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Finding 1: There is an ongoing need for the Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) to promote public safety through the regulation of firearms.	**Recommendation 1:** That the CFP continue to be responsible for the promotion of public safety through a process which involves the effective risk management of firearms and their users.	Management supports the recommendation.
Finding 2: The CFP as a public safety-oriented regulatory framework is continuing toward achieving its strategic outcome of reducing firearm-related harm.	Nil.	Nil.
Finding 3: Inconsistent and contradictory communications/outreach regarding the CFP has led to confusion and misunderstanding among the general public and public safety officials.	**Recommendation 2:** That the RCMP provide clear and consistent communications to Canadians on firearms and related public safety issues, adapted to the local level and using local mediums. Communications should be robust and targeted to the firearms community, but should also focus on other key stakeholders, including law enforcement, Chief Firearms Officers (CFOs) and judicial partners, which are impacted by firearms and the CFP.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned action includes: • communicating with law enforcement; • active engagement in development of the national firearms strategy for the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police; and • development of a comprehensive communications plan. (Ongoing)
	Recommendation 3: That the RCMP contribute to the development of a training program for justice, police, and CFOs on the CFP and firearm-related legislation, and assess the impact of privacy issues on the program, all to better promote public safety as the primary mandate. Develop a secure website for police, Justice and CFOs to stay current with relevant information for investigators and Crown, with reference to: powers of search & seizure; warrants (best practices); MOUs for Mental Health, etc.	Management supports the recommendation, noting that CFOs, as part of CFP, are consulted on these issues regularly. Planned action includes: • exploring training options; (August 31, 2010) • seeking RCMP approval for outreach to police academies and training facilities; (April 1, 2010) • creation of Police Handbook for front line officers; (April 1, 2010) • maintaining partnerships with the Canadian Police Knowledge Network and Ontario Ministry of the

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		Attorney General; (ongoing) • maintain existing relationships and explore partnerships with the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians, Canadian Police Association and the Canadian Association of Police Boards; (ongoing) • continue to build program tools (police officer's on-line handbook; prosecutor's manual), utilizing new and secure web portal channels; (September 30, 2010) • expand on technology of police web services developed for Public Agent Firearms Regulations; (March 31, 2011)
	Recommendation 4: That the RCMP's website be developed into a more user friendly environment and target the general public, young and old in Canada's official and predominant indigenous languages regarding firearms. This is particularly relevant for people in isolated communities where the internet is available.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • develop a work plan to review, update and reorganize all aspects of the website, contingent on budget. (March 31, 2010)
Finding 4 Safety training is believed to have resulted in safer handling, storage and use of firearms. The CFP recognizes the need to continuously improve the delivery of the program through updating courses and the need to address specific concerns of the firearms community, including First Nations and Inuit population.	**Recommendation 5:** That a process of quality control or auditing be developed to ensure consistent, quality delivery of the safety training courses across the country.	Management supports the recommendation. The CFP is reviewing and reformatting the course manual content and delivery. Planned Action: • Legal Services on provincial rights to decide how training will be delivered, and reviewing terms and conditions of the contribution agreements with opt-in provinces, with the goal to have only the current and nationally-approved manual available for course delivery. (July 2, 2010)

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	Recommendation 7: That the CFP work in collaboration with public safety partners to consider the merits of a five (5) year Firearm Licence renewal process.	Management supports the recommendation. A CFP-sponsored Review of Firearms Licencing Renewal, by Kelly Sears Consulting Group (report dated March 31, 2009) recommends continuation of the current 5-year licencing regime. Planned action is to continue monitoring compliance rates.
	Recommendation 8: That the CFP examine the feasibility of incorporating other agency databanks and applicant mental health risk factors into the decision making process. Accordingly, the privacy issues surrounding mental health needs to be addressed further. As an innovative practice, the province of Québec has 'health providers' reporting clients with mental health concerns. Their progress should be reviewed to determine applicability and public safety impacts in other provinces.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • examine feasibility; • review Quebec legislation and processes; • seek expert opinion from Canadian Medical Association and others. (March 31, 2010)

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	Recommendation 10: That the RCMP operational policies about reporting mental health incidents to the CFO be updated and further reference Firearms Interest Police (FIP) reporting.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Workplan (March 31, 2010) • Review of standard operational procedures across Canada to highlight best practices. (December 2010)
	Recommendation 11: That the CFP make better use of CFIS [Canadian Firearms Information System] for investigative work and file management. Tracking and retention of historical CFIS information needs to be maintained electronically and better available to CFOs and Firearm Officer Investigators.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • explore feasibility of CFIS [Canadian Firearms Information System] being recognized and accepted by RCMP Information Management Branch. (August 31, 2010)
	Recommendation 12: That the CFP further analyzes domestic violence issues involving firearms. That, simultaneously, the RCMP as an organization develops further police protocols for domestic violence calls during instances involving firearms, and that they consider encouraging other police services, which have not yet done so, to adopt this approach.	Management supports the recommendation. CFP is conducting research on domestic violence and firearms. Planned Action: • continue to work with CCAPS on policing development. (December 31, 2010)

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Finding 6: Firearms registration is a critical component of the entire firearms program. The program, as a whole, is an important tool for law enforcement. It also serves to increase the accountability of firearms owners for their firearms, by linking registered firearms to licencees. An acceptable level of compliance toward long gun registration is essential for improving the registry's utility as a tool to promote public safety.	**Recommendation 13:** That the existing full registry be maintained as part of the CFP in order to increase the non-restricted firearms compliance rates in accordance with current legislation.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Subject to the will of Parliament, the RCMP will continue to manage the program in accordance with current legislation and applicable Acts. (Ongoing)
	Recommendation 14: That, as an interim measure, the CFP considers recommending the CBSA send basic electronic data to the registry upon shipment entry into Canada of firearms. This would serve to forewarn the registry and the CFO to better monitor registration.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • CFP will seek to implement a solution in cooperation with existing working group on this issue. (Ongoing)
Finding 7: The CFP has engaged in a number of partnerships and regularly attempts to foster improvements in this area. Further program success could be achieved by operating the program, through the national role of the RCMP, with some consistency and standardization in all provinces and territories, which would include strengthened partnerships with the law enforcement and community stakeholder groups.	**Recommendation 15:** That the CFP work with national Aboriginal organizations to pursue discussion and partnerships with Aboriginal communities throughout Canada, representing recognized and unrecognized groups, to enhance licence and registration compliance.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Internal and external liaison to better meet the firearm-related public safety needs of Aboriginal communities. (Ongoing)

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	Recommendation 16: That the CFP consider educating police leadership on firearms-related public safety issues through the development of Firearms Committees at the national and provincial Chiefs of Police organizations.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Work collaboratively with the CACP; (August 31, 2010) • Director General of CFP is co-chair of the Canada-U.S. Firearms Trafficking Group – continue to cooperate with initiatives to combat cross border firearms smuggling and trafficking and raise public awareness. (Ongoing)
	Recommendation 17: That the CFP further develop working level and senior executive level partnerships with government and non-government health and public safety organizations.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Director General of CFP will maintain existing relationships and explore partnerships with the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians, National Mental Health Commission, Canadian Police Association and the Canadian Association of Police Boards; and promote better communication between internal and external law enforcement agencies. (Ongoing)
Finding 8: There are legal and cultural issues surrounding Aboriginal communities which result in confusion regarding the applicability of the CFP. This confusion adversely impacts licence and registration compliance, and the effectiveness of the CFP in these communities.	**Recommendation 18:** That the CFP focus on engaging new employees with Aboriginal competencies, and offer current employees Aboriginal perceptions training.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Use existing competencies profile to link to employees' competencies and training needs; • Add Aboriginal and First Nations Awareness course to relevant individual training plans. (March 31, 2011)

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	Recommendation 19: That the CFP develop strategic locally-based initiatives with Aboriginal Policing and the CFOs, and work within the Aboriginal Strategic Priority Working Group to develop organizational-wide initiatives.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Internal and external liaison to better meet the firearm-related public safety needs of Aboriginal communities. (Ongoing)
	Recommendation 20: To further encourage compliance, the CFP should consider enacting initiatives that may lead to improvements to the rates of Aboriginal licences and registration.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Reassess after expiration of amnesty. (May 31, 2010) • Estimate licence fee revenues from Aboriginal peoples for consideration. (December 31, 2010)
Finding 9: Overall, the CFP is operating in a cost effective and efficient manner. There is existing value for money and some possible future needs for alternative delivery mechanisms.	Nil.	Nil.
Finding 10: Canadians are receiving value for their tax dollars from the CFP. Overall, the CFP is cost-effective in reducing firearms-related crime and promoting public safety through universal licensing of firearms owners and registration of firearms in Canada.	**Recommendation 21**: That meaningful research, policy and communications functions with requisite competencies be improved within the CFP. This would serve to enhance strategic decision-making and cost-effectiveness in order to effectively support the public safety objectives of the program (regulatory and operational).	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • There are several on-going internal initiatives to improve decision-making and cost-effectiveness of the program overall. (April 30, 2010)

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Finding 11: While the existing delivery methods of the CFP are working well there may be more effective and efficient ways of achieving the CFP objectives.	**Recommendation 22:** To become a future-focused program, a risk assessment, supported by other services in the RCMP, would enable CFP to determine its alternative service delivery options, level of risks and solutions.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • There are several on-going internal initiatives to improve decision-making and cost-effectiveness of the program overall. (April 1 2011)
Finding 12: Overall, businesses are satisfied with CFP service delivery. Effective service is also being delivered to individual program participants. Program management routinely makes efforts to improve service, however issues have been identified regarding accessibility of service and delays during peak periods.	**Recommendation 23:** That the CFP continue to examine the feasibility of expanding web-based service to individual program participants, and integrating service delivery with other provincial and/or federal service agencies.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Develop a client web service transformation plan to enhance on-line functionality via the secure web portal; • Obtain access to Canada Post National Change of Address database to assist with reduction of incorrect or non-current client addresses. (March 31, 2012)
	Recommendation 24: That the CFP promote its services among police who can utilize the CFP-supported systems to contribute to more effective operations and public safety overall.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Liaise internally and externally to promote CFP services. (August 31, 2010)
Finding 13: Offices of the CFOs have insufficient personnel for effectively carrying out investigations, business inspections and communication/outreach.	**Recommendation 25:** That, for the purposes of achieving effective national coordination, appropriate categories of employees and numbers of employees be provided to the CFO offices to enable effective administration and operations (ie. investigations, business inspections, provincial policy and communications / outreach.)	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • compare opt-in and opt-out CFO offices to arrive at an acceptable number of staff; (April 1, 2011) • devise model that will support national coordination / standardization with local and regional delivery. (September 1, 2010)

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	Recommendation 26: That provincial partnerships with other government agencies (ie. Conservation; other agencies discussed in Findings #3 and #5) be further explored and integrated into CFO offices, if appropriate.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • reviewing firearms and hunting courses, investigating partnerships\ with the Ministry of Transportation in Ontario to address licencing; (September 1, 2010) • closer integration between CFOs and CFP operations. (April 1, 2010)
Finding 14: The Opt-in Firearms Funding Program is an appropriate mechanism for delivering the CFP and achieving it public safety mandate. The program allows participating provinces to administer common service delivery standards in an integrated and localized context.	**Recommendation 27:** That a risk assessment, comparing the opt-in and opt-out delivery mechanisms, with a focus on human and financial resources, and the minimum standardization of approaches, should be undertaken by the CFP.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • A risk manager position will be implemented, and it is expected that an integrated risk management study will be conducted on the entire CFP. (April 1, 2011)
Finding 15: Firearms are entering the country unregistered and therefore pose a public safety risk through potential illegal diversion by businesses.	**Recommendation 28:** That the RCMP, through the CFP, continue to work with and provide expert advice to its public safety partners related to potential amendments to the *Firearms Act* with respect to the pre-registration of firearms prior to their entry into Canada.	Management supports the recommendation. Current Status: • The CFP continues to work with Public Safety Canada and other federal partners (working group and executive levels) with respect to presenting an amended version of the import/export regulations, which are not currently in force, to the current Minister of Public Safety for consideration. (Ongoing)

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	Recommendation 29: That appropriate resources (Firearms Officers) are dedicated to business inspections.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • A committee will be created to develop national CFP service standards, including business inspections. (April 1, 2010)
	Recommendation 30: That an interim solution be recommended to CBSA to support free flowing information to the CFP.	Management supports the recommendation. The CFP is involved in working groups to address import issues. Planned Action: • A solution will be implemented if stakeholders arrive at a consensus (Justice Canada and CFOs). (Ongoing)
Finding 16 Regulations for businesses require further definition and clarity as presently they pose a potential risk to public safety.	**Recommendation 31:** That a review of prop master businesses is completed and appropriate regulatory procedures be followed to ensure compliance with business regulations.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • A committee will be created to develop national CFP service standards, including business inspections and prop master business licence activities. (April 1, 2011)
	Recommendation 32: That the CFP reviews and modifies deactivation guidelines, and the definition of a firearm, so that parts cannot be milled and remade into working firearms. As well, the CFP should further develop policy and related measures regarding business requirements to report consignment, lost or stolen firearms in order to promote compliance, as supported by the *Firearms Act* and the *Criminal Code*.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • A committee will be created to develop national CFP service standards, including business inspections and deactivation guidelines. (April 1, 2011)

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Finding 17: As a member of the international community, and through various agreements, Canada has committed to measures to improve world-wide public safety outcomes resulting from firearms.	**Recommendation 33:** That the RCMP, through the CFP, continue to work with and provide expert advice to its public safety partners related to the *Firearms Marking Regulations*.	Management supports the recommendation. Planned Action: • Continue to participate with Public Safety Canada to promote the CFP position; (ongoing) • Re-evaluate after deferral period. (December 1, 2010) (April 1, 2011)

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Canadian Firearms Program:

Contributing to public and police officer safety

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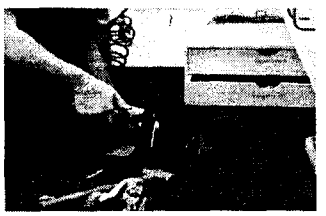
Enforcement Functions of CFP

The **Firearms Investigative & Enforcement Services Directorate (FIESD)** supports front-line law enforcement in successfully investigating & prosecuting persons involved in the illegal movement and criminal use of firearms.



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FIESD –

- **National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST)**
- **Canadian National Firearms Tracing Centre (CNFTC)**
- **Firearms Operations & Enforcement Support Unit (FOES)**
- **Specialized Firearms Support Services (SFSS)**
  - **Firearms Reference Table (FRT)**
  - **Mobile Services Delivery Vehicle (MSDV)**
- **Crown Attorney Program (CAP)**
- **Firearms Investigative Policy Unit (FIPU)**
- **Internet Investigative & Enhanced Screening Unit (IIESU)**

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CFP Firearms Enforcement...

National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST)
Available to law enforcement 24/7 anywhere in the country to assist with firearms investigations

Firearms Reference/Identification Expertise - RCMP Firearms Reference Table (FRT) renowned and used internationally for firearms identification

National Mobile Service Delivery – multi-service vehicle offering Canada-wide onsite firearms assistance to law enforcement agencies

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24/7 Investigative Support Line

The FIESD ***1-866-920-0553*** Investigative support line continues to be utilized by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. This toll-free support provides 24/7 access to FIESD personnel and resources. Agencies assisted via the 24/7 investigative support line included Federal, Provincial and Municipal Police Services. In addition, other law enforcement organizations such as CBSA, IBET, and local Gun and Gang units have benefited from this resource.

Investigative support and assistance

FIESD personnel are available to provide assistance throughout all stages of a firearms investigation. This can include the preparation of an "information to obtain a search warrant" as well as the warrant itself. Furthermore members will assist with the execution of the warrant, search of the location, seizure, identification and organization of exhibits and subsequent preparation for court proceedings.

Expert advice and witnesses

FIESD Officers provide expert evidence to law enforcement agencies and crown attorneys in relation to various firearms issues. They are available for court preparation and testimony, as well as project planning and execution. In cases where FIESD itself does not contain the required expertise, it will liaise with its partner agencies to secure the required resources.

Specialized Firearms Support Services (SFSS)

The Firearms Reference Table (FRT)

The Firearms Reference Table (FRT) is a computer database tool administered, maintained and updated by FIESD. It was developed to help law enforcement officers in domestic and international policing, firearms tracking and counter-terrorism initiatives by providing them with a quality database of firearms makes and models which facilitates their accurate identification and classification. The FRT data is updated annually and supplied to all law enforcement agencies in Canada. Thousands of police officers make use of it on a regular basis.

The FRT is the most comprehensive and user-friendly, single-source, firearms reference in existence. To assist in the identification process, a visual reference is provided by associating digital images to corresponding firearm records. Both data and images are passed through a rigorous quality assurance process to ensure set standards and data integrity are maintained.

Police frequently use the FRT to identify firearms before initiating tracing requests and to look up the legal classification of a firearm to help establish whether an offence has occurred. The FRT is used by the Canadian Firearms Registry during the licensing, registration and transfer processes. It is also a useful tool which assists in inventory control for seized firearms and will be a helpful tool when the Public Agents Firearms Regulations are implemented. Forensic scientists use the FRT to identify and classify firearms received for laboratory evaluation.

Thousands of new and updated firearm records and images are available in every new version of the FRT. The current version FRT contains over 28,350 records by various Make and Model designations, of which over 6,945 have associated image sets. When all the specifications, such as Caliber and Barrel Length, of these records are factored in, there are over 130,000 individual firearm records.

The FRT is further enhanced by a glossary component containing 1,510 entries and over 790 images. This feature includes: firearm definitions and terms; acronyms/manufacturer codes; current Canadian orders/legal authorities; and company histories and firearm markings.

Mobile Services Delivery Vehicle (MSDV)

The Mobile Service Delivery Program consists of a large multi-function vehicle capable of providing a suite of firearms-related services to law enforcement agencies. In addition, each MSDV unit will be paired with a Mobile Ammunition Combustion System (MACS) which can provide ammunition destruction services. Services provided by these units will include:

- on-site identification and examination of firearms and ammunition
- destruction and disposal of firearms as authorized by the client
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- test-firing of all firearms prior to destruction for purposes of providing the Canadian Integrated Ballistic Identification Network (CIBIN) with expended bullets and cartridge cases to be searched and/or added to the CIBIN system for investigative reference
- on-site use in firearms amnesties or turn-in programs
- on-site deployment to major firearms crime scenes or large scale firearms seizures
- other uses as determined by client needs
- Obliterated Serial Number Recovery
- Mobile Command Post & Major Firearms Crime Scenes

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Tracing of Illicit Firearms

The Canadian National Firearms Tracing Centre (CNFTC) assists all law enforcement agencies throughout Canada in tracing illegal firearms and ensures that the requesting agencies are given the required assistance to further their investigations. In 2006, the CNFTC established protocols with the US BATFE which allows each agency to exchange trace information electronically

Firearms Operations and Enforcement Support

The Firearms Operations and Enforcement Support (FOES) Unit provides accurate and timely long- or short-term analytical enforcement support to front-line officers across Canada. They do this by providing products which educate, inform, caution and assist law enforcement units across the country with their operational needs.

By identifying trends and patterns, suspected criminals, smuggling routes, etc., the role of the FOES unit is to analyze and convey as complete a picture as possible of the criminal use of firearms in Canada.

Furthermore, the FOES unit will often assist in specific investigations where the agencies of jurisdiction do not have access to the required analytical support.

FIESD has recently expanded the FOES unit to include two positions in Ontario. One in the GTA GGTF (Greater Toronto Area Guns and Gangs Task Force) and the second at CISO/PWEU (Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario/Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit). Additional positions will be located in Vancouver, British Columbia; Montreal, Quebec; and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Once these additional resources are in place, and in conjunction with the implementation of the reporting requirements of the Public Agent Firearms Regulations, the FOES Unit will focus on providing "*actionable intelligence*" to law enforcement agencies to assist them in proactively combating illicit firearms and their impact on violent crime and public safety.

Crown Attorney Program (CAP)

The FIESD Crown Attorney Program (CAP) is a joint endeavor between the Ontario Crown Attorney's Office and the Canadian Firearms Program. The mandate of the program is to enhance prosecution of firearms-related offences through education, coordination, and networking.

In addition to ongoing training and legal advice to law enforcement personnel, the FIESD CAP is actively involved in a National Prosecutor Training Program which is designed to provide advanced training on firearms prosecutions to specific crown attorneys in each province and territory.

Once trained, these crown attorneys will form the basis of a Firearms Prosecutor Network which will be available to assist other crown attorneys and law enforcement agencies in aggressively prosecuting illicit firearms investigations.

This program, in conjunction with other FIESD units, will also be available to offer information sessions to the Judiciary on all aspects of illicit firearms.

FIESD CAP also produces training and reference materials such as the Firearms Expert Witness Course, Firearms Training Manual, Sentencing Guidelines, Case Law Summaries, etc.

As requests from both the OAS (Organization of American States) and the UN (United Nations) are ongoing, it is anticipated that the FIESD CAP will be involved in numerous international training processes in the near future.

Firearms Internet Investigations & Enhanced Screening Unit (FIIES)

FIIES is a full open-source investigative unit providing a range of Internet support services, not only in the firearms-licence applicant screening process, but more directly to front-line police officers. This increased service level from the Internet Screening Unit provides added value and contributes to both the RCMP's strategic outcome of Safe Homes, Safe Communities and the CFP's mission of enhancing public safety by helping to reduce death, injury and threat from firearms.

