this day in room B30, Senate of Canada Building and with videoconference, at 1:34 p.m. ET, the chair, the Honourable Marty Klyne, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Klyne and Loffreda (3).

External members of the committee present by videoconference: Hélène F. Fortin and Robert Plamondon (2).

Participating in the meeting: Lindsay McGlashan and Rosemonde Samedy, analysts, Library of Parliament; Amipal Manchanda, Chief Audit Executive, Office of the Chief Audit Executive; Sabryna Lemieux, Communications Officer, Communications, Broadcasting and Publications Directorate; Martine Willox, Legislative Clerk, Committees Directorate.

Pursuant to rule 12-7(4), the committee continued its consideration of the Senate's internal and external audits and related matters.

WITNESSES:

Ernst & Young LLP:

Suzie Gignac, Partner, Assurance Services;

Sonia Leblanc, Partner, Assurance Services.

Senate of Canada:

Isabelle Ricard, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Procurement Directorate;

Nathalie Charpentier, Comptroller and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Procurement Directorate.

At 1:38 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 1:38 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

At 2:06 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 2:06 p.m., Sonia Leblanc, Suzie Gignac, Isabelle Ricard and Nathalie Charpentier were excused from the meeting.

At 2:07 p.m., the committee resumed.

It was agreed to adopt the revised questionnaire for the annual assessment of the external auditor for the fiscal year 2024-25.

At 3:06 p.m., Amipal Manchanda and the analysts were excused from the meeting.

Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(c), the committee discussed in camera matters related to labour relations and personnel.

It was agreed that the Chief Audit Executive's contract be extended under the same terms and conditions.

At 3:14 p.m., Amipal Manchanda, the analysts and Sabryna Lemieux were invited to join the meeting.

Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee discussed in camera a draft report.

It was agreed that the draft report, as amended, be adopted in both official languages, and that the chair and deputy chairs be empowered to approve the final version of the report, in both official languages, taking into consideration this meeting's discussions, and with any necessary editorial, grammatical and translation changes required.

It was agreed that the chair be authorized to table the report in the Senate, in both official languages, at the earliest opportunity.

At 3:34 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Jodi Turner

Clerk of the Committee