



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day at 6:49 p.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the deputy chair, the Honourable Éric Forest, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Forest, Galvez, Gignac, Hébert and Ross (5).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Papatello (1).

*Participating in the meeting:* André Léonard and Michaël Lambert-Racine, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Monday, March 9, 2026, the committee continued its examination of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, with the exception of Library of Parliament Vote 1.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Atomic Energy of Canada Limited:*

Maude-Émilie Pagé, Vice-President, Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations.

#### *Natural Resources Canada:*

Francis Brisson, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Management and Services Sector;

Frank Des Rosiers, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Efficiency and Technology Sector;

Glenn Hargrove, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Forest Service;

Drew Leyburne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Systems Sector;

Claudine Pagé, Director General, Minerals Programs Branch, Lands and Minerals Sector.

*Administrative Tribunals Support Service of Canada:*

Nick Covelli, Deputy Chief Administrator;

Sara Bennett, Director General and Senior General Counsel, Legal Services Branch (*by videoconference*).

*Law Commission of Canada:*

Shauna Van Praagh, President;

Tracey O'Donnell, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer.

Maude Émilie-Pagé and Francis Brisson each made a statement and, together with Frank Des Rosiers, Drew Leyburne, Claudine Pagé and Glenn Hargrove, answered questions.

At 7:45 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:53 p.m., the committee resumed.

Nick Covelli and Shauna Van Praagh each made a statement and, together with Tracey O'Donnell and Sara Bennett, answered questions.

At 8:37 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Sara Gajic

*Clerk of the Committee*