The FIIES Unit gathers information from a variety of sites, contributing to police investigations. Simply put, if and when other criminal activities dealing with firearms are detected, this information will be forwarded to the police of jurisdiction for investigation.

A significant trend with gun crime and violence is the pre-event advertisement by individuals using the Internet. The preliminary and open-source searches are used to gather intelligence and leads for CFOs and police to initiate or assist in any necessary investigations to prevent such tragedies from occurring.

Firearms Investigative Policy Unit (FIPU)

The FIP Unit will be available to assist law enforcement agencies across the country in the development of "best practices" in firearms investigations and prosecutions.

In collaboration with other FIESD Units, clients and stakeholders, the FIP Unit will develop, maintain and update policy and procedures to assist law enforcement agencies in optimizing their processes in dealing with illicit firearms.

INTEGRATION

FIESD has a high degree of representation from municipal, provincial and federal law enforcement agencies. (22 Non-RCMP Agencies)

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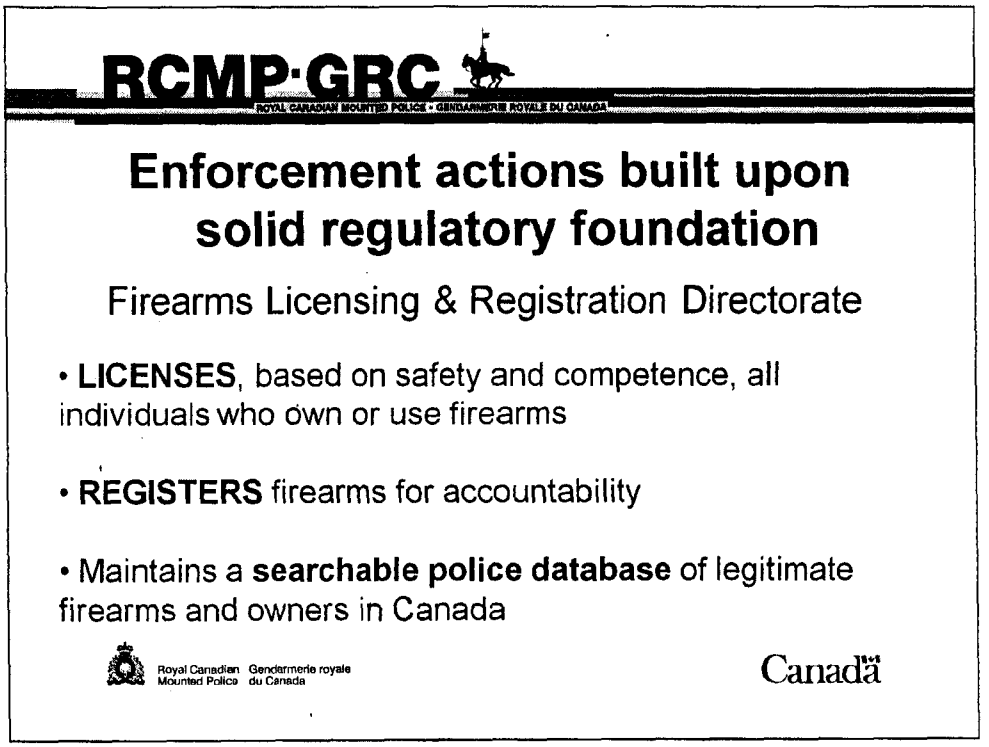

- CFP has 10 Regional Chief Firearms Officers who administer and exercise regulatory powers over individual and business licence holders in their jurisdictions

The CFP is responsible for the licensing of individuals and the registration of all firearms. Both these elements promote responsible gun ownership and contribute to public and police officer safety.

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Ensuring Public and Police Officer Safety

CFRO – Canadian Firearms Registry Online

- ❑Firearms information available to police 24/7
- ❑Accessible from police vehicles or police desktops
- ❑Currently queried more than 12,000 times per day; **including 2,700 address enquiries per day**
- ❑Allows police to check where firearms may be present and who may be in possession of them

This knowledge helps police maintain officer and public safety and helps investigators deal with firearms crime

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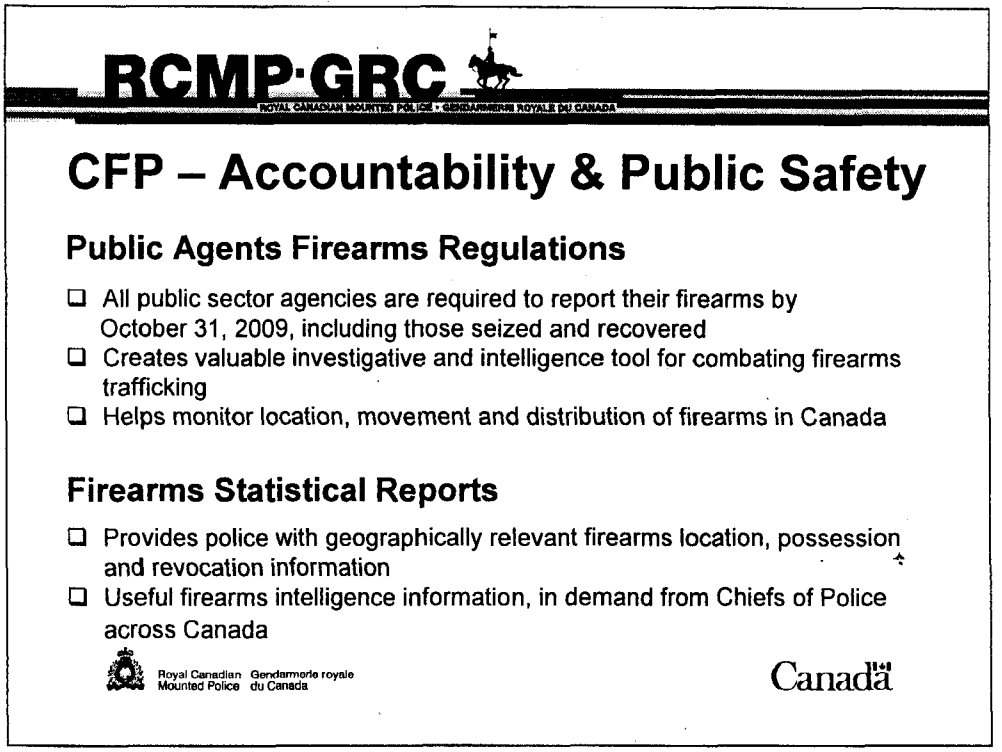

Public Agents Firearms Regulations

❑Came into effect in October 2008
❑All federal, provincial and municipal agencies that possess firearms (agency/service OR protected/seized firearms) are required to report them to the CFP by October 2009
❑Creates a valuable investigative and intelligence tool for those who combat firearms trafficking
❑Helps to monitor the location, movement and distribution of firearms in Canada
❑Centralized database indicates what firearms are being seized nationally and in specific jurisdictions, and where these firearms are coming from

Firearms Statistical Reports

❑ The CFP produces reports which provide police officers with firearms statistical information, such as numbers of firearms and licences, number of revoked illegal firearms or CFRO statistics for particular geographic areas.

❑ These reports can be broken down by region, population, or administrative groupings such as specific police services.

❑ These reports are very useful intelligence tools, according to the Chiefs of Police.

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How the CFP is managed

• 2006: Came under the stewardship of the **RCMP** as a National Police Service; Commissioner is the Chief Firearms Officer reporting to Minister of Public Safety; DG oversees CFP operations

• 2009: RCMP created the "**New CFP**" by amalgamating all firearms-focused groups – including Licensing, Registration, Call Centre (all Ottawa), Central Processing Site (Miramichi), and Firearms Investigative & Enforcement Services Directorate (Toronto) - under one umbrella organization

• Emphasis on prevention, investigation, tracing and accountability to contribute to public and police officer safety

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Public and Police Officer Safety Impacts:

- Since 1998, spousal homicides using firearms (which are predominantly committed with long guns) have declined in number by half. (Statistics Canada, 2008)

- Firearm suicides comprise the vast majority of firearm-related deaths; the total number has decreased by 35% since 1998. Over 80% of these suicide deaths were committed using long guns. (Provincial Coroners, Statistics Canada)

- Canada, as part of the Commonwealth, has enacted significant public safety laws around firearms. Firearms accounted for about 7% of homicides in England and Wales, 16% in Australia, 31% in Canada, compared to 68% in the U.S. (Statistics Canada, 2008)

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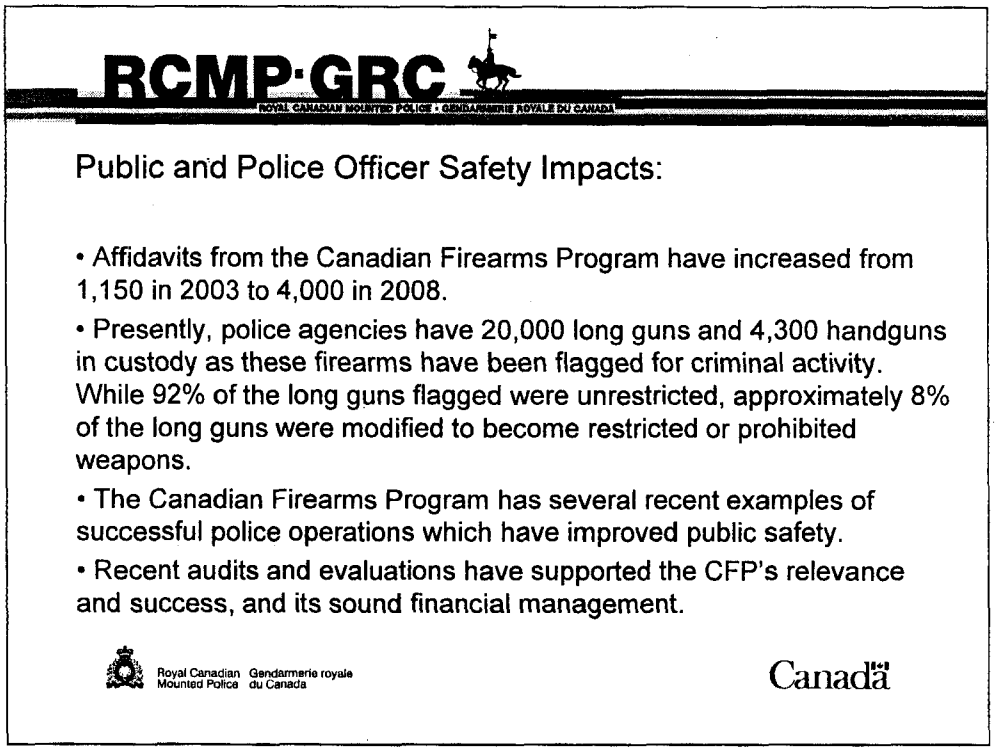

OFFICER SAFETY PRESERVED BY REGISTRY DURING DANGEROUS INVESTIGATION

A joint task force of police officers was in the process of obtaining a warrant in a drug case. In consultation with NWEST, CFRO was queried, and it was determined that the suspect possessed numerous firearms that could have been used to harm the members had they not been prepared for this possibility. They subsequently approached the dwelling in a manner different from how they may have had they not been aware firearms were in the residence. The warrant was executed without incident and numerous firearms and other weapons were seized.

REGISTRY PROVIDES RELIEF TO LOCAL FAMILY

Police received a call from family members requesting attendance at the family residence to take the father's firearms away as he was very depressed and despondent. Before the officers departed with a certain number of long guns, they queried CFRO and determined there were an additional 21 firearms registered to the father that no family members were aware of. The officers remained on site until they obtained a search warrant, proceeded with the search and found the additional 21 firearms hidden in various parts of the house, along with 45,000 rounds of ammunition.

REGISTRY HELPS AVOID SCHOOL TRAGEDY

The CFP received a request for assistance in verifying internet activity of a youth who had recently been expelled from school for uttering threats to kill someone with a firearm. The Registry confirmed the subject's stepfather had several non-restricted and restricted weapons in the home. Information from the Registry informed police about the number and type of firearms that may be accessible to the youth.

REGISTRY AIDS IN HOSTAGE TAKING INCIDENT

In 2009, a man carrying a long gun and many rounds of ammunition walked into the Workers' Compensation Board building in Edmonton and fired a single shot into a cinder block wall. He detained a total of nine hostages, but released one.

The CFRO provided valuable information to the Edmonton Police Service and their emergency responders to guide their response to the incident. The man was arrested after a 10-hour police standoff that forced the evacuation of more than 700 people in the city's downtown core.

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RISK-BASED FIREARMS POLICING STRATEGY: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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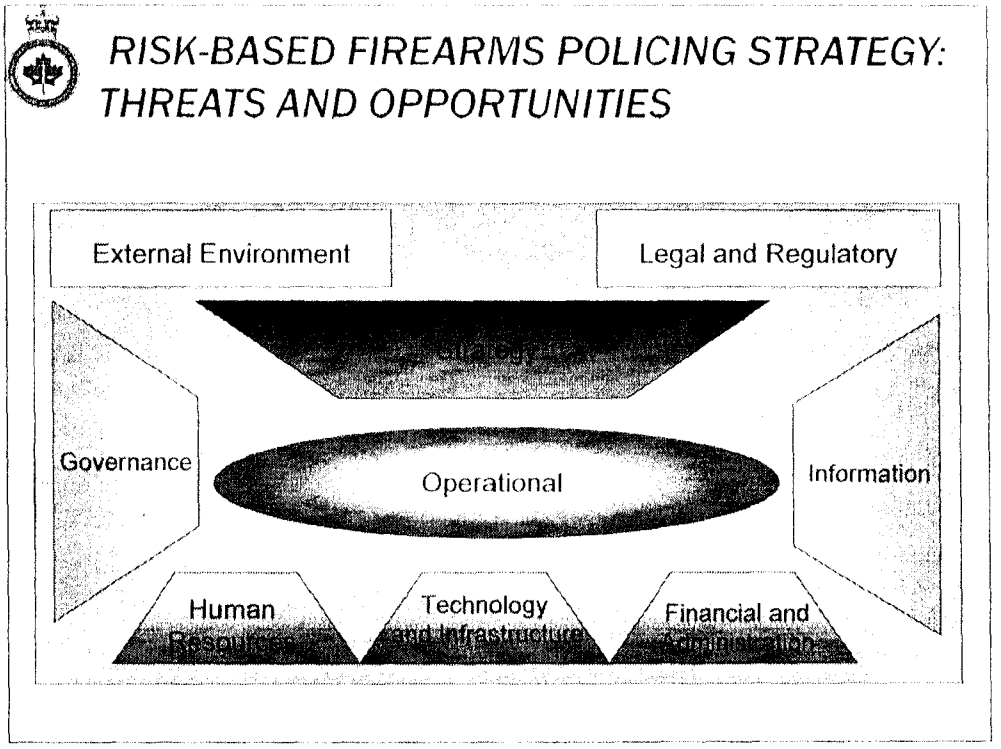

Assessing Risk- the process:

Identification of risk in a selected domain of interest.

Defining a framework for the activity and an agenda for identification.

Developing an analysis of risks involved in the process.

Mitigation of risks using available technological, human and organizational resources.

**We are at the stage of analyzing and mitigating risks (new risks can emerge), soon to be solely focused on risk mitigation.

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RISK-BASED FIREARMS POLICING STRATEGY: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Vision: Canada is a safe place to live

Mission: Improve public and police officer safety with respect to the use and misuse of firearms.

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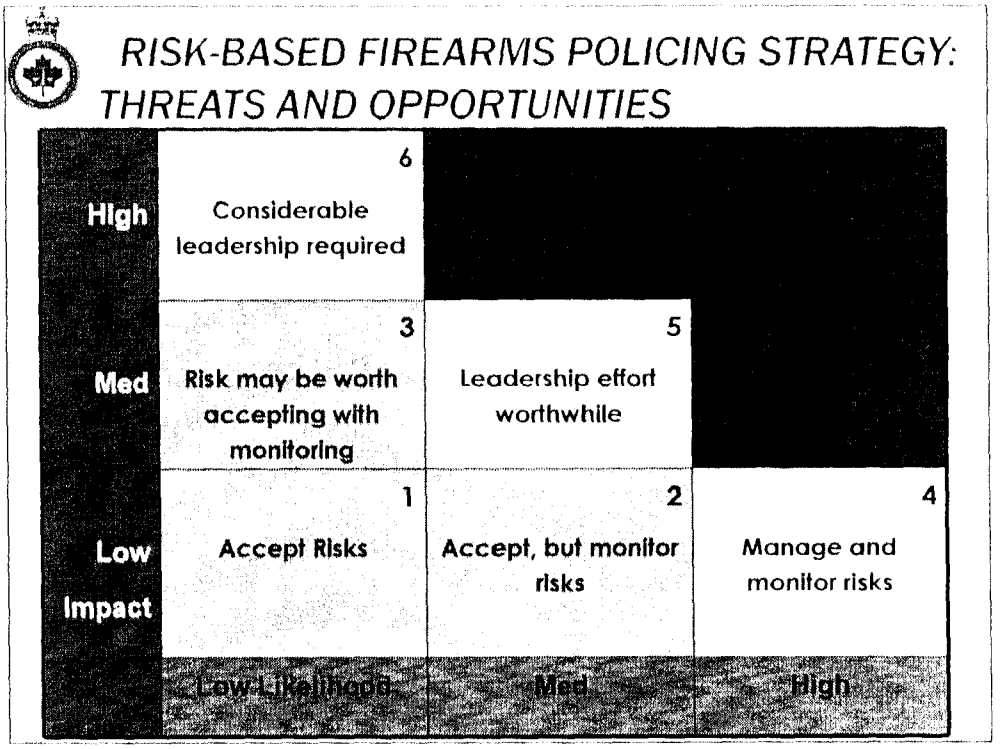

Our strategy is, in essence, to manage risk in terms of the 9 variables.

We prioritize (by putting them in the red and yellow higher risk areas) these variables, to create a series of preventative and protective steps that improve public and police officer safety at multiple levels.

A layered system at all levels - municipal, provincial, and federal- to increase the effectiveness of our efforts.

This strategic risk matrix will drive our policies and operations and the way we organize ourselves.

And so, we'll be looking at everything through that prism and adjusting strategies and operations, and structure and policies, if necessary, to execute this strategy.

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RISK-BASED FIREARMS POLICING STRATEGY: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Five (5) risk areas prioritized:

- **Information (In and Out)**
- **Operations**
- **Human Resources**
- **Legal and Regulatory**
- **External Environment**

The Subcommittee consensus was that these areas of risk were the priority. We will come to see their inter-relation, and how addressing one will improve the others.

Each risk area offers its own threat level, but the purpose of the strategy is to also find the opportunities to help mitigate the risk.

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RISK-BASED FIREARMS POLICING STRATEGY: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

× Information In

- **Intelligence (Canadian/regional gun situation; Intelligence systems)**
- **Data and Statistics (pure research, Insites, Juristat)**
- **Operations Data (RWRS; Registry)**

× Information Out

- **Communications (consistent approaches / products)**
- **Strategic Collaboration**

"Information Out" requires a focus on contemporary information systems, and quality information produced and communicated.

"Information Out" has been lacking and is perhaps the crux of the situation we are currently in.

There is tremendous opportunity with using consistent quality information, developing targeted products, and having united groups speaking deliberately on the public safety issues.

**Juristat is the name for the Canadian Centre on Justice Statistics, which collects information on all Canadian police reported firearm-related incidents affecting public and police officer safety.

**Insites is the CFP business intelligence system which produces Firearms Statistical Reports:

- reports which provide police officers with firearms statistical information, such as numbers of firearms and licences, number of revoked illegal firearms or CFRO statistics for particular geographic areas.
- These reports can be broken down by region, population, or administrative groupings such as specific police services.

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RISK-BASED FIREARMS POLICING STRATEGY: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- **Operational**

Focus on revocations and prohibited weapons using Toronto model, Project "Safe City Streets"

Contingent upon quality "information in" from Registry and Insites data

Knowledge transfer between police services, including detailed instructions and templates from Project Safe City

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RISK-BASED FIREARMS POLICING STRATEGY: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- **Human Resources**

Training police, at all levels, and CFO's on the Firearms Program (regulatory and operational components) and their roles and responsibilities within

CFP to facilitate knowledge transfer between police services and CFO's on best practices (Toronto and Montréal)

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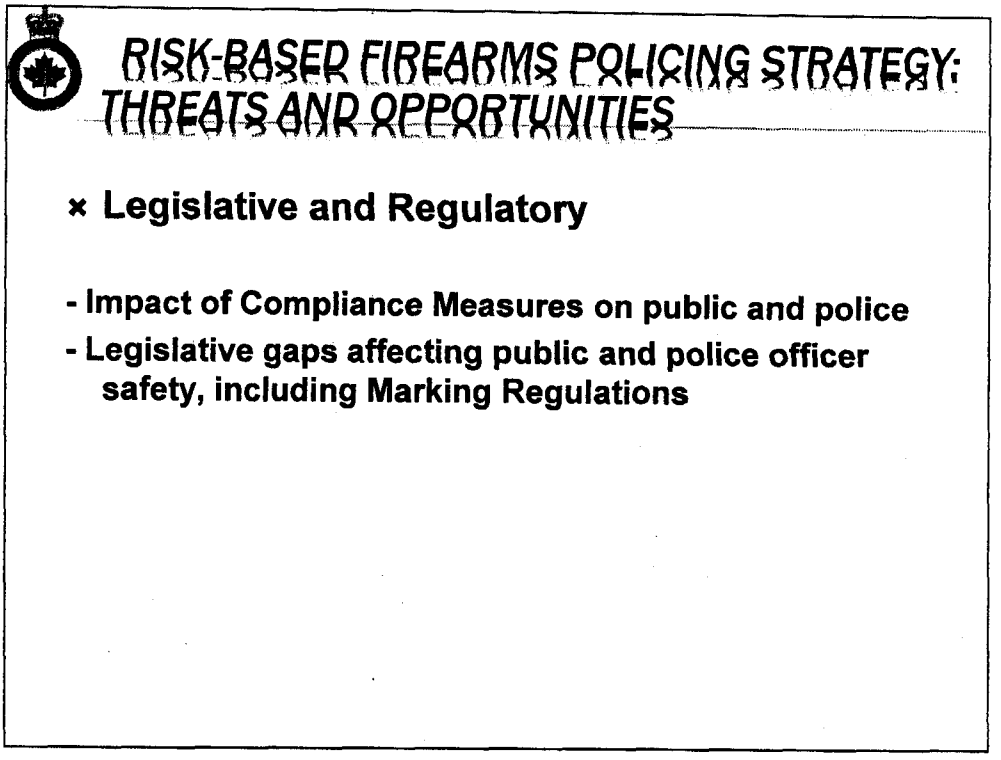

Information In, Information Out, and Training will alleviate some of the current Legislative and Regulatory risks.

