



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Friday, June 12, 2026

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 1:05 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable David M. Arnot, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Arnot, Batters, Clement, Dalphond, Dhillon, Miville-Dechêne, Oudar, Prosper, Simons, Tannas and Wells (*Alberta*) (11).

*Participating in the meeting:* Allison Lowenger and Dana Phillips, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of Bill C-16, An Act to amend certain Acts in relation to criminal and correctional matters (child protection, gender-based violence, delays and other measures).

### WITNESSES:

#### *Women's Legal Education and Action Fund:*

Rosel Kim, Senior Staff Lawyer (*by videoconference*).

#### *Battered Women's Support Services:*

Angela Marie MacDougall, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

#### *Indigenous Bar Association:*

Victoria S.B. Perrie, Vice President (*by videoconference*).

#### *Canadian Association of Black Lawyers:*

Carl Alphonse, President (*by videoconference*).

#### *As an individual:*

Kendra Cooke.

Kendra Cooke, Rosel Kim Angela and Marie MacDougall each made a statement and answered questions.

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

At 2:09 p.m., the committee resumed.

Victoria S. B. Perrie and Carl Alphonse each made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:57 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Vincent Labrosse

*Clerk of the Committee*