



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, February 23, 2026  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages met this day at 5 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Allister W. Surette, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Cormier, Gerba, Moncion, Patterson, Poirier and Surette (6).

*Participating in the meeting:* Marie-Ève Hudon, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, the committee continued its study on the regulatory framework of Part VII of the *Official Languages Act*.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:*

Carsten Quell, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, People and Culture, Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer;

Annie Proulx, Director, Official Languages Centre of Excellence, Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer;

Martine Boucher, Senior Manager, Part VII Regulations, Official Languages Centre of Excellence, Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer.

Carsten Quell made a statement and, together with Annie Proulx and Martine Boucher, answered questions.

At 6:22 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:27 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording and/or the transcription of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members and/or their staff, and that the audio recording and/or the transcription be destroyed by the clerk of the committee when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

At 6:55 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Katy Quinn

*Clerk of the Committee*