Impacts of Compliance Measures since 2006:

-police confusion over regulations which increases liability for police (sect. 91 C.C.);

-increased public confusion, including a 10% reduction in license renewals;

-a reduction in public safety brought about by the inability to provide effective investigational assistance;

-a possible increase in black markets and stockpiling of firearms, and

-unnecessary increased costs of at least $13 million per year to implement these measures.

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RISK-BASED FIREARMS POLICING STRATEGY: THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

× **External Environment**

Lobby groups
Governments positions
Media
Public opinion

For each component under this risk , there are pro- and anti-, so they comprise threats and opportunties.

At present, we perceive that it seems weighted against the existing firearms regulations.

Addressing all of the other risks, especially Information Out, will help mitigate this risk.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER'S DIRECTOR OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

(Signature required)

ISSUE

On June 1, 2010, the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security met to discuss a motion from Mr. Mark Holland relating to the Canadian Firearms Program.

Members of the Committee requested that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) provide them with a copy of two reports:

- Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation (February 2010) (**TAB A**); and
- Canadian Firearms Centre Management Control Framework Audit (May 2010) (**TAB B**).

An English only version of the Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation was provided to your office on June 8, 2010. We have received the French translation of the report (**TAB A**). The RCMP has indicated that the report will be posted on their website on August 31, 2010.

A letter addressed to the Minister from the Commissioner is enclosed (**TAB C**).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister sign the letters, in both official languages, addressed to the Chair of the Committee, which will be sent to the Committee with the attached documentation (**TAB D**).

Jean Cintrat

Enclosures: (4)

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Ministre de la Sécurité publique Minister of Public Safety

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0P8

AOUT AUG 30 2010

M. Garry Breitkreuz, député
Président
Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale
131, rue Queen, 6e étage
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Monsieur le Député,

Le 1 juin 2010, le Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale s'est réuni pour discuter d'une motion présentée par M. Mark Holland concernant le Centre des armes à feu Canada.

Les membres du Comité ont demandé une copie de l'évaluation du Programme canadien des armes à feu de février 2010 ainsi qu'une copie de la vérification du Cadre de contrôle de gestion de mai 2010, qui sont présentées ci-joint. L'évaluation du Programme canadien des armes à feu de février 2010 sera disponible sur le site web de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (**www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca**) dans les jours à venir.

Espérant le tout à votre entière satisfaction, veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Député, mes salutations distinguées.

Vic Toews

Vic Toews, c.p., c.r., député

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Minister of Public Safety | Ministre de la Sécurité publique

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AOUT AUG 30 2010

Mr. Garry Breitkreuz, M.P.
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Breitkreuz:

On June 1, 2010, the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security met to discuss a motion from Mr. Mark Holland relating to the Canadian Firearms Program.

During the meeting, the Committee members requested copies of the Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation of February 2010 and the Canadian Firearms Centre Management Control Framework Audit of May 2010. The Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation of February 2010 will be available on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's website (www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca) in the coming days.

Please find enclosed the requested documents. I trust that the attached information is satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

Vic Toews

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

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Guénette, Christine

From: Grant, Jessica
Sent: February 23, 2010 2:26 PM
To: Murdock, Lyndon; Doyle, Ryan
Subject: RCMP Evaluation of the Canadian Firearms Program

FYI - RCMP senior management approved the evaluation yesterday. I'm trying to get a copy of it from the Program.

Jessica Grant
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THE GLOBE AND MAIL

March 10, 2010

Find more savings, police board tells chief

By KELLY GRANT
From Wednesday's Globe and Mail

Chief Bill Blair says move says will 'inevitably' lead to fewer officers on the street this year

CITY HALL BUREAU CHIEF

The city is getting tough on the police, demanding the force find another $4.1-million in savings in its 2010 budget - a move the police chief says will "inevitably" lead to fewer officers on the street this year.

At a hastily convened meeting last night, the Toronto Police Services Board decided to send Chief Bill Blair back to find more cuts, just one day after voting to resist the city's call for further spending restraint.

"The city doesn't want to come back and say, 'Cut the number of police officers.' Nobody's ever going to suggest that to me because politically that's a difficult thing to suggest," Chief Blair said after the meeting. "What they instead say is, 'We won't give you enough money to actually pay their salaries' so inevitably you have to cut the number of police officers."

The board can't tell Chief Blair where to cut. However, board chairman Alok Mukherjee made suggestions in a report written after he met yesterday with budget chief Shelley Carroll and board member Councillor Pam McConnell.

Mr. Mukherjee floated ideas including reducing the size of the September recruit class; postponing filling civilian positions for the rest of this year; reducing premium pay across the board; putting a moratorium on Toronto-police sponsored conferences and reviewing officers' participation in post-secondary education programs.

The wrangling over the police budget is more heated this year than it has been the past few, largely because city staff sought an across-the-board 5-per-cent cut to every department and agency.

The fight makes it plain how difficult it can be to rein in the force's spending by tinkering around the edges: The savings Chief Blair has been asked to find amount to just half a per cent of a budget that is expected to top $1-billion by 2011.

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"It's definitely been tougher to do this year than in the past," Ms. Carroll said. "But it's not out of line with any other division."

The financial tug-of-war between the police services board and the city has been going on since January, when the board approved an $892.2-million operating budget request, up $37.4-million or 4.4 per cent from 2009.

City staff rejected that increase as too steep. They demanded the force find an additional $4.1-million in savings to bring their requested budget hike down to 3.9 per cent.

The chief responded by laying out at a meeting Monday what he said Toronto police would have to do to achieve the 0.5-per-cent reduction: Eliminate the August and December recruit classes, thereby postponing the hiring of 258 new uniformed officers to replace those expected to retire or quit this year, for a savings of $3.8-million in 2010.

Toronto police have already cancelled the April class to save money. The police budget is driven by an arbitrated contract settlement that gave officers a 10-per-cent pay increase over three years, including a 3.16-per-cent bump this year. Salaries and benefits make up roughly 90 per cent of the police budget.

Chief Blair said the de facto hiring freeze would spur police brass to take officers out of schools, neighbourhoods and public transit to plug holes in front-line response. His argument prevailed at the Monday meeting, with only Councillor Adam Vaughan dissenting.

"I don't buy the fact that a half-a-per-cent reduction in our budget will generate a 5-per-cent cut in the police force. I can't accept that," Mr. Vaughan said yesterday before the special meeting was called.

David Soknacki, the budget chief in David Miller's first term, said the Toronto force needs to launch a sweeping review of its responsibilities because it's impossible to keep the police budget in check with one-off trims. "What they've done is built up their structure and it's very difficult to take just a little bit off," Mr. Soknacki said.

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THE GLOBE AND MAIL

March 9, 2010

If Ottawa fights a deficit, the military has no allies

By Eugene Lang
From Wednesday's Globe and Mail

Budget arithmetic and Canadian politics mean there's no way for the military to be exempt from a major program spending cut

Stephen Harper is the most pro-military prime minister since the Second World War. His government has pumped more money into the Canadian Forces than any of its predecessors. That's the conventional wisdom.

Consequently, many people were a little puzzled at last week's budget, when Mr. Harper's rock-ribbed administration announced a $2.5-billion cut to defence funding increases the Conservatives had committed to four years ago. This money, considered essential by the Department of National Defence, had been effectively banked to rectify acute equipment rust problems, especially in the navy. Some senior defence officials had even started referring to the funding commitments as a "contract" with the military.

So why did the government turn on its ally? The answer is straightforward, and is based on both arithmetic and politics.

First, let's dispense with some well-worn mythology. Mr. Harper's government never was the largest financial supporter of the military, not by a long shot. That distinction goes to the short-lived government of Paul Martin - the same Paul Martin who slashed and burned the defence budget as finance minister in the mid-1990s. Yet as prime minister, Mr. Martin increased defence funding by $13-billion over five years, the largest financial boost to the military in a generation. This is in contrast to the increase of $5-billion over five years that Mr. Harper's government promised in the 2006 budget.

Now for the arithmetic. The government is running a $50-billion deficit that it wants to eliminate in about five years. A good chunk of that will be accomplished when stimulus spending ends next year. But a fair bit of the red ink - what economists call the "structural deficit" - will remain. The Parliamentary Budget Officer estimates the structural deficit at about $20-billion.

This is the part that is hard to get rid of. The task is made even harder because the government has ruled out cutting transfers to provinces, reducing benefits to citizens or raising taxes. Eliminating the deficit is to be achieved through departmental program spending cuts alone. The $20-billion has to come from a pot of about $80-billion in total departmental program spending.

LEK Concludes that RCMP will be impacted.

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This is where DND comes to the fore as a matter of pure arithmetic. It is by far the largest and most costly department in the federal government, with a budget that accounts for about one-quarter of that $80-billion in departmental program spending. So regardless of how wedded any government is to the military, there is no conceivable way the Canadian Forces can be exempt from a major cut in a deficit elimination struggle focused entirely on departmental program spending.

Now, for the politics. Governments have paid steep political prices over the years for increasing taxes, cutting benefits and reducing transfers to provinces. Yet no government, Conservative or Liberal, has ever paid a discernible political price for slashing defence spending. It is simply not a priority for most Canadians.

Brian Mulroney's government cut the defence budget by nearly $3-billion in its ill-fated war on the deficit, and paid no political price whatsoever. Jean Chrétien's government virtually emasculated the DND budget, reducing it by one-third during its own deficit crusade, and got off politically scot-free.

While Canadians might be stronger supporters of the military now because of the sacrifices the men and women of the Canadian Forces have made in Afghanistan, it is unlikely that a big cut to a DND budget that approaches $20-billion a year will make any impression on the Canadian public.

In a hierarchy of public interests that includes low taxes, balanced budgets and retention of entitlements, most Canadians place military spending at the very bottom. In fact, there likely hasn't been a public-opinion survey in the history of this country that shows defence cracking into Canadians' top five priorities.

The basic lesson from all this is simple: No government, Conservative or Liberal, is pro-military when it is in a deficit fight. Arithmetic prevents this and politics permits it. That's the way it has been for decades, and that's the way it always will be.

Eugene Lang is co-author of The Unexpected War: Canada in Kandahar. *He was a senior economist at Finance Canada and chief of staff to two Liberal defence ministers.*

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NINTH ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE CANADIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION & CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE BOARDS

Thursday, March 11, 2010 - Army Officers Mess
149 Somerset St. W, Ottawa ON
Reception: 6:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm

Friday, March 12, 2010 – Canadian Room
Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa ON

Moderator: Mr. Norman E. Taylor, Principal, Net-L3.com

0730 – 0830 hrs **Breakfast**

0830 – 0845 hrs **Introduction**

0845 – 1015 hrs **Topic 1:**
Coalition on Sustainable Public Policing

Objective:
To update the associations on the work of the Coalition to date, and to introduce for discussion a new path forward under the leadership of the CAPB.

Speakers:
- Mr. Norman E. Taylor, Principal, Net-L3.com
- Mr. Fred Biro, CAPB
- Mr. Mike Buda, Director of Policy and Research, FCM
- Mr. Charles Momy, President, CPA

1015 – 1045 hrs **Network Break**

1045 – 1215 hrs. **Topic 2:**
National Firearms Strategy

Objective:
Primarily to bring the associations up to date on the purpose, mandate and work to date by the special purpose committee and seek an endorsement for support of the national strategy.

Secondary will be to further inform the associations on what the Canadian Firearms program is, how the RCMP manages it, and it's impact on public and police.

Speakers:
- Chief Superintendant Marty Cheliak, Director General Canadian Firearms Program
- Deputy Director Jean-Guy Gagnon, Montreal Police Service

1215 – 1315 hrs. **Lunch**

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1315 – 1445 hrs. **Topic 3: Burning Issues**

Objective:
The objective of this session is to identify other pressing issues that arise in the context of Topics 1 and 2, as well as those questions and concerns and topics of interest that participants wish to raise for the purposes of establishing a forward action agenda for the three associations.

1445 hrs **Conclusion**

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Attendee List

CPA Representatives

1) Mr. Charles **Momy**, President, CPA
2) Mr. Tom **Stamatakis**, Vice-President, CPA, President, Vancouver Police Union President, British Columbia Police Association
3) Mr. Yves **Francoeur**, Director, CPA, Président, Fraternité des policiers et policières de Montréal
4) Mr. Dave **Moore**, Director, CPA, President, Municipal Association of Police Personnel (Halifax)
5) Mr. Tony **Simioni**, Director, CPA, President, Edmonton Police Association
6) Ms. Glenda **Valair**, Director, CPA, Director, Mounted Police Association of Ontario

CAPB Representatives

7) Mr. Greg **Dionne**, President, Prince Albert Board of Police Commissioners, SK
8) Mayor Ivan **Court**, Vice-President, Saint John Board of Police Commissioners, NB
9) Mr. Fred **Biro**, Executive Director, Peel Regional Police Services Board
10) Ms. Carol Allison-**Burra**, Kingston Police Services Board, Ontario
11) Mr. Robert **Dunster**, Edmonton Police Commission, Alberta
12) Ms. Carol Ann **Hart**, New Westminster Police Board, British Columbia
13) Ms. Jennifer **Lanzon**, Executive Director, CAPB
14) Mr. Paul **McKivett**, Saanich Police Board, British Columbia
15) Mr. Derek **Mombourquette**, Cape Breton Regional Municipality Board of Police Commissioners, Nova Scotia
16) Mr. Mike **Shaikh**, Calgary Police Commission, Alberta
17) Mr. Wellington **Staats**, Six Nations Police Services Board, First Nations
18) Mr. David **Walker**, Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners, Nova Scotia

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CACP Representatives

19) Chief Bill **Blair**, President, CACP
20) Chief Mike **Boyd**, Vice President, CACP
21) Directeur adjoint Jean-Guy **Gagnon**, Vice President, CACP
22) Deputy Commissioner Raf **Souccar**, Vice President, CACP
23) Directeur general adjoint Steven **Chabot**, Past President, CACP
24) Ms. Lynda **Bordeleau**, Legal Counsel, CACP
25) Chief Myles **Burke**, Director-Nova Scotia, CACP
26) Mr. Peter **Cuthbert**, Executive Director, CACP
27) Director General Debra **Frazer**, Secretary-Treasurer, CACP
28) Assistant Commissioner Peter **German**, Director-BC, CACP
29) Chief Stan **Grier**, Director-First Nations, CACP
30) Directeur Mario **Harel**, Director-Quebec, CACP
31) Assistant Commissioner Gerry **Lynch**, RCMP
32) Chief Edgar **MacLeod**, Director-PEI, CACP
33) Chief Dale **McFee**, Director-Saskatchewan, CACP

Guests

34) Mr. Joshua **Bates**
35) Mr. Mike **Buda**, Director of Policy and Research, FCM
36) Chief Superintendant Marty **Cheliak**, Director General Canadian Firearms Program
37) Ms. Christine **Guénette**, Senior Policy Analyst, Policing Policy Directorate, Law Enforcement and Policing Branch, Public Safety Canada
38) Ms. Elena **Harder**
49) Mr. Lyndon **Murdock**, Director, Firearms and Operational Policing Division
40) Mr. Norman E. **Taylor**, Principal, Net-L3.com

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DRAFT STATEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION

TRIPARTITE MEETING MARCH 12, 2010

1. The work of individual police officers and civilian members of all police services is valued by the communities we serve; regardless of whether the member represents a federal, provincial or municipal agency.

2. The disconnect occurs at the political/governance level as funding sources do not align with policing responsibilities and legislated requirements.

3. This situation will only be further exacerbated by funding restraints at the federal and provincial levels as in the past this has led to downloads to municipal governments.

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4. CONCLUSION: The status quo is no longer viable.

5. SOLUTION:

- The parties request the federal government to commence the dialogue by acknowledging there is an issue to be addressed.
- The parties request the federal government to undertake a 'viability' or 'means' test with the introduction of any new legislation with the potential to impact municipal budgets or municipal police services. The principle of 'what additional costs if any' will result from the legislation combined with 'who pays?' should underpin the test.
- Conversely, the parties recognize and request the government to consider measures that can be taken which are cost-neutral to the federal government,

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but of assistance to the parties, either in reduced cost or greater efficiencies.

- The parties request that the federal government convene a meeting, to be held this calendar year, of all orders of government to explore in a constructive fashion the options available to provide a comprehensive framework for the delivery of police services that properly align resources with responsibilities. It would request the national bodies that represent policing be provided standing at this event as the 'content' experts who deliver police services to the vast majority of Canadians.

6. NEXT STEPS: If agreement can be reached at the tripartite meeting in support of the above statements and measures, the CAPB as the national association for municipal police governance, with support from the CACP and FCM and with the involvement of the CPA, will undertake the leadership role in advancing this agenda with the federal government.

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HIGHLIGHTS - NINTH ANNUAL JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATIONS, MARCH 12, 2010

The Agenda (**TAB A**) and Attendee List (**TAB B**) are attached. The meeting was moderated by Norm E. Taylor.

COALITION FOR SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC POLICING

Summary

The Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) has taken the lead in advancing the issues of sustainable public policing. The CAPB distributed A *Draft Statement for Consideration* (the Statement) to meeting participants for discussion (**TAB C**). It requests that the federal government:

- acknowledge that there is an issue to be addressed (related to the sustainability of public policing);
- undertake a "viability" or "means" test, with the introduction of new legislation that has the potential to have an impact on municipal budgets or municipal police services, to determine what additional costs would result from the legislation, and who is responsible for paying for them;
- take cost-neutral measures that result in reduced cost or greater efficiencies;
- convene a meeting, in this calendar year, of all orders of government, including municipal, with standing provided to the national police associations (NPAs), to explore options for a comprehensive framework for the delivery of police services that align resources with responsibilities.

The CAPB will amend the Statement based on discussions and will send it to the CACP and CPA for approval. It is not yet clear how the Coalition will disseminate the Statement once it has been finalized.

Presentations

Fred Biro, Director, CAPB

- The NPAs transferred the Coalition lead to the CAPB, because of the tension within the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) between a desire to be architects of policing and an unwillingness to interfere in governance matters. The CAPB represents governance bodies, therefore, it is the most appropriate organization to lead the work of the Coalition.

- Choices are being made that will affect the future of policing and most of these decisions are being made by default. An academic has declared the death of public policing, based on the pervasiveness of private policing. Publicly accountable

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policing is being eroded and is at risk. Strategic decisions have to be made now, or the world will not be recognizable in five years.

- Two articles from *The Globe and Mail* were distributed to the participants entitled "If Ottawa fights a deficit, the military has no allies", March 9, 2010; which discussed the deficit and likely cuts to the Department of National Defence; and, "Find more savings, police board tells chief", March 10, 2010, which concerned a budget conflict between the Toronto Police Services Board and the City of Toronto (**TAB D**).

Mike Buda, Director of Policy and Research, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

- There is a continuous national debate on how to finance health care, but no debate on how to sustain public policing. Municipalities receive a very small portion of the tax "pie". The FCM released a report in 2008, *Towards Equity and Efficiency in Policing, A Report on Policing Roles, Responsibilities and Resources in Canada*, which stated that contract municipalities receive a 30% "subsidy" from the federal government that is not provided to non-contract municipalities.

- The charge that municipal police officers are doing federal law enforcement is not a comment on the RCMP. Partnership at the operational level is strong. Federal policy decisions have resulted in reductions in RCMP capacity, e.g. cross-border drug interdiction due to short staffing of RCMP and CBSA. Local police have to fill any gaps where there is a threat to public safety, resulting in fewer resources for other municipal priorities.

- The FCM's primary concern in the current fiscal situation has been to protect gains already made and to guard against further offloading. The Government of Canada's crime agenda must include support for front-line police. The FCM will provide content support to the CAPB on the Statement.

Charles Momy, President, Canadian Police Association (CPA)

- Through the Police Officers Recruitment Fund, the federal government has acknowledged that it needs to play a role in municipal policing.

- Police funding and sustainability issues will be discussed at the CPA Annual General Meeting, April 19-21, 2010.

