



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 29, 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 1:30 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: Robert Plamondon (1).

External members of the committee present by videoconference: Hélène F. Fortin (1).

Participating in the meeting: Lindsay McGlashan and Rosemonde Samedy, Analysts, Library of Parliament; Amipal Manchanda, Chief Audit Executive, and Linda Anglin, Senior Advisor, Office of the Chief Audit Executive; Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments, Office of the Clerk of the Senate; Martine Bergeron, Manager of Procurement, Finance and Procurement 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:

Sonia Leblanc, Partner, Assurance Services;

Suzanne Gignac, Partner, Assurance Services.

Senate of Canada:

Pascale Legault, Chief Corporate Services Officer;

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

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

Sonia Leblanc made a statement and, together with Pascale Legault and Isabelle Ricard, answered questions.

At 2:03 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 2:03 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

At 2:36 p.m., the committee suspended.

Pascale Legault, Isabelle Ricard, Nathalie Charpentier and all staff were excused from the meeting.

At 2:38 p.m., the committee resumed.

At 2:42 p.m., the committee suspended.

Suzanne Gignac and Sonia Leblanc were excused from the meeting. Committee staff and committee members' staff were invited to join the meeting.

At 2:44 p.m., the committee resumed.

The committee reviewed the 2024-25 audited financial statements and audit results report.

It was agreed that the letter to CIBA on the 2024-25 financial statements audit, as amended to take into account this meeting's discussions, be sent as soon as possible to CIBA.

At 2:54 p.m., the committee suspended.

Jean-Luc Lemieux, Alain Rocan, Pascale Legault, Isabelle Ricard, Nathalie Charpentier, Shaila Anwar, Martine Bergeron and Linda Anglin were invited to join the meeting.

At 2:55 p.m., the committee resumed.

WITNESSES:

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Jean-Luc Lemieux, Project Manager;

Alain Rocan, Partner.

Senate of Canada:

Pascale Legault, Chief Corporate Services Officer;

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

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

At 3:32 p.m., the committee suspended.

Jean-Luc Lemieux, Alain Rocan, Pascale Legault, Isabelle Ricard, Nathalie Charpentier, Shaila Anwar and Martine Bergeron were excused from the meeting.

At 3:33 p.m., the committee resumed.

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

ATTEST:

Jodi Turner

Clerk of the Committee