

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, May 12, 1988

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The Standing Committee on National Defence met at 9:40 a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. David W. Gross, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Brewin, Brown, Evans, Fisher, Fane, Foy, Gross, Harkness, Honey, Hopkins, Lambert, Langlois (Chapuis), Laniel, Legend, Lind, MacLean (Quers), MacRae, Matheson, Smith, Walker, Winch (21).

In attendance: From the Department of National Defence: Honourable Paul Hellyer, Minister; and Honourable Léo Cadieux, Associate Minister.

The Committee proceeded to its consideration of the Main Estimates 1988-89 of the Department of National Defence. Item 1, Departmental Administration etc. having already been called, the Chairman invited the Minister of National Defence to make an opening statement.

The Minister's statement referred to the major international commitments of Canada's Defence Forces, the integrated defence organization at both the Headquarters and field force levels, factors influencing votes, and the present situation with respect to questions of morale, recruiting, re-engagements and voluntary retirements.

Messrs. Lambert, Winch, Smith, MacRae, Laniel and Harkness questioned the Minister concerning subjects referred to in his opening statement. During the questioning of the Minister by Mr. Brewin, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Hugh R. Stewart,

Clerk of the Committee.