- Mr. Momy's view is that they will not convince the federal government to "cut a cheque" for municipal police services or for provincial/territorial governments. Instead, the federal government and the NPAs should be considering:

    - federal funding of costs caused by the results of court decisions, e.g. R. v. Stinchcombe, [1991] 1 S.C.R. 754, which held that the Crown has a duty to disclose information that can affect the case of a defendant, and the police have

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a corollary duty to provide information to the Crown. This decision resulted in high costs for police services related to disclosure;

- gaps filled by local police in areas which should be a federal responsibility, could be paid for by the federal governments, and continue to be filled by local police.

Discussion

Several participants commented on past successes attributable to the three associations adopting a common lobbying position. In 2007, the three NPAs took a common position on the need for a national drug strategy, and a few months later, the federal government announced the National Anti-Drug Strategy. Chief Dale McFee (Prince Albert) cited as successful lobby efforts obtaining priority for H1N1 vaccinations and obtaining the continued incarceration of an inmate convicted of killing a police officer.

There was a consensus among meeting participants that the Government of Canada was unlikely to provide any funding to municipal police services in the current fiscal situation. C. Momy reiterated his view that the Government might be willing to fund targeted initiatives to combat crime. It was suggested that, over the next 3 to 5 years, the NPAs should work to create an opening for the federal government to provide financial assistance or come up with measures to allow the federal government and provincial/territorial partners to help them when the fiscal situation improves.

Another means for the federal government to assist would be to pass legislation that would decrease municipal police costs. For example, a Supreme Court of Canada decision provides that Internet Service Providers have to provide service at no cost, but this is not being enforced. Chief William Blair (Toronto) mentioned *R. v. Campbell*, [1999] 1 S.C.R. 565: the federal government amended the *Criminal Code* to ensure that police could undertake certain activities during a sting operation that would normally be illegal.

Chief Blair remarked that the areas in which municipal police should receive assistance are those areas that have impacts beyond local jurisdictions:

- national security;
- emergency preparedness on a national level;
- organized crime;
- cyber-crime.

Tom Stamatakis (Vancouver Police Union), Director, CPA, pointed out that municipalities take on too many functions that are not typically within the scope of municipal governments. The municipal governments are the group most resistant to change.

Norm Taylor concluded the session as follows:

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- there is a consensus on the draft Statement, which will be amended pursuant to discussions;
- municipal police clearly cannot continue to be funded by ratepayers, but people are resistant to change; and,
- participants are mindful that politicians are not interested in entertaining proposals that would require amending the Canadian Constitution.

Next steps: Fred Biro will amend the document and send it out again to the CACP and the CPA for review and approval. The NPAs will continue to communicate with each other on next steps to advance the Statement. The CAPB also committed to suggesting to the provincial police boards that they follow suit by providing a statement to provincial political leaders.

NATIONAL FIREARMS STRATEGY

Summary

- The CACP Committee to develop a National Firearms Strategy (the Committee) will develop a joint communications plan/campaign, directed at the public, political leaders and the NPAs' members, to counter the powerful and effective anti-Registry lobby. It will be developed on the basis of communications plans of the Toronto Police Service, Montreal Police Service and RCMP.

- It should be ready for review and approval by the NPAs in time for the next Committee meeting, scheduled for March 30-31, 2010.

- The CAPB and CPA said that they support the development of a National Firearms Strategy and will participate.

- Charles Momy, President, CPA, would like to have the communication plan and a fact sheet in time for the CPA's legislative conference, annual general meeting and "Police Day on Parliament Hill" (April 19-20, 2010), which is the CPA Lobby Day.

Presentations

Directeur Adjoint Jean-Guy Gagnon, Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM), Co-Chair, CACP Special Purpose Committee on a National Firearms Strategy.

- SPVM's involvement in the Committee has its roots in gun problems and tragic events that have occurred in Montreal:

    - violent crime: typically, a firearm is involved;

    - organized crime;

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- three school shootings:
    - École polytechnique,1989;
    - Concordia University, 1992; and,
    - Dawson College, 2006.

- The Committee's vision is "Canada is a safe place to live" and its mission is to "Improve public and police officer safety with respect to the use and misuse of firearms."

- The Committee evaluated operational, strategic, legal and informational issues and applied the Impact/Probability Table to risk areas (see presentation under **TAB E**). The strategic risk matrix provides mitigation advice in terms of the required degree of acceptance, monitoring and management of the risk, and the degree of leadership required to address the risk. The Committee is using the Impact/Probability Table to organize themselves and their policies. The following are the first five priority risk areas:

    1) "Information in" - sharing of intelligence; data and statistics; operations data – and "information out" – media (consistent communications strategy).

    2) Operations – focus on enforcement of revocations and prohibited weapons legislation – Toronto Police Model "Safe City Streets." Share practices of all police services and develop national standards.

    3) Human resources – training police and Chief Firearms Officers on the Firearms Program and their roles and responsibilities.

    4) Legislation and regulation - C-391 has legislative gaps that affect police and public safety and there are concerns about the impact of compliance measures: police and public confusion; reduction in public safety; possible increase in black markets and stockpiling; $13 million per year to implement measures. Firearms markings were also identified as a gap.

    5) External environment: lobby groups; government position; media; and, public opinion.

<u>Chief Superintendent Marty Cheliak, Director General, Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) and Co-Chair of the CACP Special Purpose Committee on a National Firearms Strategy</u>

C/Supt. Cheliak described the services provided by the CFP (**TAB F**). He then described and corrected a number of myths related to firearms and the gun registry and presented some statistics on guns and the Registry:

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- Myth no. 1: eliminating the long-gun registry would save a lot of money.

  The reality is that it would only save $3 to $4 million out of a $68 million budget.

- Myth no. 2: crimes are committed mostly with handguns.

- Myth no. 3: the Registry is mismanaged and inefficient and registration is very complicated.

  A recent audit and evaluation concluded that the Registry is well-managed and efficient. Thought it has a $68 million budget, the CFP expended less than $50 million last year. However, applying for a licence does take a long time.

- Myth no. 4: computer hackers have breached the Registry many times.

  In reality, the Registry has never been breached.

- Myth no. 5: crimes are committed by unregistered guns, because criminals do not register their guns.

- Myth no. 6: front-line police do not use the registry.

  Peter Germain indicated that front-line RCMP Officers routinely check the Registry for every domestic disturbance call, and other types of calls. Further, when an officer queries the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC), it automatically links to the Canadian Firearms Registry On-line. There are 2,700 queries of the Registry per day related to addresses.

- Myth no. 7: there is little support for the registry in the policing community.

- Myth no. 8: the Registry has no impact on police and peace officer safety.

C/Supt. Cheliak stated that the Registry holds people to account and provides an incentive to report stolen firearms; and that Bill C-391 will not leave police any place to start investigations as there is no requirement to document purchases at point of sale.

Discussion

Chief Blair indicated that the anti-Registry lobby, which has lots of money and gets information from U.S. gun lobby groups, propagated the myths and that police had not been in a good position to respond. Many participants felt that the NPAs and police services should be reading from the same fact-sheet, and should use the statistics

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provided by C/Supt. Cheliak, who indicated that they were available to NPAs and police services.

A number of participants at the Joint Meeting have been told by Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament that they got their information, consisting of some of the myths mentioned above, from "a cop in a donut shop" (including Candice Hoeppner, M.P., who introduced Private Member's Bill C-391, *Repeal of Long-Gun Registry*).

CAPB Directors who recently lobbied M.P.s on Parliament Hill said that the Conservatives do not care about the facts. Their position is ideological and based on fulfilling a platform commitment. No amount of statistics will change their minds (74% of Canadians support gun control). Therefore, there is a need to appeal to other groups, e.g. voters. However, it was suggested that it would be a mistake to take address the issue publicly during a political campaign.

Members of opposition parties have indicated that the three NPAs need to speak up with a common position.

Chief Blair believes that the Government could meet some of the concerns of the anti-registration lobby, rather than abolishing the long gun registry. For example, non-registration of long guns could be decriminalized. Further, there should be an appeal to property owners and the advantage of having stolen property returned due to the gun registry.

Chief Blair suggested that the communications strategy has to go beyond politicians and that Chiefs of Police and police associations should be speaking to their Members of Parliament, their communities, editorial boards of local newspapers, from coast to coast. He also said that advocates against violence against women would support a campaign in favour of the long-gun registry.

Chief Mike Boyd (Edmonton) informed the group that the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Chiefs' Associations would be assembling to discuss some issues related to the long gun registry (some of the Western associations support abolishment of the long gun registry).

C/Supt. Cheliak committed to have a draft communications plan, subject to Chief Blair's approval, for the Committee meeting scheduled for March 30-31, 2010. CAPB and CPA will be included to ensure there is agreement on the content of the communications plan. They may also include representatives from western groups who support abolishment of the Registry.

BURNING ISSUES

The Agenda item, Burning Issues, allows participants to raise pressing concerns, which are briefly discussed, if there is sufficient interest.

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1. Greg Dionne, President, CAPB: **the NPAs should communicate and join forces** when they know that an issue of concern is coming through a parliamentary committee. For example, the Government will review *Criminal Code* provisions on using the breathalyser, which could result in costs for police services.

2. Edgar MacLeod, Director, CAPB and Co-Chair, **Canadian Police Sector Council (CPSC)** raised the possibility of NPAs writing to the Minister about getting more support from Public Safety Canada for the CPSC. Initially, Mr. MacLeod referenced financial support, but later retracted, saying that the CPSC seemed to have all the funding it needs from HRSDC to undertake its projects this year. However, he would like to see the Department actively involved and interested in the CPSC.

3. Chief Blair: leadership, collective action and coordination will be required in relation to emergency preparedness, particularly **radio interoperability**. Economies of scale will have to be created to replace infrastructure, as large parts of the country will not be able to support it.

4. Chief Blair: Canada is poised to make real progress in relation to **lawful access**, but there are still privacy issues.

5. Chief Blair: there is value in knowing the position of each association on **Conducted Energy Weapons**, with the hope of reaching consensus on how accountability can be achieved.

6. Chief Boyd (Edmonton) raised **provincial funding cuts** ("slashing and burning") made without taking into account how they are downloaded to police forces. The paradigm of "do more with less" is exhausted, and police services will have to change the way they do business.

7. C. Momy raised **mental health in the workplace**. Mr. Momy has spoken to Bill Wilderson who is doing work on this subject 25for the RCMP. Police have a tendency to shy away from this subject. Downloading from the federal and provincial governments affects the mental health of front-line police. Chief Blair added that both mental health in communities and the mental health of police officers are important issues.

8. Ivan Court raised the need to **reduce the amount of time it takes to process criminal justice cases**.

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Strasbourg, Christina

From: Easson, Grant

Sent: May 28, 2010 4:42 PM

To: Cyr, Lynne; Mountjoy, Kathryn; 'Charles-Eric Lepine'

Cc: Potter, Mark; 'Nicole Rainville'; Mcelhone, Kathryn; Maurice, Sandra; Murdock, Lyndon; Cintrat, Jean; Strasbourg, Christina

Subject: SECU meeting - Tuesday, June 1

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security will meet Tuesday, June 1, to commence their clause-by-clause consideration of PMB C-391. The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be devoted to addressing the issue of obtaining two RCMP documents. For your reference, I have provided the links to both the Committee notice and a media release on the Liberal Party Website that speaks to this matter.

http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=4563572&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=40&Ses=3

http://www.liberal.ca/en/newsroom/media-releases/18244_harper-government-suppresses-rcmp-proof-that-gun-registry-works

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From: Easson, Grant
Sent: June 2, 2010 2:32 PM
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Cc: Mcelhone, Kathryn; 'Nicole Rainville'; Strasbourg, Christina; Cintrat, Jean
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From: Easson, Grant
Sent: June 3, 2010 9:39 AM
To: Strasbourg, Christina
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Importance: High

Attachments: RM 10-003119 Letter to the Minister.wpd; RM 10-003119 letter to chair.wpd; Firearms Evaluation Final DEC Approved Report.doc; CAFC Final Audit Report_ENG.pdf; CAFC Final Audit Report_FRA.pdf

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Bonjour Grant,

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The hard copies will be sent to you via regular mail today.

Best regards,

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From: Easson, Grant
Sent: June 3, 2010 10:06 AM
To: Kent, Andrea
Cc: Minna, Fernando; Strasbourg, Christina; Cintrat, Jean
Subject: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Importance: High

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From: Easson, Grant
Sent: June 3, 2010 10:09 AM
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Lynne/Kathryn,

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From: Charles-Eric Lepine [Charles-Eric.Lepine@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: June 7, 2010 2:44 PM
To: Strasbourg, Christina
Cc: Nicole Rainville
Subject: RCMP CFP Documents

Both the Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010 and the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program, will be posted on the RCMP website once translation is complete.

I cannot confirm yet when, and or whether they will be posted on the TBS website - but I do assume so.

CE

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Strasbourg, Christina

From: Easson, Grant
Sent: June 8, 2010 3:20 PM
To: Kent, Andrea; Minna, Fernando
Cc: Cintrat, Jean; Strasbourg, Christina
Subject: SECU motion - RCMP documents

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From: Easson, Grant
Sent: June 15, 2010 10:09 PM
To: Cintrat, Jean
Subject: Re: SECU motion - RCMP documents

Still with MO

From: Cintrat, Jean
To: Easson, Grant
Cc: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: Tue Jun 15 21:43:33 2010
Subject: RE: SECU motion - RCMP documents

Do we know?

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From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: June 14, 2010 11:04 PM
To: Easson, Grant
Subject: RE: SECU motion - RCMP documents

What's the status of # 1?

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From: Easson, Grant
Sent: August 18, 2010 3:48 PM
To: Strasbourg, Christina
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Importance: High

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From: Easson, Grant
Sent: August 20, 2010 4:37 PM
To: 'Charles-Eric Lepine'
Cc: Strasbourg, Christina; Cintrat, Jean; Desnoyers, Christine; Helen Hopfauf; Mcelhone, Kathryn; Nicole Rainville
Subject: RE: Canadian Firearms Program - Evaluation - February 2010 document

Thanks Charles....

Could you advise Jean once you have additional information with respect to where we are at with the CFP Evaluation document as I will be back in the office after Labour Day.

Grant Easson
991-3311

-----Original Message-----
From: Charles-Eric Lepine [mailto:Charles-Eric.Lepine@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: August 19, 2010 4:28 PM
To: Easson, Grant
Cc: Strasbourg, Christina; Cintrat, Jean; Desnoyers, Christine; Helen Hopfauf; Mcelhone, Kathryn; Nicole Rainville
Subject: Re: Canadian Firearms Program - Evaluation - February 2010 document

Hi Grant,

As discussed with you over the phone, we are looking into this and we'll get back to you asap.

Regards,

CE

>>> "Easson, Grant" <Grant.Easson@ps-sp.gc.ca> 8/19/2010 12:28 PM >>>
Charles,

The Minister's Office has just advised our office that they would like a signed version of the RCMP's Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation document. They are uncertain that the current version represents a final version.

In addition, they are seeking a rough estimate as to when the French version of this document will be available.

Thanks!

Grant Easson
991-3311

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Sent: August 18, 2010 4:09 PM
To: 'Charles-Eric Lepine'
Cc: Desnoyers, Christine; Helen Hopfauf; Mcelhone, Kathryn; Nicole Rainville; Cintrat, Jean
Subject: RE: CAFC Audit

Salut Charles,

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Sorry for my convoluted message - I was asking if there was an executive summary for the *Evaluation* as opposed to the Audit.

Nevertheless, I take your response to mean there is no executive summary of the Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation (February 2010), and notwithstanding the Evaluation was not signed and dated, this document is considered to be the final version. I will pass this along to Ryan Doyle.

MO had no questions with respect to the Canada Firearms Centre CAFC Management Control Framework MCF Audit.

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Subject: CAFC Audit

Hi Grant,

In response to your voice mail message, I can confirm that yes, the Canada Firearms Centre CAFC Management Control Framework MCF Audit - even though not signed - is official. And unfortunately no, we do not have an executive summary of this audit.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could also advise Ryan Doyle from the Ministers office of same, as he has also asked for this information from Christine Desnoyers, here at ES&ML.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, should you have any further questions and or concerns.

Regards,

CE

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From: Charles-Eric Lepine [Charles-Eric.Lepine@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: August 24, 2010 8:49 AM
To: Strasbourg, Christina
Cc: Nicole Rainville
Subject: Re: FW: RCMP letter

Attachments: 10-003119.pdf

10-003119.pdf (57 KB)

As requested, pls refer to attachment.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, should you have any further requirements.

CE

>>> "Strasbourg, Christina" <Christina.Strasbourg@ps-sp.gc.ca>
8/23/2010 1:39 PM >>>
Hi CE,

Do you have a scanned copy of the attached letter with Commissioner Elliott's signature on it? If so, can you please forward it to me?

Thanks,

Christina

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From: Strasbourg, Christina
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To: Easson, Grant
Subject: RCMP letter
Importance: High

RCMP letter that accompanied the e-package.

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The Honourable Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety
269 Laurier Avenue West
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Dear Mr. Toews:

On June 1, 2010, the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security met to discuss a Motion from Mark Holland (Liberal MP) relating to the Canadian Firearms Program.

The Committee members requested copies of the Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010 and the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program. Please find enclosed, the requested supporting documentation for your review and distribution to the Committee.

Also enclosed, for your consideration and signature, is a letter addressed to the Chair of the Committee.

I trust that the document satisfactorily responds to the Committee's questions. The RCMP would be pleased to provide further information if required.

Yours sincerely,

William J.S. Elliott

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Mr. Garry Breitkreuz, M.P.
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Dear Mr. Breitkreuz:

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Yours sincerely,

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

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From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:13 AM
To: Maurice, Sandra
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Hi Sandra,

I can't seem to find the original e-mail Grant received from the Clerk of the Committee. The closest item I could find in the trail is provided below.

Hope this helps,

Christina

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Charles-Éric,

Notwithstanding the minutes posted by the Committee (that might be amended), the Clerk has just confirmed the Committee formally requests the following two documents from the RCMP:

1. The Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010; and 2. The internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program for roughly the same time period.

The Committee has asked to be provided these documents as soon as possible - even if the documents are not available in both official languages. As you are aware, there is a possibility the Bill will come up for a vote in the House in short order.

Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

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Strasbourg, Christina

From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:34 AM
To: Cintrat, Jean
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Importance: High

Attachments: Firearms Evaluation Final DEC Approved Report.doc; CAFC Final Audit Report_ENG.pdf; CAFC Final Audit Report_FRA.pdf

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER'S DIRECTOR OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

(Signature required)

ISSUE

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- Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation (February 2010) **(TAB B)**
- Internal Audit of the Canadian Firearms Program **(TAB C)**

The Committee agreed to receive a copy of the Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program (February 2010) in English only.

Both documents will eventually be made public on the RCMP website.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Minister sign the letters, in both official languages, addressed to the Chair of the Committee, which will be sent to the Committee with the attached documentation **(TAB D)**.

Jean Cintrat

Enclosures: (4)

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Mr. Garry Breitkreuz, M.P.
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
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Dear Mr. Breitkreuz:

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Yours sincerely,

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

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Président
Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale
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Monsieur le Député,

Le 1 juin 2010, le Comité permanent de la sécurité publique et nationale s'est réuni pour discuter d'une motion présenté par M. Mark Holland concernant le Centre d'armes à feu Canada.

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Espérant le tout à votre entière satisfaction, veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Député, mes salutations distinguées.

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Thanks!

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http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=4575385&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=40&Ses=3

Mr. Mark Holland:

Right. At the last meeting I articulated the two documents that were being sought. One is the Canadian firearms program evaluation of February 2010, and the second is the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian firearms program that was around the same period of time. I'll move that as a motion.

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It's clear that the committee would be requesting these documents of the RCMP commissioner.

[...]

Mrs. Maria Mourani (Ahuntsic, BQ):

Mr. Chairman, I would simply like to indicate, for the clerk's information, that documents must be provided to us in both official languages. Indeed, I received the minister's responses in English. When the minister appeared before us, a few months ago, we asked him several questions to which we have received answers. I do not know if everyone received them in the same format as I did. In these answers, there were parts in French and others in English. I do not know if this went through the clerk, but I, for one, did not receive the full answers in French.

I would therefore like to have the minister's answers as well as these documents, in French, as quickly as possible.

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: August 26, 2010 2:04 PM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: RE: RCMP report on Firearms

Hi Ry,

To close the loop, I flipped a copy of the e-mail we received from Grant.

From: Doyle, Ryan
Sent: August 26, 2010 8:55 AM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Cc: Fergusson, Janis; Maurice, Sandra; Syme, Christina
Subject: RE: RCMP report on Firearms

Hi Andrea,

We have the report; however, we do not have any detailed briefing note or summary on it. If you would like, we can have someone make you a copy.

Ry

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From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2010 8:37 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: Fergusson, Janis
Subject: RCMP report on Firearms

Good morning,

I will be receiving the RCMP report on Firearms this morning and will be developing lines. Will you be available today to review the lines - the turnaround time will be rather quick.

Many thanks

Andrea

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Lavoie, Micheline
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:46 PM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra
Subject: FW: Lines for ADM Report -

FYI. Approved!!!

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From: Cyr, Lynne
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:39 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Cc: Hannan, Andrew; Lavoie, Micheline; Durand, Stéphanie
Subject: RE: Lines for ADM Report -

Approved, by the ADM, without changes.

Lynne Cyr

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From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:36 PM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Hannan, Andrew
Subject: RE: Lines for ADM Report -

Many thanks!

Andrea

From: Cyr, Lynne
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:35 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Cc: Hannan, Andrew
Subject: RE: Lines for ADM Report -

ok, I will bring to ADM's attention immediately.

