



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 4:16 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Denise Batters, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Clement, Dalphond, Dhillon, Miville-Dechéne, Oudar, Pate, Simons, Tannas and Wells (*Alberta*) (10).

*Participating in the meeting:* Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 12, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Youth Criminal Justice Act and the National Defence Act (bail and sentencing).

### WITNESSES:

#### *Statistics Canada:*

Lucie Léonard, Director, Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics;

Marnie Wallace, Assistant Director, Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics.

#### *Macdonald-Laurier Institute:*

Peter Copeland, Deputy Director, Domestic Policy (*by videoconference*).

#### *International Centre for Criminal Law Reform:*

Peter German, President and Executive Director.

*As an individual:*

Mary Campbell, Retired Director General, Corrections and Criminal Justice, Department of Public Safety.

Lucie Léonard made a statement and, together with Marnie Wallace, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:25 p.m., the committee resumed.

Mary Campbell, Peter Copeland and Peter German each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:22 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Vincent Labrosse

*Clerk of the Committee*