



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of June 25, 2025, the Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight met in camera 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 Wells (*Newfoundland and Labrador*) (3).

Members of the committee present by videoconference: The Honourable Senator Saint-Germain (1).

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; Sabryna Lemieux and Emilie Kitchen, Communications Officers, Communications, Broadcasting and Publications Directorate; Amélie Gélinas, Legislative Clerk, Chamber Operations and Procedure Office; 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:

Senate of Canada:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments;

Keli Hogan, Chief of Staff, Office of the Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments.

Shaila Anwar made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:45 p.m., Shaila Anwar and Keli Hogan were excused from the meeting.

It was agreed to adopt the first high value rapid advisory engagement for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

At 2:58 p.m., Sabryna Lemieux and Emilie Kitchen were excused from the meeting.

WITNESSES:

Senate of Canada:

Pascale Legault, Chief Corporate Services Officer;

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

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

At 3:12 p.m., Pascale Legault and Isabelle Ricard were excused from the meeting.

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

At 3:14 p.m., Sabryna Lemieux and Emilie Kitchen were invited to join the meeting.

It was agreed that the draft report, as amended, be adopted in both official languages and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be empowered to approve the final version of the report, taking into consideration this meeting's discussions, 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 3:19 p.m., Sabryna Lemieux and Emilie Kitchen were excused from the meeting.

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

Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee discussed a draft agenda (future business).

At 3:45 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Joëlle Nadeau

Clerk of the Committee