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From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:35 PM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Hannan, Andrew
Subject: RE: Lines for ADM Report -

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she has seen them, as has asked that I send them to you - these are Ministerial lines - we were asked to ensure they were accurate.

Andrea

From: Cyr, Lynne
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:33 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Subject: RE: Lines for ADM Report -

and Stephanie is fine with them?

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From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:32 PM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Fergusson, Janis; Durand, Stéphanie; Lavoie, Micheline; Cintrat, Jean
Subject: Lines for ADM Report -

Please find below Ministerial lines.

These lines have been verified by Parl Affairs and PPD as accurate.

Thanks

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Andrea

- The RCMP is processing the request from the Standing Committee, and giving it standard due diligence according to public service guidelines.

- It is anticipated that the RCMP will provide the Minister of Public Safety a final, signed and translated version of the evaluation in the coming days.

- Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister.

- The Minister will then transmit the report to the Chair of the committee (via the clerk).

From: McDonald, Andrea
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Fergusson, Janis; Durand, Stéphanie; Lavoie, Micheline; Cintrat, Jean
Sent: Thu Aug 26 12:57:10 2010
Subject: RE: Report

Just to clarify - these are **Ministerial** lines that require **URGENT** fact checking.

Many thanks

Andrea

What are the next steps (re the official signed report to the Minister)

- The RCMP is processing the request from the Standing Committee, and giving it standard due diligence according to

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public service guidelines.

- Public Safety Canada is waiting for the RCMP to forward the final, signed and translated version from the RCMP.

- Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister.

- The Minister will then submit to the SECU Committee Clerk, in fulfillment of the undertaking given by the RCMP when they appeared before committee.

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Lavoie, Micheline
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:34 PM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra
Subject: RE: Lines for ADM Report -

Lynne,

I support these final lines. Please proceed with ADM approval.

Micheline

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From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:32 PM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Fergusson, Janis; Durand, Stéphanie; Lavoie, Micheline; Cintrat, Jean
Subject: Lines for ADM Report -

Please find below Ministerial lines.

These lines have been verified by Parl Affairs and PPD as accurate.

Thanks

Andrea

- The RCMP is processing the request from the Standing Committee, and giving it standard due diligence according to public service guidelines.

- It is anticipated that the RCMP will provide the Minister of Public Safety a final, signed and translated version of the evaluation in the coming days.

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- Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister.

- The Minister will then transmit the report to the Chair of the committee (via the clerk).

From: McDonald, Andrea
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Fergusson, Janis; Durand, Stéphanie; Lavoie, Micheline; Cintrat, Jean
Sent: Thu Aug 26 12:57:10 2010
Subject: RE: Report

Just to clarify - these are **Ministerial** lines that require **URGENT** fact checking.

Many thanks

Andrea

What are the next steps (re the official signed report to the Minister)

- The RCMP is processing the request from the Standing Committee, and giving it standard due diligence according to public service guidelines.

- Public Safety Canada is waiting for the RCMP to forward the final, signed and translated version from the RCMP.

- Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister.

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- The Minister will then submit to the SECU Committee Clerk, in fulfillment of the undertaking given by the RCMP when they appeared before committee.

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Doyle, Ryan

From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:25 PM
To: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Lavoie, Micheline
Cc: Durand, Stéphanie; Fergusson, Janis
Subject: RE: Lines updated

I will send it forward to Lynne

Thanks again,

Andrea

From: Doyle, Ryan
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:15 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Lavoie, Micheline
Cc: Durand, Stéphanie; Fergusson, Janis
Subject: RE: Lines updated

Andrea, here are some proposed changes that are currently in for approval:

- The RCMP is processing the request from the Standing Committee, and giving it standard due diligence according to public service guidelines.

- It is anticipated that the RCMP will provide the Minister of Public Safety a final, signed and translated version of the evaluation in the coming days.

- Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister.

- The Minister will then submit to the SECU Committee Clerk a copy of the final evaluation as committed to by the Government of Canada.

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From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2010 1:14 PM
To: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Lavoie, Micheline
Cc: Durand, Stéphanie; Fergusson, Janis
Subject: Lines updated

Parliamentary Affairs has reviewed - last bullet has been updated.

Andrea

- The RCMP is processing the request from the Standing Committee, and giving it standard due diligence according to public service guidelines.

- Public Safety Canada is waiting for the RCMP to forward the final, signed and translated version from the RCMP.

- Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister.

- The Minister will transmit the report to the Chair of the committee (via the clerk).

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:25 PM
To: 'Martin.Burtt@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca'
Cc: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: FW: RCMP Evaluation

Attachments: Firearms Evaluation Final DEC Approved Report.doc; Picture (Metafile)

Hi Martin,

As per Ryan's request, please find following the Canadian Firearms Evaluation of February 2010.

Firearms Evaluation Final DEC ...

Sandra

From: Doyle, Ryan
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:19 PM
To: Maurice, Sandra
Cc: 'Martin.Burtt@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca'
Subject: RCMP Evaluation

Sandra,

Can you forward Martin a copy of the RCMP's evaluation.

Ry

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: August 26, 2010 12:24 PM
To: Lavoie, Micheline; Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Hello,

For your information, I have been advised that the Clerk of the Committee usually makes the requests for documents via e-mail and unfortunately the original request has not been found.

Please see the e-mail exchange that Christina could find.

Sandra

-----Original Message-----
From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:13 AM
To: Maurice, Sandra
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Hi Sandra,

I can't seem to find the original e-mail Grant received from the Clerk of the Committee. The closest item I could find in the trail is provided below.

Hope this helps,

Christina

Christina Strasbourg
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>>> "Easson, Grant" <Grant.Easson@ps-sp.gc.ca> 10/06/02 2:31 PM >>>
Charles-Éric,

Notwithstanding the minutes posted by the Committee (that might be amended), the Clerk has just confirmed the Committee formally requests the following two documents from the RCMP:

1. The Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010; and 2. The internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program for roughly the same time period.

The Committee has asked to be provided these documents as soon as possible - even if the documents are not available in both official languages. As you are aware, there is a possibility the Bill will come up for a vote in the House in short order.

Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=4576345&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=40&Ses=3

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Scott McDougall [Scott.McDougall@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: August 26, 2010 11:56 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: TB Policy on Evaluation

FYI - note Part 6 in particular -

http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=15024&section=text#cha7

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Doyle, Ryan

From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: August 26, 2010 11:47 AM
To: Lavoie, Micheline; Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Fergusson, Janis; Durand, Stéphanie; Hannan, Andrew
Subject: RE: Report

After consultation with Parl Affairs, these are the updated lines

- Public Safety Canada Parliamentary Affairs received the Canadian Firearms Program Report from the RCMP on June 3rd, 2010.

- Parliamentary Affairs provided the report to the Minister's Office electronically on June 3rd. An unsigned English only hard copy of the report was provided to the Minister's Office on June 8th as per standard procedure.

- In order to meet Official Language requirements and to respect Parliamentary Committee process, the RCMP report is being translated.

If pressed

- The RCMP have confirmed to media that the report is still in translation and should be available for posting within the next week

Many thanks

Andrea

From: Lavoie, Micheline
Sent: August 26, 2010 11:26 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Fergusson, Janis; McDonald, Andrea; Durand, Stéphanie
Subject: FW: Report

Lynne,

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Comms have provided us with media lines to review. The Firearms team and I have reviewed the lines and we support them with no change.

Please provide the lines for ADM Wex approval.

Merci!

Micheline

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From: Fergusson, Janis
To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: Thu Aug 26 11:05:54 2010
Subject: FW: Report

Hi Ryan,

We were asked to draft lines on the Firearms Report (specifically on timelines). These lines are currently being reviewed by parl affairs for accuracy. Can you also have a look and advise if you are ok with them? Thanks.

Janis

- Public Safety Canada received the Canadian Firearms Report from the RCMP on June 3rd, 2010.

- Parliamentary Affairs provided the report to the Minister's Office electronically on June 3rd. A docket with an English only hard copy of the report along with a cover memo were provided to the Minister's Office on June 8th.

- In order to meet Official Language requirements (SECU, Bloc) and to respect Parliamentary Committee process, the RCMP report must be available

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in both official languages.

If pressed

- The RCMP have confirmed to media that the report is still in translation and should be available for posting within the next week

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Lavoie, Micheline
Sent: August 26, 2010 11:16 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra
Subject: FW:

Attachments: image001.gif; image002.gif; image003.gif; image004.gif

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image002.gif (460 B)

image003.gif (197 B)

image004.gif (262 B)

Ryan,

More information on SECU proceedings.

Micheline

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From: Cyr, Lynne
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:42 AM
To: Wex, Richard
Cc: Lavoie, Micheline; Mountjoy, Kathryn
Subject: FW:

FYI. - latest.

From: Durand, Stéphanie
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:39 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Cintrat, Jean; McDonald, Andrea; Hannan, Andrew
Subject: Re:

Merci.
Jean: we should chat.

Stéphanie Durand

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From: Cyr, Lynne
To: Durand, Stéphanie
Sent: Thu Aug 26 10:36:45 2010
Subject: FW:

From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:32 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Wex, Richard; Mountjoy, Kathryn
Subject: RE:

Sorry, the report was in fact emailed to Parliamentary Affairs on June 3 from the RCMP and forwarded minutes later to the MO. A standard docket with cover memo, letters to the clerk and the report was created on June 3 and was received in MO on June 8.

Jean Cintrat

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From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:23 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Wex, Richard; Mountjoy, Kathryn
Subject: RE:

The report was received in Parliamentary Affairs from the RCMP on June 6 by email. It was forwarded to MO minutes later

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on June 6. A hard copy with our standard docket and cover memo was sent to the MO on June 8.

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From: Cyr, Lynne
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:16 AM
To: Cintrat, Jean
Cc: Wex, Richard; Mountjoy, Kathryn
Subject: RE:

Thanks. Just to reconfirm our recent call, Parliamentary Affairs received copy of the report on June 8 and immediately shared it with our MO.Is this right? If so, could I get a copy of the email, if one was sent.

Merci - Lynne

From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:13 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Subject:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Garry Breitkreuz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Garry Breitkreuz, Don Davies, Luc Desnoyers, Shelly Glover, Mark Holland, Andrew Kania, Dave MacKenzie, Phil McColeman, Maria Mourani, Rick Norlock, Brent Rathgeber and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Associate Members present: Candice Hoeppner.

In attendance: *Library of Parliament*: Lyne Casavant, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to address the issue of obtaining two RCMP documents.

It was agreed, — That the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be asked to submit to the Committee the two

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documents referred to by William Sweeney during his appearance before the Committee on Thursday, May 4, 2010, specifically:

1) Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation, February 2010;

2)An internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms program from around the same time.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 3, 2010, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-391, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act (repeal of long-gun registry).

Don Davies moved, — That the clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-391, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act (repeal of long-gun registry), be on Thursday, June 3, 2010, and on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

Debate arose thereon.

Mark Holland moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words " and Tuesday, June 8, 2010" and replacing them by the following "and that the Committee continue until finished".

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Mark Holland moved, — That this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1 (1), recommends that the House of Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-391, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act (repeal of long-gun registry), because the Committee has heard sufficient testimony that the bill will dismantle a tool that promotes and enhances public security and the safety of Canadian police officers.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Roger Préfontaine
Clerk of the Committee

2010/06/02 2:39 p.m.

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Lise Saucier [Lise.Saucier@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: August 26, 2010 11:13 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: Eval - CFP

Salut Ryan! Got your message - I spoke with Corey Lerat who will follow-up on this with you.

Lise

Lise Saucier
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Doyle, Ryan

From: Lavoie, Micheline
Sent: August 26, 2010 11:02 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: Murdock, Lyndon; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Importance: High

Attachments: Firearms Evaluation Final DEC Approved Report.doc; CAFC Final Audit Report_ENG.pdf; CAFC Final Audit Report_FRA.pdf

Firearms Evaluation Final DEC ...

CAFC Final Audit Report_ENG.pd...

CAFC Final Audit Report_FRA.pd...

Ryan,

FYI

Micheline

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From: Cyr, Lynne
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:44 AM
To: Wex, Richard
Cc: Durand, Stéphanie; Lavoie, Micheline
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents
Importance: High

FYI - Official email from our PA Office to MO.
-----Original Message-----
From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:38 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents
Importance: High

Voici le courriel du 3 juin.

-----Original Message-----
From: Easson, Grant
Sent: June 3, 2010 10:06 AM
To: Kent, Andrea
Cc: Minna, Fernando; Strasbourg, Christina; Cintrat, Jean
Subject: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents
Importance: High

Andrea,

Please find attached a copy of the Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010 and the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program as requested by the Standing

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Committee on Public Safety and National Security. This will formally be sent up to your office once the hard copies are received from the RCMP.

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Murdock, Lyndon
Sent: August 26, 2010 9:27 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: Fw: RCMP report on Firearms

For f/u - tx

From: McDonald, Andrea
To: Murdock, Lyndon
Cc: Fergusson, Janis
Sent: Thu Aug 26 08:32:42 2010
Subject: RCMP report on Firearms

Good morning,

I will be receiving the RCMP report on Firearms this morning and will be developing lines. Is there someone I can work closely with as the turnaround time will be short.

Many thanks

Andrea

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Lavoie, Micheline
Sent: August 26, 2010 8:42 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra
Subject: FW: ADM's Agenda - meeting to be arranged

Please see Lynne's note.

Here are the suggested media lines proposed by MO that need to be adjusted.

MO suggested lines:

The RCMP is processing the request from the standing committee, and giving it standard due diligence according to public service guidelines.

Public Safety Canada is waiting for the RCMP to forward a signed, translated final version. Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister. The Minister can then submit to the SECU Committee Clerk, in fulfillment of the undertaking given by the RCMP when they appeared before committee.

Micheline

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From: Cyr, Lynne
Sent: August 26, 2010 8:32 AM
To: Lebkowska, Gabriela; Collier, Eduardo
Cc: Lavoie, Micheline
Subject: ADM's Agenda - meeting to be arranged

Hi, from a pin email last evening, the ADM is asking PPD to work with Comms to develop media lines on the upcoming release of the firearms report. He also asked for Lyndon and Micheline's advice on the issue prior to him meeting with Stephanie Durand. Please find time in ADM's calendar for him to meet with PPD today.

Thank you.

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Lavoie, Micheline
Sent: August 26, 2010 8:26 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: Request for Media Lines on Firearms

Good morning Ryan,

ADM Wex just sent me a PIN with respect to CBC News reporting on evaluation report.

Please see me when you come in.

Merci

Micheline

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Sent: August 26, 2010 8:56 AM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

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Sent: August 18, 2010 3:29 PM
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Cc: Doyle, Ryan; Maurice, Sandra; Potter, Mark; Murdock, Lyndon; Cintrat, Jean
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Sent: August 26, 2010 8:39 AM
To: Syme, Christina
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

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From: McCluskey, Christopher
Sent: August 24, 2010 10:04 AM
To: Hannan, Andrew; Durand, Stéphanie; Swift, Andrew
Subject: FW: A QUESTION...

Our response to the question below is as follows. Advised by policy it still does not meet language standards and has not been signed off on by the RCMP. / Chris

The RCMP is processing the request from the standing committee, and giving it standard due diligence according to public service guidelines. But Canadians don't need another report to know that the long gun registry is very efficient at harassing law abiding farmers and outdoors enthusiasts, while wasting billions of taxpayer dollars. They don't need another report to know that the registry does nothing to prevent crime.

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From: [mailto: @CBC.CA]
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 9:59 AM
To: McCluskey, Christopher
Subject: A QUESTION...

Chief Bill Blair was on our show last night and said that, in a May appearance before public safety committee, he asked for an evaluation report of the long-gun registry done in February by parliament and has not yet been received. He says it will vindicate his and the police associations' view on long-gun registry. Do you know what he is referring to and where this report is? NDP claim that it was what Cheliak was going to present to the Chiefs of Police meeting this week.

Thanks,
Paul

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Sent: May 27, 2010 2:01 PM
To: Marty Cheliak
Subject: PDF Version

Importance: High

Attachments: DEC Approved CFP Evaluaiton Feb 2010_2.pdf

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** High Priority **

Send this one.

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To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: Murdock, Lyndon
Subject: FW: Fwd: PDF files

Here was the original that Lyndon did that I expanded.

Sandra

-----Original Message-----
From: Murdock, Lyndon
Sent: May 27, 2010 11:51 AM
To: Potter, Mark
Cc: Maurice, Sandra
Subject: RE: Fwd: PDF files

Have taken a very quick read. Objective of audit was to determine if RCMP management framework was adequate and effective to support CFP activities, and whether operational processes of program are consistent with Firearms Act and regs. Report is generally positive, indicating that RCMP has an adequate management control framework and strengths in several areas (e.g., change mngt, performance mngt, facilitating access to CFP services...). Re mngt framework, report recommends program develops risk management plan and further elaborates/defines service standards in CFO offices.

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As you may be aware, a Lib member moved that these docs (Audit and Eval which to my knowledge we have still not received) be provided to the Committee for consideration. Apparently proceedings adjourned yesterday before motion could be voted on. It is likely that it will be voted on today. We have asked parliamentary affairs for their sense on how soon RCMP could be asked/compelled to provide the docs to the Committee (assuming motion is passed).

Will keep you posted.

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: August 18, 2010 3:24 PM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: Murdock, Lyndon
Subject: FW: May 2010 Audit of the RCMP Canada Firearms Centre Management Control Framework

Here is the one for the audit.

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: June 3, 2010 9:53 AM
To: Murdock, Lyndon
Cc: Arel, Marjolaine
Subject: May 2010 Audit of the RCMP Canada Firearms Centre Management Control Framework

Hi Lyndon,

Not sure if you still need, but as per your request, please find following a brief summary of the audit the RCMP convened on the CFP's management control framework. You will note that I have cut and paste portions of your e-mail of last week into this document. The summary explains what the audit is, what the key finds were, as well as highlighting the managment response to those key findings.

The RCMP conducted an internal audit of the Canada Firearms Centre (CAFC) with the objective to determine if the management control framework (MCF) in place was adequate and effective in supporting its activities, and whether the operational processes of the program are consistent with the *Firearms Act* and related regulations. The report we received is dated May 2010 which contain the audit findings as well as the management response to those findings.
The report itself is 38 pages in length and is divided into 8 categories:

1. Executive Summary
2. Background
3. Audit Objectives, Scope and Approvals
4. Management's Response to the Audit
5. Principal Findings and Management Response
6. Conclusion
7. Appendix A - Overview by Audit Objectives (includes estimated level of risk)
8. Appendix B - Acknowledgements

The audit began in September 2007 with field work being conducted between March 2008 and January 2009. The methodology used was a combination of:

- interviews,
- observations,
- walk through,
- review of supporting documents, and
- analytical reviews.

To determine if the CAFC MCF is adequate and effective to support its activities, 9 key activities were examined:

1. Change Management - CAFC transition from stand alone agency to RCMP (May 2006);
2. Performance Management;

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3. Collaborative initiatives and relationships with CAFC partners;
4. Risk Management;
5. Accountability, authority, roles and responsibilities defined and communicated (client service and service standards);
6. Monitoring external and internal environment;
7. Facilitate access to CAFC services;
8. Communication; and
9. Privacy;

Specifically the audit found that:

1. CAFC MCF in place was adequate and effective to support its activities

The audit also found areas that require further attention/improvement:

- Risk Management Plan

  - Finding Details - The audit found that the CAFC identified risks in the CAFC Business Plan, the Departmental Performance Report and the Report on Plans and Priorities, but did not have a formal risk management plan containing details such as timelines and the identification of those responsible for action items. It was identified that these risks should consider the impact of the risks, identify corrective measures, and be linked to the business planning.
  - Management Response: - The CFP agreed with the findings and the recommendation regarding the creation of a formal risk management plan. The CFP program identified that the development of a risk management plan was to be completed by December 2009, with a roll-out plan to CFP units in April 2010 and with the final completion date as July 2010 followed by the 1st cycle internal reviews by Sept. 2011.

- Service Standards in CFO Offices

  - Finding Detail - The audit found that CFP had service standards for processing licence and registration applications, but did not have service standards for those licence applications that could not be approved in CFIS and were forwarded to CFO offices for follow-up (existing service standard did not apply). Most of the work conducted in CFO offices were not covered by service standards.
  - Management Response - The CFP agreed with the findings and the recommendation regarding the creation of service standards for the various CFP services. To begin the CFP will concentrate on those areas requiring service standards based on risk, amount of time devoted and public safety benefits. The CFP program identified that by January 2010 service standards would be identified. That consultations with partners and CFO officers were to be completed by April 2010 and a roll-out of service standards by June 2010.

The report is generally positive, indicating that RCMP has an adequate management control framework and strengths in several areas (e.g., change management, performance management, relationship with partners, external and internal monitoring, and facilitating access to CFP services). Within the management framework the report recommends that the program develop risk management plan and further elaborates/defines service standards in CFO offices.

To determine if the CAFC operational processes are designed and conducted in a manner consistent with the *Firearms Act* and related regulations, 5 key activities were examined in the federally appointed Chief Firearms Officer offices (opt-out provinces of British Columbia and Yukon, Alberta and Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Nunavut, and Newfoundland and Labrador):

1. Administration of required firearms safety courses and test;
2. Design and conduct of firearms registration process;
3. Design and conduct of Authorizations to transport (ATT) and authorizations to carry (ATC);

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4. Continuous eligibility of licence holders; and
5. Design of businesses and carrier licences process.

