



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, November 25, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications met this day at 9 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Larry W. Smith, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Arnold, Aucoin, Cormier, Dasko, Lewis, Miville-Dechêne, Mohamed, Quinn, Simons, Smith and Wilson (11).

*Participating in the meeting:* Marion Ménard and Geneviève Gosselin, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, October 30, 2025, the committee began its study on the opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence (AI) in the information and communication technology sector.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada:*

Jordan Zed, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister;

Samir Chhabra, Director General, Marketplace Framework Policy Branch;

Andre Arbour, Director General, Telecommunications Policy Branch;

Patrick Blonar, Director, Marketplace Framework Policy Branch.

#### *AI Governance and Safety Canada (AIGS Canada):*

Wyatt Tessari L'Allié, Founder and Executive Director.

#### *Social Media Lab:*

Anatoliy Gruzd, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Privacy Preserving Digital Technologies, Social Media Lab, Toronto Metropolitan University (*by videoconference*).

*International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI and Digital Technologies (OBVIA):*

Nadia Naffi, Associate Professor, Educational Technology, Faculty of Education Sciences, Laval University and Researcher, International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI and Digital Technologies (*by videoconference*).

*As an individual:*

Olivier Blais, Co-founder and Vice-President, Artificial Intelligence, Moov AI (*by videoconference*).

Jordan Zed, Samir Chhabra and Olivier Blais each made a statement and, together with Patrick Blonar, answered questions.

At 10 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the committee resumed.

Wyatt Tessari L'Allié, Anatoliy Gruzd and Nadia Naffi each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Andrea Mugny

*Clerk of the Committee*