



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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[English]

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs met this day at 12 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Dawn Anderson, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Anderson, Busson, Ince, McNair, Muggli and Ross (6).

Participating in the meeting: Diana Ambrozas, Analyst, Library of Parliament

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 12, 2026, the subcommittee continued its study of issues relating to Veterans Affairs, including services and benefits provided, commemorative activities, and the continuing implementation of the Veterans Well-being Act (Topic: Veterans' homelessness).

APPEARING:

The Honourable Jill McKnight, P.C., M.P., Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence;

The Honourable Gregor Robertson, P.C., M.P., Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada.

WITNESSES:

Veterans Affairs Canada:

Mitch Freeman, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy, Planning and Performance.

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada:

Janet Goulding, Assistant Deputy Minister, Homelessness and Housing Program Sector.

Minister McKnight and Minister Robertson each made a statement and, together with Mitch Freeman and Janet Goulding, answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ericka Paajanen

Clerk of the Subcommittee