Specifically the audit found areas that require further attention/improvement:

- Process to issue business licence

  - Finding Detail - Business inspection sere the only monitoring control that CFO offices used to ensure that businesses were complying with the regulations under the Firearms Act relating to safe Storage, Display and Transportation of Firearms and Other Weapons by Businesses Regulations. It was noted that business inspections were not always completed before a business licence application was approved and business inspection reports were not kept on file.
  - Management Response - The CFP agreed with the findings and the recommendation regarding the conducting of regular and systematic business inspections. The CFP program identified that new business licence processes will include business inspections and that the process will be incorporated into the overall development of a national CFP policies and procedures and service standards. It was identified that the CFP program will have finalized their consultation with CFOs and partners before April 2010 and that the business inspection process would be in place by June 2010.

- Process to approve shooting clubs and shooting ranges.

  - Finding Detail - The process for approving shooting clubs and shooting ranges were not conducted in a consistent manner with the *Firearms Act* and regulations. It was found that inspections were conducted at the time of the initial application but in 9 of 17 cases inspections were not carried out for subsequent applications and approvals. Sometimes approvals were provided before the application to renew a shooting range was received. Approvals were also granted at times with recommendations. No timeframes were provided to shooting clubs and shooting ranges to comply with the recommendation and it was no indication that follow-up action was taken to ensure compliance.
  - Management Response - .The CFP agreed with the findings and the recommendation regarding mandatory requirements and inspections are completed before granting shooting clubs and shooting ranges approvals and renewals. New processes will be incorporated into the overall development of national CFP policies and procedures and service standards. The CFP program identified that they would hold consultations with CFOs and partners prior to April 2010 and that mandatory requirements and inspection processes for them will be put in place by June 2010.

Regarding operational processes, again the report is generally positive (acknowledges appropriate processes related to administration of firearms safety courses, design and conduct of registration and ATT/ATC processes), but does call for changes to processes related to issuance of business licences and approvals of shooting clubs and shooting ranges (in both cases recommendations pertain to greater frequency/prudence regarding inspections).

The audit further identified other areas requiring further attention/improvement:

- Updating privacy impact assessment;
- Enhanced communications and client feedback process;
- Updating certain authorities delegated through letters of designation; and
- Strengthening data quality improvement initiatives.

No management response was prepared for the above.

Note: The RCMP have accepted all of these recommendations and indicated that much work has already been undertaken (responses to key findings highlighted above).

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Trust this is helpful.
Sandra

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Easson, Grant

Sent: June 1, 2010 7:52 PM

To: * Media Monitoring / Suivi des médias; Cintrat, Jean; Durand, Stéphanie; Dussault, Josée; Kent, Andrea; Lambert, Louise; MacLean, Charles; McAteer, Julie; Minna, Fernando; Mowrey, Tim; Mundie, Robert; 'PCO General'; Strasbourg, Christina; Tomlinson, Jamie; Jarmyn, Tom

Cc: Hannan, Andrew; Koops, Randall; Fried, Shawn; Gilmour, Wendy; House, Andrew; Csversko, Christine; 'Reesha.Namasivayam@pco-bcp.gc.ca'; 'Legault, Yanike'; Mcelhone, Kathryn; 'Charles-Eric Lepine'; 'Nicole Rainville'; Cyr, Lynne; Mountjoy, Kathryn; Maurice, Sandra; Potter, Mark; Murdock, Lyndon; 'Fong, Judy'; 'Marier, Ruth'

Subject: Summary of this afternoon's SECU meeting

Attachments: Meeting 22 - Clause by clause PMB C-391 - Long-gun registry (June 1).doc

Please find attached a brief summary of this afternoon's meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU).

The Committee commenced their study clause-by-clause consideration on Private Members' Bill C-391 (repeal of the long-gun registry). The Committee was still debating whether the Committee should report the House not proceed with the Bill.

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REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETING

Name of Committee: **Public Safety and National Security**
Report prepared by: Grant Easson, Public Safety 991-3311
Date and time: Tuesday, June 1, 2010 – 15h30 to 17h15
Location: Room 253-D, Centre Block
Subject: PMB C-391 (repeal of the long-gun registry)

Overview of Meeting

- Before the Committee undertook a clause-by-clause consideration of PMB C-391, the Committee adopted a motion from MP Mark Holland (Lib.) for the Committee to receive two documents: The Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010 and the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program from about the same period.

- As soon as the Committee began their clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-391, Mr. Holland, the first person to speak, moved the following: That this Committee pursuant to Standing Order 97.1 (1) recommend that the House Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-391 because the Committee has heard sufficient testimony that the Bill will dismantle a tool that promotes and enhances public security and the safety of Canadian police officers. Debate ensued for almost an hour on this motion until the Committee had to adjourn at 17h15 due to a vote in the House, When the Committee meets again on Thursday, Mr. Rathgaber, who had the floor for approximately 20 minutes, will continue with his intervention to the effect that the Committee had heard from a great number of witnesses who did not speak in favour of the long-gun registry.

Highlights of hearing:

- The Committee agreed to request the RCMP provide the Committee with a copy the Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010 and the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program. The Committee will accept this document in English and will be responsible for the translation. Mr. Holland asked the Committee to underscore the urgency of this matter given he Bill could be voted on in the House in short order.

- Mme Mourani (BQ) insisted the above-mentioned documents be provided in French and indicated she had received previous Committee follow-up commitments (referenced a previous appearance of the Minister) in English only.

- Mr. Davies (NDP) moved the meeting be adjourned and the Committee meet to consider PMB-391 on Thursday and next Tuesday (if necessary). Government members and Mme Mourani (BQ) spoke out against the motion, wanting to keep to the agreed agenda - an agenda government members indicated was forced upon the Committee by the Opposition - and that Mr. Davies' motions could be entertained at the next meeting. Government members also brought up the fact that Mr. Davies had been absent from the previous hearings with respect to C-391. Mr. Davies indicated he believed there had been all-party consent to proceed in the matter, but that this was obviously not the case. He indicated Mr. Comartin had sent a request to Government House Leader Jay Hill to postpone the clause-by-clause consideration for one meeting and that Mr. Hill "didn't even given the courtesy of a reply". He subsequently said he wished to withdraw his motion. The Committee agreed to withdraw the motion.

- Mr. Holland amended Mr. Davies' motion seeking the Committee adjourn and meet for an unlimited amount of time on Thursday – until the clause-by-clause consideration was completed. He believed this would serve to "limit the propensity we sometimes see for

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filibustering". He later retracted this motion once the Committee agreed to have Mr. Davies withdraw his motion.

- Mr. Mackenzie (CPC) indicated that Mr. Davies had spoken of 8 – 10 amendments that could be put forth by the NDP.

- On a point of order, Mr Wrzesnewskyj (Lib.) wished to discuss a motion for the last 15 minutes of the meeting The Chair indicated it was too late to consider the motion but that a possible option would be to consider his motion at the next meeting.

Follow-up required/Next meeting:

- The Committee will resume their clause-by-clause consideration of PMB C-391 at their next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 3.

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
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Subject: SECU Meeting of May 27, 2010 Mtg. No. 21

Hi Lyndon,

Here is a very quick overview of discussion.

Witness Testimony

Government of Québec, Minister of Public Safety Jacques P. Dupuis
Began testimonny by mentionning the current Government's previous attempts to abolish the registry:

- 3 bills presented since 2006
- Amnesty began in 2006 and has been renewed yearly.

The Quebec Government has been clear over time that they want the registry to be maintained as a whole.
Quebec has put forward 3 motions in legislature to this regard.
Highlighted that the Quebec Government has been proactive on gun control.
After the Dawson College tragedy, Quebec adopted the Antastia Law which addresses risky behaviour, operational measures and in 2008 investigative process.
Highlighted that in Quebec non-resticted firearms have been involved in 2000 violent offences between the years 2003 to 2009
Stated that guns shuld be in registry and that the registry helps prevent crime against individuals.
169 long-guns
122 handguns involved in domestic violence.
For police officers the regisry can help them find out how many guns are in the home to withdraw them.
Helps in the compliance of prohibition orders
Under the Criminal code
Registry helps protect those whose mental status may pose issues to them or others.
More indepth invesigations
If no registry would be additional cost to police (investigations).
CFO informed.
Essential too for investigations and intervention.
Query of registry is a starting point.
95% of firearms are registered within Quebec, we would lose track if registry abolished
Registry allows for tracability under International law, particularily thru markings
It abolishes a tool and therefore abolish traceability.
Let us recall circumstances that brought about gun control in Canada.
Would affect the reputation of Canada, a country that stands at the forefront.
The position of the Government of Quebec is shared by the police organizations, public security and families of those affect by tragic events.
No way questions hunting and legitimate
It only takes a few minutes to register.
The amount of time required to register a firearms is far out weighed by the benefits to society as a whole.
Morally, by saving just 1 life it maintance should be justified.

Auditor General, Sheila Fraser
Office of the Auditor General did two studies:
2002 - cost and scope, identified lack of information
2006 - follow-up audit was to examine if progress was made since 2002, identified that progress was made
They have not conducted an update since then.
Ms. Fraser stated that they do not have a view of the proposed legislation.
Justice identified that it would cost 1 billion for the registry by the end of FY 2004-05
The 2006 audit found that annual expenditures for the 2004-05 year was 71 million
Improvements done in the large applications.

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Fédération québécoise des chasseurs et pêcheurs
Mr. Alain Cossette provided a brief overview of the organization.
Stating that the organization represents about 200 associations covering 14 administrative regions with representatives appointed locally, to help ensure that huting and fishing can continue for many years to come.
Mr. Cossette introduced Mr. Bernard Pelletier as a volunteer with the organization and an instructor in gun safety since the organiztions conception.
In 1968 they approached the provincial government to create a training program. They achieved good results.
The organization says it is in favour of the licencing component which is a key issue of C-68
They thought that maybe people were confused with licencing.
Provided statistics that approximately 1,600 new hunters are trained each year of which 25% are comprised of women.
Mr. Pelletier stated that the organziation is for abolishing the gun registry and it is useless. He compared the registry to someone who changes a tire on the highway when the problem is you have no gas.
The organization favours licencing and believes that education is a fundamental component.
Highlighted that the registry is not hitting the right target.
Still has difficulty understanding how a registry could prevent tragedies. He provided the example that with Dawson College it was the fact that the police officers were better trained and were able to contain the incident from getting worse.
Also questionned how the registry can proceed (wonder about expenses) during a time of budgetary restraint
Stated that the registry does not improve public safety and provided details on a study carried out in Australia when they compared firearms control in Australia, Canada and New Zealand.
He also quoted, the Small Arms survey 2007 (no clear evidence that the increase in number of firearms increases violence).
Organization recommends that the registry be abolished and that we recover what dollars can be recovered and use this money to support social programs, victims, organizations dealing with suicides, educational programs on safe storage and proper handling of a firearm.

Canadian Sports Shooting Association
Presentation began by Ms Cabrera identifying that the registry has detered individuals from joining the sport.
Ms. Cabrera highlighted that the type of firearm used in sports events is not usually used in crime, mainly because of their size and cost.
Sport event participants are concerned of being criminally charged for any unintential error when they fill out their forms which can have other unintended consequences as well, such as missing flight to attend event, confiscation of firearm.
Mr. Bernardo then spoke that firearms owners lived in fear and stated that since 1998 there has been a decline in firearms ownership.
Mr. Bernardo then presented statistics on firearms ownership data obtained from Import / Export data to what the CFP has listed and said that only 1/2 of firearms are accounted for.
Mr. Bernardo stated that if cost 4 million to maintain what would it cost to bring the remaining 6 million firearms into the sytem by flagging that it would take a huge commitment of both dollars and human resources to accomplish this.
Mr. Bernardo released the results of a survey that the CSSA conducted 2 weeks ago.
Mr. Bernardo provided the example of how just recently two types of firearms have been reclassified without providing any warning to the firearms owners.

Canadian Paediatric Society
Dr. Katherine Austin Leonard began by stating that she is representing the views of both the Canadian Paediatric Society and the Canadian Association for Adolescent Health.
Dr. Austin Leonard encouraged the Committee to maintain the long-gun registry.
Dr. Austin Leonard explained that kids were less safe when around guns (guns in the home) and advocated that haveing strick storage regulations were important.
Dr. Austin Leonard provided some statistics and began with the following:
87% of firearms related victims are male with suicide being the leading category, falled by homicide and then accidental death.
What they found was that deaths have declined since 1995, when safe storage requirement were implemented as well as there being a reduction in the number of firearms ownership in homes. Provided that in:

- 1995 there were 105 deaths of persons under the age of 19, and
- 2005 there were 62 deaths of persons under the age of 19

Dr. Austin Leonard explained that there has been a decrease in recent years in the mortality of adolescents referencing the Study of Morality Adolescent Health preapred by the Public Health Agency of Canada.
The results are considered statistically significant as the overal suicide rate has fallen.
She explained that the act of suicide is impulisive and that with the storage regulations it has rendered firearms less accessible, meaning that adolescents need to rethink their attempt (firearm not available) or try committing suicide with a method that is less lethal.
By reducing the availability of firearms the pattern of sucidied by firearm has declined.

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- In 1990 2/3 of adolescent suicides were with long-guns
- Since only 1/3 are with long-guns and there has been an increase in the use of handguns to 2/3

These findings were predicted by experts when examining gun control measures prior to 1995.
Dr. Austin Leonard explained that violence in the home affects children, even when they are not physically injured.
The majority of homicides are from acquitances or family members and not associated with gangs.
Dr. Austin Leonard provided statistics from Jursdat that 2008 it was the year where there was the lowest number of female homicides reported ever.
Police use the registry on-line extensively.
Provided comparison of cost of registry with other costs and highlighted that a Medical Journal Study indicated tahat 6.6 billlion spent on services related to firearms (injury, death).

- H1N1 in Ontario 40 million per year
- HPV in Ontario in 2007 costs 278 million
- H1N1 Vaccination from PHAC costs 403 million last year.

Preventive measures are important and more cost effective then medical intervention.

Question and Answer Session:

Mr. Proulx began by addressing Mr. Dupuis and asked him to identify those who have accompanied him.
Mr. Dupuis introducted the group as those as having the same opinion as him regarding the registry and identified them as parents of victims from both Dawson (Anastaia's parents), Polythenique (Anne-Marie's parents), police officers, representatives from police association and boards, the Registrar in Quebec and stated that all were available to journalists after the committee meeting.
Mr. Dupuis stated that he helped unfiy all those the who oppose abolishing the registry.
Mr. Proulx asked Mr. Dupuis if he was aware of the Liberal Leader's commitments regarding Bill C-391 and asked Mr. Dupuis' opinion on the matter and he gave a brief overview of the commitments made.
Mr. Dupuis reinforced that he was meeting with both members of the opposition and government to make Quebec's position.
Mr. Dupuis responded that he thought the liberal leader was asking his cacus to vote against the abolotion of the regsitry,
Mr. Dupuis provided an overveiw of Quebec's Anasatia law that was inacted to better protect citizens after the events that transpired at Dawson College. Even though firearms is under federal jursidiction the province wanted to act on the events that occurred and therefore strengthen more Quebec's gun control laws. The Anastia law meant that it is prohibited to have a firearm on an educational property, incorporated measures for monitoring and acquiring licences.

Mme. Mourani asked how proposed amendments can be done under this bill to which she responded that she did not think this bill (C-391) could be amended.
She asked Mr. Dupuis if he could help her understand.
Mr. Dupuis responded that he did had not completed a legal opinion but thought that the comments were directed at hunters, farmers and sports shooters whom felt frustrated and victimized by C-68. These amendments spoke to their concerns and frustrations.

Mme Mourani then addressed the Fédération québécoise des chasseurs et pêcheurs asking especially Mr. Pelletier if he is a hunter, if he uses a vechicle to get to the location where he is to hunt, may even use an ATV, a dog, or boat which needs to be registered then why the opposition to registering a firearm?
Mr. Pelletier responded by providing the analogy that since every human being is going to die we should stop humans from being born would also apply.
Mr. Pelletier asked his previous MP about getting the funds to help with educational and prevention program and added that the gun registry is gross wastefulness.
Mme. Mourani asked Mr. Pelletier if he was for the abolishment of a handgun registry to which he replied that handguns was not an issue he was representing hunters and added we cannot hunt with handguns.

Mr. Comartin addressed his comments and question to the Auditor General. Mr. Comartin summarized part of Ms. Frasers testimony and asked if the Office of the Auditor General has audited the registry since 2006 to which Ms. Fraser responded no. Ms. Fraser said that the 2002 audit was to look at costs and the 2006 audit was to look at the recording and allocation of costs at the Centre.
Mr. Comartin asked how long an audit of the firearms registry would take. Ms. Fraser responed 1 to 1 1/2 years.
Mr. Comartin asked if the Minister of Public Safety would be the vehicle used to make such a request. The Auditor replied the Minister of Public Safety or a Parliamentary Committee can make the request. The the OAG would have to determine priorities and available resources.
Ms. Fraser said that in 2006 the audit found satisfaction in the progress made in accessing costs (included both indirect

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and direct).
Ms. Fraser indicated that an audit of the Canadian Firearms Program is not in the current 3 year plan.

Mr. Comartin then addressed Mr. Dupuis and asked what the population of Quebec was to which Mr. Dupuis responded close to 7 million.
Mr. Comartin then said the populatin of Ontario is close to 12 million and did you know that both provinces want to maintain the regsitry?
Mr. Dupuis stated that he was aware and then spoke of the saddness that the legitimate gun owners, hunters, farmers and sport shooters felt frustrated and felt like they were being negatively judged and that the registration process was an administrative burden and an annoyance. Mr. Dupuis stated that they are trying to make the process as free, easy as possible while on the other hand protecting the public.
Mr. Dupuis said they do not want to stigmatize the hunters, farmers and sport shooters, whom we like.
Mr. Comartin asked Dr. Austin Leonard what she thought about Mr. Pelletier's comments that the registry does not make good sence and statistics do not show reducted deaths.
Dr. Austin Leonard responded by saying there is a clear reduction in overall firearms deaths.

Mr. Norlock directed his comments questions to Ms. Cabrera by asking if she has any photo's of herself smiling and holding a gun to which she replied yes.
Mr. Norlock spoke of that if you forget to register your firearm you are criminalized, but if you forget to register you vehicle it is a provincial offence and a fine is attached.
Mr. Bernardo agreed about the stigmatition placed on firearms owners.
Mr. Norlock addressed the issue of the registry database being secure.
Mr. Bernardo presented that he had an article from the registry webmaster John Hicks and provided part of what the article said and an Access to Information on the breaches to CIPC to which he said there were 306 breaches between 1995 and 2003.

Ms. Jennings addressed Ms. Cabrera by stating that she too has a picture of herself holding a firearm in her office and is proud of it. She also stated that even thought she knows how to handle some long-guns and handguns she still believes strongly in maintaining the firearms registry and she will continue to fight to do so.
Ms. Jennings addresse Mr. Dupuis and wanted his comments on the following:

1. is ab olishing the registry consistent with the Governments law and order stance
2. the Government wants provinces to build more prisons, more firearms, similar to the American model, is this what we want; and
3. how to explain Conservatives in Quebec will be voting against Quebec to please gun lobbyist.

Mr. Dupuis reponded that if you abolish the registry you can avoid certain kinds of crime.
This is not consistent with law and order approach.

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj addressed the website CanadianGunNutz.com, being a guerrilla fighter, the NRA infocomercials that Mr. Bernardo appears in and asked if he was compensated for any of these. Mr. Bernardo responded to each question.
Mr. Wrzesnewskyj asked Mr. Bernardo if he supports Bill C-301 to which Mr. Bernardo stated he supports any move that provides public safety while not unduely restricted firearms owners.

Mr. Petit addressed Mr. Cossette by asking if he could provide more infromation on the Fédération québécoise des chasseurs et pêcheurs.
Mr. Cossette responded that the organization has 200 associations that represents all areas across Quebe including some remote regions from all walks of life and there are 125,000 members in total and that the organization has always suported safe storage but are against having a criminal record for forgetting to register your firearm).
Mr. Cossette stated that with budget cuts, cannot support the registry if money is need for under previlaged.
Mr. Petit emphasized the role of education and asked Mr. Pelletier for how long he has been an instructor to which Mr. Pelletier responded since 1979.

Mme Mourani stated to the Fédération québécoise des chasseurs et pêcheurs that they do like hunters and fisherman.
Mr. Cossette said continue and promote our activities.
Mme Mourani than addressed Mr. Bernardo by asking if he was a member of the consultative committee established by the former Minister Day?
Mr. Bernardo said yes.
Mme. Mourani then lists several of the other committee members and asks if all members are made up of people who support Bills to dergulate firearms control and provided recommendations to the Minister? Mr. Benardo response you will have to ask the Minister.
Mme. Mourani than began to ask questions regarding if Mr. Bernardo owned a Barretta Cx4 Storm and comments he

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made in the press the day following Dawson College about the firearm.

It was mentioned that there was agreement that the motion for two RCMP documents (audit and evaluation) were to be discussed at the next meeting.

Clause by Clause begins next week.

Trust this helps.
Sandra

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Subject: Summary of this afternoon's SECU meeting

Attachments: Meeting 21 - PMB C-391 - Long-gun registry (May27).doc

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The Committee continued their study on Private Members' Bill C-391 (repeal of the long-gun registry).

