



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, April 29, 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 this day in room B30, Senate of Canada Building and with videoconference, at 1:32 p.m. ET, the chair, the Honourable Marty Klyne, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Deacon (*Nova Scotia*) and Klyne (2).

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; Emilie Kitchen and Amely Coulombe, 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:

Ernst & Young LLP:

Sonia Leblanc, Partner;

Suzie Gignac, Partner.

Sonia Leblanc made a statement and, together with Suzie Gignac, answered questions.

At 1:54 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 1:59 p.m., the committee resumed.

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

At 2:04 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

At 2:04 p.m., the committee suspended.

All staff were excused from the meeting.

At 2:05 p.m., the committee resumed.

At 2:08 p.m., the committee suspended.

Sonia Leblanc and Suzie Gignac were excused from the meeting. All staff were invited to join the meeting.

At 2:11 p.m., the committee resumed.

The committee reviewed the audit plan for the external audit of the 2025-26 financial statements.

At 2:12 p.m., Emilie Kitchen and Amely Coulombe were invited to join the meeting.

At 2:28 p.m., Emilie Kitchen and Amely Coulombe were excused from the meeting.

It was agreed to transfer \$827 from the committee's budget to that of the Office of the Chief Audit Executive for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

At 2:38 p.m., all staff were excused from the meeting.

At 2:52 p.m., all staff, except for Lindsay McGlashan and Rosemonde Samedy, were invited to join the meeting.

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

At 3:14 p.m., Lindsay McGlashan and Rosemonde Samedy were invited to join the meeting.

It was agreed that the two draft reports, as amended, be adopted in both official languages and that the chair and deputy chairs be empowered to approve the final versions of the reports, 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 two reports in the Senate, in both official languages, at the earliest opportunity.

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

It was noted that the committee had reviewed the quarterly financial report for the third quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal year for information purposes.

At 3:47 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Joëlle Nadeau

Clerk of the Committee