



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, December 1, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs met this day at 4:01 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Hassan Yussuff, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Anderson, Cardozo, Carignan, P.C., Dasko, Deacon (*Ontario*), Hay, Ince, Kutcher, McNair, White, Youance and Yussuff (12).

Participating in the meeting: Ariel Shapiro and Anne-Marie Therrien-Tremblay, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, October 2, 2025, the committee continued examination issues as may arise from time to time relating to national security and defence generally, including veterans' affairs.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Karen Hogan, Auditor General;

Jean Goulet, Principal;

Gabriel Lombardi, Principal;

Stuart Smith, Director.

Karen Hogan made a statement and, together with Jean Goulet and Stuart Smith, answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the committee suspended.

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At 5:10 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to consider a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording 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 or staff, and that the recording be destroyed by the clerk when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

At 5:46 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ericka Paajanen

Clerk of the Committee