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REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETING

Name of Committee: **Public Safety and National Security**
Report prepared by: Grant Easson, Public Safety 991-3311
Date and time: Thursday, May 27, 2010 – 15h30 to 17h30
Location: Room 269, West Block
Subject: PMB C-391 (repeal of the long-gun registry)

Witnesses:

Government du Québec
- Jacques P. Dupuis, Minister of Public Safety
- Robert Lafrenière, Deputy Minister

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
- Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada
- Wendy Loschiuk, Assistant Auditor General

Fédération québécoise des chasseurs et pêcheurs
- Alain Cossette, Director General
- Bernard Pelletire, Volunteer Master Instructor in Gun Safety Security Nature

Canadian Paediatric Society
- Marie Adèle Davis, Executive Director
- Katherine Austin Leonard, Member

Canadian Shooting Sports Association
- Tony Bernardo, Executive Director
- Diana Cabrera, Member

Overview of Meeting

- As has been the case since the Committee commenced their study on Bill C-391, this afternoon's panel delivered differing views as to the merits of the Bill. The Minister of Justice for the Province of Quebec said it was essential the registry be maintained. The Canadian Paediatric Society also indicated the registry should remain saying it promoted safety for children and adolescents. Ms Austin Leonard told the Committee that youth mortality, suicides and unintentional deaths have decreased because of the registry. The Auditor General of Canada said she was not in a position to speak to matters post 2006 and had no view on the legislation.

- Le Fédération québécoise des chasseurs et pêcheurs called for the abolishment of the registry and suggested these resources be provided to victims groups or groups for suicide prevention. They added the registry did nothing to improve public safety. The Canadian Shooting Sports Association were in favour of Bill C-391 stating the registry deters persons from considering shooting sports for fear of facing serious consequences or having their firearms confiscated for overlooking to complete a form.

Highlights of hearing:

- Mr. Holland (Lib.) was the Deputy Chair when the meeting began and noted the Conservatives has not lived up to an agreement with the Whips by having six Members at the table. Mr. Holland wanted to call a vote on motion that was not completed from the previous meeting calling for the Committee to receive a copy of the Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation of February 2010 conducted by the RCMP and the Internal Audit

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that was produced during the same period. Mr. Holland indicated that three of four witnesses as referenced these documents throughout the Bill C-391 hearings. Mr. MacKenzie (CPC) and other Conservative members said they were not clear what report Mr. Holland was referencing as they did not agree that three of four witnesses had referenced this report during previous meetings. Mr. Holland indicated that Chief Blair and the Deputy Commissioner of the RCMP had read the document. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Holland said he had spoken to Mr. MacKenzie and that this matter would be addressed on Tuesday, June 1.

- With respect to future audits, Ms Fraser indicated that a follow-up audit to the 2006 Audit of the Canadian Firearms Program was not a priority and that her office plans ahead for three years. She indicated the Minister of Public Safety or the Committee could ask her to conduct an audit at which point her office would have to assessment with respect to if her office had the resources to conduct such an audit. She indicated there was ongoing follow-up work on other audits concerning the RCMP but nothing related to the Firearms Centre.

- M. Dupuis indicated he was pleased Mr. Ignatieff is asking is caucus to support Bill C-391 and had tried to address the issues through amendments concerning the waiving of fees the simpler registration procedures and decriminalization of those who had not registered their firearms – issues that frustrate hunters.

- Mr. Bernardo indicated the information on the registry is not secure and referenced a portion of an interview with the Webmaster of the Canada Firearms Centre, Mr. John Hicks, to the effect that a 13 year-old boy with an internet connection and 30 minutes can get into the National Firearms database. He also referenced an RCMP ATIP request that spoke of 306 breeches of CPIC between 1995 and 2003.

- Diana Cabrera indicated competitive sport shooters are fearful of imminent criminality and could easily find themselves afoul of uninformed law-enforcement or CBSA officials in the event paperwork has not been properly been completed. Any paperwork error can lead to detention or missed flights and confiscation of property.

- Mr. Bernardo indicated his group had warned of unintended consequences and predicted that the enforcement of oppressive legislation and would lead to breakdown the mistrust of government law-enforcement and the firearms community, and quoted statistics that indicated firearms owners now mistrust the police. He indicated only 50% of firearms are registered (many improperly registered) and the cost to include all firearms would be far greater than $4.1M.

- The mothers of Anastasia Rebecca De Sousa (killed at Dawson College) and Anne Marie Edward (killed at l'École Polytechnique) were in attendance. M. Proulx (Lib.) invited M. Dupuis to expound on "Anastasia's Law".

Follow-up required/Next meeting:

- The Committee proceed to a clause-by-clause consideration of PMB C-391 at their next meeting scheduled for June 2.

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Maurice, Sandra

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Hi Lyndon,

Here is a summary of the discussion.

Testimony of Witnesses:

Institut national de santé du Québec
Dr. Maurice provided a brie introduction of both his and his colleague's responsibilities within the Institut.
His area of expertise is in preventing trauma. Professor Blais, is conducting a research program on trauma from firearms.
Dr. Maurice highlighted that this issue exceeds that of criminality but needs to be examined from a public health point of view.
There is a need to examine the repurcussions this bill may have on injury or death by firearm.
Provided that 75% of suicide deaths are by firearms, non-retricted firearms. Dr. Maurice explained that the acts were caused by personal and family problems and are not due to criminal factors.
Prevention of suicide is important.
Stated that focus should be on legislation and regulations that make fireams less accessible to those who might abuse them.
All owners must be licenced and register their firearms.
Question to be examined, did bill C-68 reduce the number of deaths by firearms?
A recent study has shown that there has been a decrease in deaths by firearms since C-68 implementation.
It was stated that this decrease equivalates to 250 fewer suicides and 50 few homicides on average per year.
And this study showed that there was no substition effect (not compensated by other means of suicides / homicides increasing).
It has also been shown that there are direct and indirect savings in the amount of 400 million dollars since C-68 has been implemented.
Bill C-68 provided for two key things:

1. r egister weapons
2. acqui sition certificate

Enabling that each firearm can be connected to owner and encourages owners to:

- storing appropriately;
- sale;
- lending; and
- giving

In summary C-68 had the effect that few weapons are being stored in a bad way and there are fewer lost weapons, fewer weapons have as a result fallen into the hands of the wrong people.
Registry is now well entrenched.
C-68 does not prevent the legitimate use of firearms.
The Institut national de santé publique du Québec recommends that measures adopted after C-68 be maintained including the registry.
The example provided reference a medication and the two corresponding ingredience used to make it and explained that it would be dangerous to change the ingredience of this medication.

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (Grant Easson picked us up a copy of presentation and supporting documents).
Chief Blair provided a bit of personal history including that he began his career in 1976 and has 33 years service in various policing capacities.
In 2005 he was appointed as Chief in Toronto which has a population of 2.7 million and 5600 officers.
Chief Blair stated that the registry is a tool. Investigative units use the registry every day, including:

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- domestic violence investigators,
- criminal investigators
- rank and file officers

The hits are not down automatically, but are requested by officers.
Know limitations of an information system, and the registry is one such tool, we expect access to the best and most accurate information available.
This tool helps us do the job.
This tool provides us with intelligence.
Stated that in 2009 he was elected as President of the C.A.C.P. and is reponsible for advancing postions determined by the the members.
The C.A.C.P. has always supported the registry but do not support wasteful spending.
The OPP use the registry 1,500 times a day.
Chief Blair highlighted that since the RCMP took over the registry in 2006 it is more efficient and cost effective.
He questioned how police officers who have been retired for at least 5 years or never used would now how the registry works.
The registry has brought together C.A.C.P., C.P.B., and C.A.B.P., like no other issue.
Chief Blair stated that he brought with him resolutions from every province in Canada from Chiefs and Leaders of police services who support the registry.
As well he has brought letters from small rural communities expressing their support for the long-gun registry and that they oppose Bill C-391.
Mentionned an RCMP internal audit and RCMP internal evaluation that confirms registry is effective and efficient.

Canadian Against Violence Everywhere Avocating for it's Termination (CAVEAT)
Ms. de Villiers stated that she has been working with victims of crime for approximately 19 years.
She highlighted that the cost of gun violence and the impact on victims is important.
Ms. de Villiers stated that the debate should shift from the rights of gun owners to preventing tragedies.
She had previously submitted a petion with 2.5 million signatures.
Advocates that still more needs to be done to protect Canadians.
They have gone to the SCC of Canada to protect gun laws.
There have been 6 public inquests that have clearily indicated the need for licencing and registrations.
Ms. de Villiers highlighted that there are lots of facts and myths associated associated with gun violence that she addressed.
For example, her daughter Nina was killed by a duck gun.
The inquest into her daughters death called for a gun registry.
There are more guns in rural regions.
It took 22 minutes to kill 14 young women and for 14 individuals to be injured.
June 2000, the SCC, decision 90 stated that licencing and registering were essential components of a scheme that could not be separated.
The UN, Violence Against Women, we are failing to meet our obligations under international law and under the Charter s.7
Ms. de Villiers highlighted that gun owners have a previlage to own firearms.
Emphasis should be on victims of violence.
Indirect costs should be taken into account.
We should not be looking at the past but look forard to the future.
Ms. de Villiers recommended that Bill C-391 be terminated.
Stated that some comphremise were acceptible, such as waiving fees and that a first time failure to register a firearm not be criminal.

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Greg Farrant provided a brief overview of members.
Stated that the OFAH has 100,000 members.
Stated that C-68 was born out of the tradgedy that happend at Polytechnique and was based on emotion and not fact and was therefore, flawed.
Mr. Farrant provided examples of other tradgedies.
Stated that the process of licencing was key if done correctly. He then stated that this was a checks and balance put in system but not always done.
Mr. Farrant stated that C-68 was misguided because of one individual.
Affirmed that a registry will not prevent violent crime.
Flagged that the AG Report of 2002 and 2006 stated that there was no proof that the reigstry was a public safety tool.
Highlighted that as a taxpayer he found it unacceptable that the cost to run the registry was between 4-8 million.
He stated that two cost benefit anaylysis were done but neither review has seen been made public (Shaughnessy Cohen and Albina Guarnieri)
Mr. Farrant highlighted that the registry is flawed, and that the number of firearms owners and number of firearms are in

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dispute and that many firearms are unaccounted for.
He stated that public support for the registry has slipped.
He highlighted two of the eight recommendations put forth by the OFAH:

1. eli minate registry, pass Bill C-391 unamended;
2. c reated a prohibited offenders registry.

The latter has been proven effective in 3 U.S. cities.

Murray Grismer
Provided a brief history by stating that he has been servicing the members of the Saskatoon Police for 23 years.
He has been called upon as an expert witness on firearms related crime, is a master instructor and a certified verifier.
He is the unofficial spokeperson for those who have been silenced in the policing community.
Mr. Grismer stated that the poice associatins did not poll their members on the registry and that C.A.C.P. support is not unanimous.
He highlighted that the registry can not do anything to prevent tragic events.
What is required is enhanced screening and licencing.
Stated that the registry cannot be shown to have prevented even one death, that the C.A.C.P. support is not unanimous and that the cost of 4 million changes depending on who speaks.
Stated that he did not understand Chief Blair when saying it was an officer safety issue as there are in excess of 1 million firearms not registered.
One of problems with the registry is that it does not say where the firearms are stored.
The level of accuracy cannot be obtained and therefore, police across Canada cannot rely on the registry.
Highlighted that the proposed amendment to have 1st time failures for registering a firearm as a ticketable offence cannot be done, since there is no federal mechanism to do this and explained that is why the *Firearms Act*, s.112 was created.

Question and Answer Session:

Mr. Holland began the questioning session and addressed his questions to Chief Blair.
Mr. Holland provided a brief overview of comments made to date about the divide with the police associations regarding the registry.
Chief Blair responded Nonsense, and provided background as to C.A.C.P. composition (11,000 members, Chiefs, Executive Chiefs and Senior Officers).
Chief Blair then provided that provincial police chiefs who represent regional associations are in support of the gun registry.
Chief Blair indicated that no order was given to officer to withhold their opinion.
Chief Blair then indicated that police when are provided with training on the registry are quick to see the value and once they have the facts, their opinion on the registry changes.

Mr. Holland addressed the issue of previous testimony saying that keeping the current long gun registry makes no sense but that the hangun registry should be kept.
Chief Blair responded that it was important to know how many weapons in a house.
He also provided the example of how 77 weapons were found in N.S. and that all 77 were registered and returned to their respective owners and criminal proceedings were brought against the indivdiual who had them.

Mr. Holland asked Chief Blair if registering a gun was easy.
Chief Blair responded yess, takes a few minutes on-line and has seen it done as quickly as 37 seconds.

Mr. Holland asked Chief Blair if he had a copy of the RCMP report he refered to.
Chief Blair responded that they were actually two reports and he did not have copies of them, but did see them.

Mr. Holland than asked the Chair if they could put forward a motion to receive copies from the Commissioner of the RCMP.

Mme. Mourani began her line of question by addressing the Institut national de santé du Québec.
Mme. Mourani spoke of the statistics presented by the Institut stating 300 deaths per year did not happen (prevented) because of registry.
Dr. Maurice responded that they did not say the deaths were prevented because of the registry. The 300 reductions were due to Bill C-68. Bill C-68 includes:

1. ow nership certificate, and
2. r egistration.

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He cautioned that it would be dangerous to remove one of the two elements.
Dr. Maurice than stated that in Canada we have effective measure for gun control and we have very solid evidence to this effect.
Dr. Maurice than stated that the firearms registry and legislation ensure that owners are more inclined to follow rules, such as storage. They also help protect police.
Dr. Maurice then offered that most deaths by firearms are done by people like you and me and not criminals.
Dr. Maurice emphasized that the entire process reduces the risk of guns falling into the wrong hands.

Mme. Mourani made reference to Prof. Mauser's testimony that blade weapons are used more than firearms.
Prof. Blais responded by saying that firearms are the way people commit suicide and that firearms are most effective weapon to use to kill someone else. Firearms provided unbelievable power. A blade weapon if used requires more effort.

Mr. Comartin adressed his question to the Institut national de santé national du Québec
Mr. Comartin asked if they where aware of Prof. Mauser's work and how Prof. Mauser's work sits compared to other criminologist?
Prof. Blais stated that he has a great deal of respect for Prof. Mauser and stated that Prof. Mauser has done alot of research related to firearms and has been quoted at length by gun advocates.
Prof. Blais stated that to draw parallels between statistics you need to conduct an impact study on Bill C-68 which Prof. Mauser did not do, but stated that they have done an impact study.
Prof. Blais said that he has read many of Prof. Mauser's reprots and said he quotes other researchers work. He has been selective in the studies he quotes.

Mr. Comartin addressed his next question to Serargent Grimser, and asked if he was opposed to a handgun registry.
Mr. Grismer responded absolutely not.
He asked Mr. Grismer if he was aware of the AG report.
Mr. Grismer stated that the RW and Prohibed Firearms registry was more accurate.

Mr. Comartin asked Chief Blair if he was committing a criminal offence on a daily basis when executing search warrants.
Chief Blair said no, I am not committing a criminal offence if using a warrant.

Mr. Rathgeber addressed Chief Blair by asking if the Chief hired and had on retainer active lobbyist.
The Chief responded no lobbyist as far as he knew.
Mr. Rathgeber provided the name of individuals under contract with the C.A.P.C.'s and asked if Chief Blair new their names.
Chief Blair reponded that they were hired under contract not as Lobbyist but as those with experience as Government Liaisons.
The C.A.P.C. advocates for public safety, well informed to make better decisions and to clarify the misinformation.

Mr. Rathgeber asked Chief Blair why front-line police offiers need training on a regsitry that has existed for 10 years.
Chief Blair responded that traiining provides for their safety and community safety. Provides the officer with the value of what the registry brings to them. How to use the regsitry to inform themselves.
Chief Blair than provided the example that registry help solved the Mayerthorpe Alberta murders.

Ms. Jennings directed her question to the Institut national de santé du Québec
Ms. Jennings provided an overview of previous testimony, stating their has been a decrease in suicides, no other suicides committed by other means (to replace firearms usage) but the registry has not saved one single life as there is no evidence.
Prof. Blais responded that the lives have been saved because of C-68 and part of C-68 is the registry.
Prof. Blais provided that the study of trends in the area of homicide and suicides rates pre and post C-68 was adopted that there has been no increase in the number of suicieds or homicides by other means. This study provides the scientific evidence. You can reach the generral conclusion that Bill C-68 brought down rates.

Mr. Kania directed his questions to Chief Blair.
Mr. Kania asked Chief Blair if it was common to have police associations united on this issue and about the silencing of police officers.
Chief Blair responded that in his 33 years he has never seen an issue with such common cause. He stated that some guns are not registered and that we should encourage compliance and provide public education.

Ms. Hoeppner addressed Chief Blair by indicating that they are on different sides of the same issue but from her perspective the cost issue is a major factor.
Ms. Hoeppner stated that the registry cost somewhere between 4 million to 106 million.
The main estimates which she printed the day before stated that the registration portion only is 23 million.
Ms. Hoeppner stated that the registry currently contains information for 7M long-guns and 700,000 restricted and

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prohibited.
Ms. Hoeppner, asked both Chief Blair and Seargent Grissmer what they would prefer to spend the 4M to 106M dollars on

- Registry
- More front-line police officers

Chief Blair spoke of the benefits of having access to accurate, reliable information and that police associatons invest alot in information to do their job and said the registry.
Sgt Grismer said more police officers on the steet.

Ms. Hoeppner identified that police have been silenced and that she and collegeas have received countless letters, e-mails and phone calls to this effect.
She then asked Chief Blair for the record if he ever directly or indirectly told police officers not to vocalize their opinion to support Bill C-391.
Chief Blair responded no.
She then asked Chief Blair if he was for removing the licencing fee, to which he responded that it was an administrative issue and had no opinion either way.
Chief Blair emphazied that licencing is important, screening is important and it needs to be stregthened, keep licencing strong.

Mr. Desnoyes addressed his question to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Mr. Desnoyes referenced recommendation #6 dealing with domestic violence.
Apparently the recommendation was to provide 4 million to fight poverty.
Mr. Desnoyes asked Mr. Farrant if he knew anything about spousal abuse and that firearms are a significant factor in domestic/spousal violence and if he had heard any of the previous testimony regarding domestic violence.
Mr. Farrant responded that there were may types of abuse and provided examples.

Mr. Desnoyes than directed his question to the Institut national de santé du Québec.
Asking how it was determined that C-68 helps save 400 million from a health perspective.
Dr. Maurice responded that there was a study completed by a cost/benefit expert, Ted Miller who was able to adjust costs to todays date. It was estimated that for every life saved, 1.5 million was saved in indirect and direct costs. Therefore, registry saves money.

Chief Blair stated that the registry is an important information tool and one of the tools they use.

Mme. de Villiers stated that a clear position on domestic violence needs to be delivered, lots of misinformation.

Ms. Glover directed her comments to Seargent Grismer and asked about the handgun registry.
Mr. Grismer said that handguns under the other regime, RWRS everythng was verified and provided an overveiw of process required to be able to take a handgun home.
Mr. Grismer stated that in Saskatechwan members were polled.
Ms. Glover asked if he could get the results of that survey.
Mr. Grismer stated that he did no rely on the registry at all and would not swear on a bible.

Mr. Wrzesnewskj began by addressing Chief Blair about the being accused of being a cult and asked if the Chair has sent him an appology.
Chief Blair responded no.
Mr. Wrzesnewskj adressed Mr. Grismer about the conspiracy theory and the silencing of members.
Mr. Grismer stated that he stood by what he said in his presentation.
Mr. Wrzesnewskj asked Mr. Grismer if he would want the Charter to be amended to bear arms.
Mr Grismer responded no.

Mr. Norlock addressed his question to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters addressing myths and polls mentionned during testimony.
Mr. Farrant provided the results of various polls:

- CTV Poll April 2010 Do you support the Registry?
  - 5% yes
  - 95% no
- BC Poll Nov. 2009 Do you agree with ending the mandatory registration of non-restricted firearms?
  - 88% yes

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  - 12% no
- Toronto Sun Poll week before Should the federal government scrap the registry?
  - 81% yes
  - 19% no

16 polls over the last 4 years have provided that people are fed up with the registry.

Mr. Norlock asked Mr. Farrant about the safe use and handling of firearms in the publications he has read from the OFAH and asked how often they mention these issues.
Mr. Farrent stated at every opportunity they reinforce the message.

Mr. Norlock asked Mr. Grismer about firearms statistics related to homicides.
Mr. Grismer responded that the numbers have plateaued.

Questiong to the witnesses ended and the Committee considered the motion of Mr. Holland.
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Committee did not vote on motion.

Hope this helps.
Sandra

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: May 27, 2010 11:53 AM
To: Murdock, Lyndon
Subject: RCMP Internal Audit and Evaluation

Hi Lyndon,

Here is the quote from Chief Blair @ 3:51:13

> I am also aware that the RCMP has completed an internal audit of the Firearms Program and an evluation of firearms program effectiveness.
> I understand that both reports strongly indicate that the firearms program is providing good value and is being managed efficiently.
> When Canadians have access to that report, I believe it will resolve many of their outstanding questions.

Question by Mr. Holland to Chief Blair @4:30:25

> You mentionned an internal audit that was conducted by the RCMP and that has not been released and been embargoed, do you have a copy?
> Answer: No I do not have a copy, but have had the previlage of seen it.
> It is two documents, one is an internal audit the one is an internal evaluation on the firearms program.
> Both of those documents are quiet supportive of the efficiency and value of the firearms program.
> They have not yet been made public.

