



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day at 9 a.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Claude Carignan, P.C., presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Cardozo, Carignan, P.C., Forest, Galvez, Gignac, MacAdam, Ross and Youance (8).

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

Participating in the meeting: André Léonard, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, the committee continued its examination of the Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027.

WITNESSES:

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada:

Alanna MacDougall, Acting Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Service, Digital and Delivery Integration;

Pemi Gill, Assistant Deputy Minister, Service Delivery;

Annie Rémillard, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer.

Canadian Air Transport Security Authority:

Kelsey MacTavish, Senior Vice-President, Operations;

Nancy Fitchett, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada:

Etienne-René Massie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Small Business, Tourism and Marketplace Services;

Jean-François Tessier-Lafleur, Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister of the Corporate Management Sector.

Canadian Heritage:

Véronique Côté, Chief Financial Officer;

Emmanuelle Sajous, Assistant Deputy Minister, Sport, Major Events and Commemorations;

Amy Awad, Director General, Digital and Creative Marketplace Frameworks Branch, Cultural Affairs Sector;

Annalisa Bonardi, Acting Director General, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Branch.

Public Safety Canada:

Karine Paré, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Management Branch;

Kenza El Bied, Director General, Policy and Outreach;

Marcia Jones, Director General, Policy, Governance and Engagement;

Carla St. Croix, Director General, Programs.

Annie Rémillard, Nancy Fitchett and Jean-François Tessier-Lafleur each made a statement and, together with Pemi Gill, Kelsey MacTavish, Alanna MacDougall and Etienne René-Massie, answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:08 a.m., the committee resumed.

Véronique Côté and Karine Paré each made a statement and, together with Amy Awad, Annalisa Bonardi, Emmanuelle Sajous, Carla St. Croix, Marcia Jones and Kenza El Bied, answered questions.

At 10:53 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sara Gajic

Clerk of the Committee