Motion by Mr. Holland @ 4:30:26

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Subject: Summary of this afternoon's SECU meeting

Attachments: Meeting 20 - PMB C-391 - Long-gun registry (May26).doc

Please find attached a brief summary of this afternoon's meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU).

The Committee continued their study on Private Members' Bill C-391 (repeal of the long-gun registry).

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REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETING

Name of Committee: **Public Safety and National Security**
Report prepared by: Grant Easson, Public Safety 991-3311
Date and time: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 – 15h30 to 17h30
Location: Room 237-C, Centre Block
Subject: PMB C-391 (repeal of the long-gun registry)

Witnesses:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
- Greg Farrant, Manager, Government Relations and Communications

As an individual:
- Murray Grismer, Sergeant, Saskatoon Police

Canadians Against Violence Everywhere Advocating its Termination
- Priscilla de Villiers, Victim Advocate and Founder

Institute national de santé publique du Québec
- Pierre Maurice, Chief, Scientific Unit, Safety and Injury Prevention
- Etienne Blias, Assistant Professor, School of Criminology, Université de Montréal

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
- William Blair, President, Chief of the Toronto Police Service

Overview of Meeting

- The meeting was fairly balanced. M. Maurice of L'Institute nationale de santé publique du Québec spoke out against Bill C-391 and told the Committee numerous tines that the measures contained in the former Bill C-68 should be maintained and that the former Bill C-68 had resulted in 250 fewer suicides and 50 fewer homicides each year. Chief Blair categorized the Firearms Registry as an essential tool to solve crimes and prosecute offenders and to control the supply of illegal firearms. He indicated Bill C-391 was ill conceived and based on a dated misunderstanding of the current system. Canadians Against Violence Everywhere Advocating its Termination called to shift the focus of the debate from the rights of gun owners to the rights to public safety and underscored all firearms are dangerous. She spoke of some six public inquests that emphasised licensing and registration as a way to prevent future tragedies. She referenced a June 2000 Supreme Court decision that indicated the registration provision could not be severed from the rest of the Act.

- The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Firearms Centre recommended that Bill C-391 be passed without amendments and called for the creation of a prohibited offenders list. Sergeant Grismer told the Committee he spoke for the "silenced majority" and indicated that training, licensing and screening of individuals is key to public safety. He told the Committee the majority of front-line officers want to see the registry abolished and that the registry is a risk to officer safety and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Highlights of hearing:

- Chief Blair indicated in his opening statement that the RCMP had completed an Internal Audit of the Firearms Program and an Evaluation of the Firearms Program effectiveness and that both reports indicated the Firearms Program is providing good value and is being managed effectively. He added when Canadians have access to these reports,

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that some outstanding questions might be resolved. Mr. Holland (Lib.) requested the Chair to ask the Commissioner of the RCMP to obtain these documents. Mme Mourani (BQ) indicated the Committee should not accept the documents if they were not in both official languages. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Wrzesnewskyj (Lib.) moved on behalf of Mr. Holland that the report be brought forward to the Committee. Mr. Norlock indicated he did not believe the Committee should be hearing about an internal RCMP internal paper (a paper referenced by Deputy Commissioner Sweeney at a previous meeting). The motion was not adopted by the Committee before the meeting was adjourned.

- There was a difference of opinion on how divided the law-enforcement community was towards the long-gun registry. Chief Blair indicated the majority of rank and file officers say they need the registry and the usage of the registry increases once they are trained. He denied that Chiefs have muzzled all dissenting opinions and that rank and file officers are perfectly capable to speak for themselves and considered it beyond belief that unions would be complicit in silencing members. Sergeant Grismer indicated that when polled, the Saskatoon Police Association was 99.46% against the long-gun registry. He added the complicity between the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the successive Liberal Governments was nothing short of duplicitous. Ms Glover (CPC) and Ms Hoeppner (CPC) indicated they had received many e-mails from rank and file officers calling for the elimination of the long-gun registry but feared reprisals if they were to speak publicly.

- Mr. Comartin (NDP) asked Institute national de santé publique du Québec how the studies of Professor Mauser were received by other criminologists. M. Maurice indicated he respected the work of Professor Mauser but added he believed he was selective in the studies he used in his work.

- There was much discussion about the reliability of the information in the registry. Chief Blair indicated that while the system may not be perfect there was a great deal of information in the system that was useful for front-line offices and investigators. Sergeant Grismer indicated many guns are not registered and much of the information was inaccurate. He indicated if the DNA Data Bank contained as many errors, there would be a public outcry. Mr. Farrant (Ontario Hunters and Anglers) quoted William Baker (former Commissioner of the Canadian Firearms Centre and current Deputy Minister of Public Safety) as saying in October 2003 that he didn't believe anybody knew how many guns there were in the registry.

- Both Mr. Holland (Lib.) and Mr. Comartin (NDP) questioned why registering hand-guns made sense to Conservatives but that registering long-guns made no sense. Mr. Comartin indicated the Auditor General said the costs and accuracy were essentially the same for both categories. Sergeant Grismer indicated that hand-gun data is verified by a police officer before any information gets into the registry and thus is more reliable.

- Mr. Farrant spoke of two cost-benefit reports commissioned by the former Liberal Government – current Liberal MP Albina Guarnieri and former MP Shaughnessy Cohen - and questioned why these reports have never been made public. He concluded the reports may demonstrate the registry does not provide good returns on investment.

- Mr. Wrzesnewskyj (Lib.) expressed "astonishment" that Chief Blair had not received an apology from the Chair of the Committee for calling him a member of a cult in a release on his Website.

- Ms Hoeppner (CPC) asked both Chief Blair and Sergeant Grismer if they had an extra $4.1M (annual cost to maintain the registry) would they spend it on extra police or to maintain the registry. Chief Blair indicated he would put these resources towards the registry while Sergeant Grismer said he would put this money for more police.

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Follow-up required/Next meeting:

- The Committee will resume their study on PMB C-391 on Thursday, May 27. This will be the last meeting before proceeding to a clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: May 26, 2010 4:11 PM
To: Murdock, Lyndon
Subject: SECU Meeting No. 19 of May 25, 2010

Hi Lyndon,

Here is a summary of the discussion.

Testimony of Witnesses:

The Canadian Labour Congress
Provided a brief overview of the organization:

- 3.2 million members
- have supported the registry since 1995

vast majority of individuals do not own guns
registry enables that gun owners are held accountable
Canadian Labour Congress opposes C-391
National Gun Registry important for first responders and police
2002 AG report of cost over runs, most over runs were due to licencing component
Registering guns is not an onerous task
Example of comparison with ownership of car, the licencing and registration and other associated regulations such as seatbelts, talking while driving and winter tires
The Registry is a modern tool used by police forces.
In domestic violence cases police and social workers can access registry.
The firearms most available in the home
Registry, Risk mitigate (rifle, shotgun)
Access to database
clearly law abiding citizens
Government undermined registry

PSAC - Union supports gun control
represents 172,000 workers, 238 are CFP Miramichi
Registry is a tool:

1. aga inst violence against women
2. ensures p ublic health and safety
3. hel ps police do their work

The gun registry component helps with legislation, registration, licencing, transfers in a call centre environment.
A Leger Poll said that 59% of the population believed that the registry was a good investment.
2/3 of women polled support the registry.
Stated that the workplace contributed to the social and economic well being of Miramichi
Vector Research conducted in January 2010 - abolish gun ownership
1995 - was Canada's example of compromise
Charter of Rights, s.7
Reject proposed amendments

Canadian Taxpayers Federation

- Advocate for lower taxes, less waste and an accountable Government.
- have 74,000 supporters

Supports Bill C-391 and highlighted that the long gun registry is wasteful.

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Thanked Chair of work on this issue over the years.
Highlighted the importance of free vote of M.P.'s and how it is a key element to democracy.
Government introduced S-5 which was deeply flawed, creating many new gun registry in every province).
Stated that Bill C-391 was a reasonable compromise for responsible, trustworthy gun owners.
Ms. Hoeppner's Bill strips all other changes, except one.
We do not know if the 2 billion is the exact figure.
The annual operating costs is more than 106 million (for direct and indirect costs)
The final figure cannot be known.
The AG pointed this out two times, in there 2002 and 2006 reports
Do not know the real rank and file opinion. As the May 5 outrageous memo to RCMP members.
The AG stated that the registry went from registering high risk to all owners.
The Federation submitted 28,000 petitions to Minister Day.

Coalition for Gun Control
Provided a brief history

- non profit organization, founded after the Montreal massacre.
- is supported by over 300 organizations across the country

Key points:

- fundamentally all firearms are lethal (trying to differentiate rifles an shotguns from handguns)
- rifles and shotguns are those must used in suicides, domestic violence and to kill police officers
- reference has been made to duck guns, if C-391 passes, the mini-rugger 14 is considered a non-restricted firearm used in the Montreal massacre and number of sniper rifles fall in this category.

Legislation was passed not just as a crime fighting tool for police but also by public health organizations as they are the firearms most readily available in suicides.
The risk factor for suicides and homicides are very similar and 50% of violence ends in suicides, the screening portion of licencing is critical to addressing this.
The SCC declared that registration is essential and cannot be severed from the rest of the Act and that licencing and registration are tightly linked and both are and integral part and necessary.
In 1991 gaps in the existing legislation were identified. This included that only 1/3 of FAC holders had valid licence.
Another problem identified was the records suppose to be kept by businesses on the sales and transactions of firearms.
No mechanisms for tracing of firearms by police.
The registry is used by police to remove firearms from those who are at risk. Provided an example, of a copy cat shortly after the Dawson College incident.
Wanted to clarify points made, notion that support is an urban phenomena, however, it is groups which support registration and licencing are rural, such as women and suicide organizations.
Rates tend to be higher in regions where there are more firearms available, and these are the regions with more opposition to firearms control.
Rates are important, per 100,000
In the last 35 years there has been strengthened control that show rates of firearms injury, death have declined.
Evidence shows we are far safer.
The failure to record firearms sales, takes us back 30 years before 1995

Honourable Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu
Stated that he came from Abitibi-Témiscamingue, an area known for hunting and fishing.
Opinion debate on registry has not been very scientific.
May look like contradiction as he is founder of organization that supports victims.
Stated that he is for the control of firearms but not at any costs.
Stated that he is not an expert, but providing his personal opinion.
Consider registry as a tool for police and emphasized that he believed there was a directive that stated that police were to consult registry.
Hon. Boisvenu indicated that it was difficult to discuss and evaluate the the program. Those for or against but no one is looking in the middle.
He has serious questions on the impact the registry has had on decreasing criminal use. Stating that there is no scientific proof available.
Hon. Boisvenu stated that the firearms used in Dawson, Poletechnique, Mayerthorpe were all registered.
Also indicated that since 1979 there has been a decrease in the number of homicides and suicides and since registry did not come into effect until 1992 it cannot be the cause. Therefore, need to be careful when looking at downward trend.
It may be necessary that the firearms list for restricted and prohibited be longer.

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B.C. has stated that 80% of firearms found at crime scenes are illegal.
Goal here is to provoke debate and discussion if registry is a tool in the prevention of crime.
We should question cost of maintaining registry.
Is this the most efficient place to put money?
Farmers and hunters are responsible firearms owners and highlighted that the comparison with car licencing and registration is irresponsible as the car analogy is a well financed process Information system costs are always higher.
Would require to charge firearms owners $100 per year to be an efficient system.
Stated that we need to de-dramatize the use of the Registry on criminal activity.

Government of Ontario (Chris Bentley)
Opened by stated that we all want a crime free, safe society.
Stated, "what will be achieved if Bill passes" "furthering the end of crime prevention."
There are 11,000 hits a day. Nothing to achieve by undermine those who enforce, prosecute the law.
The gun registry contributes to protect officer, aiding in officers in accessing risk, and determining reasonable and probable grounds.
The registry is not perfect, but provides important information. No one tool is perfect.
"If you get rid of the registry, what will replace it?"
Replaced by irrelevant information or information replaced in a different way.
Licencing is only the 1st step.
Asked the Committee, "why would you want to deny those who find the information helpful?" Police stake their lives on accessing information of various degrees of completeness every day.
Why would you deny:

- continuance;
- updating; and
- strengthening of registry.

Accessing the information is key. People want to know and will make their assessment based on own personal and professional judgement.
Registration of a firearm is minimally intrusive on gun owners and can provide important information.
Finished with the following statement, "Bad things happen to good people." Emphasizing that guns get stolen.
The Government of Ontario, the Attorney General supports maintaining the registry, and do not support Bill C-391, instead strengthen and enhance registry.
The trail of a gun is important.

Duane Rutledge
Begin by stating he has 30 years of service.
Was 8 years of age when he started to handle firearms.
Emphasized that the registry did not achieve what it was intended to do.
By having some firearm owners register all their firearms, some firearms owners registering some of their firearms and some firearms owners not registering any of their firearms has contributed to the creation of an underground economy.
The registry is an administrative function and does not render the firearm safe.
The registry has been a failure in protecting citizens and in keeping officers safe on the street.
Safe handling, storage and education is the way to approach this.
Before appearing at Committee, spoke with colleagues whom many believe the registry is not helpful and not clear how it protected public. Stated that in N.S. and those police officer he spoke to, were not polled on their opinion of the registry and that there was political pressure for them not to go against the Associations.
Initially thought when Registry was announced in 1995 that it was an attempt at eliminating the possession of firearms by private citizens (private ownership of firearms).
Criminals do not use shotguns because of their size.
Registry does not help police stop violence and make communities safer.

Professor Gary Mauser
Began by stating that he was present before the Committee to present facts.
All of his testimony and papers can be found on the SSRN website.
Claim that there are 10,000 hits per day is a false claim, as there is confusion between the registry and with CFRO (licencing)
97% of authorities who checked the CFRO, wanted information on the owner and the firearm.
Bill C-391 does nothing to touch the licencing of a firearm.
The registry has no effect on suicide and homicide rates.
Highlighted that screening and training has been shown to be effective.
Provided that since 2001 homicide rates have been flat. Suicide rates are at 16% with the use of a firearm, which is similar to other ways used to commit suicide.

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Please refer to Harvard Paper already provided to committee or available at SSRN website.
Few guns are used in violent crime have been stolen, they have been smuggled which represents 1 to 17%
The cost of 4 million of running the registry is a gross under estimate. However, this amount would be useful to other organizations e.g. suicide organizations, women's shelters.
The CFRO contains so many errors, it's a classic database problem.
Stated that less than 1/2 of all long guns are in registry.
Stated that he was to show how opponents of Bill C-391 are false or misleading in comments.
Stated that the RCMP when being issued court orders to identify firearms do not rely on the registry.
And stated that In 1992 it was illegal for violent people to own a firearm.
Firearm owners are 50% less likely to be violent than the regular population.
The registry misdirects the police, including the 4 RCMP officers from Mayerthorpe Alberta who trusted the registry. Poor training of these rookies contributed to their death.
Professor Mauser stated that the statistics provided on spousal murders produced by opponents of Bill C-391 were false.
The key problem is with increase in gang crime and the illegal possession of handguns.
Indicated that his submission should be read fully and that all facts have been substantiated.

Question and Answer Session:

Mr. Holland
Addressed question to Attorney General for Ontario, Chris Bentley
Would you agree that to have one tool with this kind of support is extraordinary?
Mr. Bentley responded, yes, extraordinary support, the Chiefs have spoken with unanimous voice.
Mr. Holland spoke of divergent opinions with the police associations and that the police associations had elected officials to present their views.
Mr. Bentley answered that the tool should exists and as long as there is a significant number who say it is useful in protecting the public.
Mr. Holland then addressed the question to the Coalition for Gun Control relating to cost. Stated that the AG said the system is efficient and working effectively in her last audit. Would it be costful to restart another registry all over again, as there could be another Government in the future?
Ms. Cukier responded that firearms are registered once and one time only. There is no need to register most firearms agains and therefore it is a sunk cost.
Need to register firearm if the firearm is traded or sold.
Would only save 4 million if registration eliminated.
Most costs are associated with licencing, and there concern should be around the 22 million waived and refuned fees that were wasted.
One complex murder case can cost 2 million.
The value of the registry as an investigative tool.
Without registry unable to trace.
Mr. Holland highlighted that this was labelled as an urban issue and that of the top 50 census regions, 50 were rural (50 of 50).
Ms. Cukier stated that rates are per 100,000 and that Toronto had one of the lowest firearms rates.

Mme. Mourani directed her question to Hon. Boisvenu, by asking if for clarify on his positon regarding the registry, by asking him if he thought it was a tool?
Mr. Boisvenu responded that he agrees with Professor Mauser and that there were errors of professional judgement in the 4 Mayerthorpe Alberta RCMP Officers.
He stated that 40% of the information in the registry is false information, mainly in relation to addresses.
Mme. Mourani stated that 7,000 licences were revoked, it is prevention before act.
Mr. Boisvenu indicated that it came down to a question of costs, update to capture information and enforcement.
Mme. Mourani asked Prof. Mauser if he was an official advisor to the Government.
Prof. Mauser responded that he cannot say he is the official advisor.
Mme. Mourani asked Prof. Mauser if he has any firearms?

Mr. Comartin spoke of the PM statement that there would be no job losses in Miramichi should the long gun registry be repealled.
Mr. Comartin asked PSAC if they had heard this promise.
PSAC member stated that they did hear this and highlighted that the CFP situation in Miramichi was a result of other closures.
Stated that there are 238 jobs in Miramichi and no one knows what the Government has as an alternative if the gun registry closes.
Mr. Comartin asked the Coalition for Gun Control if they had the rate of accidental deaths.
Ms. Cukier stated that it is a very small amount
In 1991, there were 1,400 suicides and homicides and this amount has declined steadily and there were 25 accidental deaths.

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Indicated that registry enables save storage.
And Ms. Cukier wanted to correct Mr. Boisvenu's comment that the firearm used at Dawson College is non-restricted the Barretta Storm is restricted.
Police should update list are there are issues around classificiation as identified recently with the T97's
In 1997 businesses were required to keep records of sales and transactions for which Bill C-391 contains no provisions for the sale of firearms in stores.
Mr. Comartin asked about meeting are international obligations under UN Firearms Protocol and CIFTA should Bill C-391 pass.
Ms. Cukier, responded that Canada would no longer be able to fulfill obligations and spoke briefly of markings and tracing of firearms.
Ms. Cukier mentionned that Canada would not be able to fulfill obligations under the 2001 Programme of Action, Human Rights and Small Arms, Violence Against Women.
Mr. Comartin asked about the handgun registry and implications.
Ms. Cukier stated that principales are basically the same for the handgun registry and the long gun registry.

Mr. Rathgeber directed his questions to the Coalition for Gun Control.
Stating that the mini-ruggur 14 was a non-restricted firearm.
Asking Ms. Cukier is she knew the difference between various criteria to enable them to be classified as non-restricted or restricted.
Mr. Rathgeber asked Ms. Cukier is she did the costing herself or relied on newspaper articles?
Ms. Cukier answered herself.
The Canadian Taxpayers Federation reiterated that the costing of the registry is closer to 106 million.

Ms. Glover directed her questions to the Coalition for Gun Control asking what the motiviation for Ms. Cukier was.
Asked if she recieved funding from the liberal party?
Ms. Cukier responded NO.
Then Ms. Glover stated that she did receive funding in 2002.
Ms. Cukier responded yes from the Quebec Government, competitive process to look at a specific question regarding the implementation of law.
Ms. Glover than asked Ms. Cukier if she has provided financial support to the Liberal party?
Ms. Cukier responded yes, the the NDP and Bloc as well. Only one party has not been provided funding.

Senator Boisvenu stated that the registry was adopted in 1992 and that there is no scientific evidence to support a decrease in crime with or without registry.
Ms. Glover spoke of being a police officer and stated that we were never asked questions about the Registry, CPA did not canvass their members and "asked why no survey of police officers was done?"

Mr. Ruthledge said people are the problem, cannot control what people do and registering guns would not stop crime.
Mr. Ruthledge stated that when going to calls "you go for the worst and hope for the best."
Ms. Glover asked if maybe it would be better to put the investment in policing.
Mr. Ruthledge respnded, enhance DNA.

Ms. Jennings directed her question to the Coalition for Gun Control.
Spoke of cost saving of abolishing of registry, by stating that according the the AG there would be saving of 4M.
Ms. Cukier corrected her to say that the 4.1M savings is from the RCMP and not the AG.
Ms. Jennings asked Prof. Mauser if he ever received funding form the NRA.
Prof. Mauser responded yes.
Ms. Jennings asked if Prof. Mauser has ever contributed to the Conservative Party to which Professor Mauser responded yes, and to the NDP and Liberals as well.
Ms. Jennings asked Prof. Mauser if he ever said that ti would be a good idea to have a small number of employees working in educational institutions to be trained in firearms? Prof. Mauser responded that he did not recall. Ms. Jennings than gave background to where the quote came from.
Ms. Jennings asked Prof. Mauser if he said that it is not an issue of registration but that licencing was even worse.
Prof. Mauser responded correct.
Professor Mauser then stated that he was a strong proponent of police screening.

Mr. MacKenzie quoted Chief Fantiano, saying money spent on registry could be used for other initiatives such as terrorism.
Mr. MacKenzie asked Mr. Bentley who responded I cannot speak for Chief Fanitiano, but added he thought that we should continue it, as it is an important public safety tool.
Mr. MacKenzie asked Mr. Ruthledge if he trusted the registry.
Mr. Ruthledge stated that he has only used the registry a few times and mainly at the back end of an investigation.
Professor Mauser was asked bout the precentage of long guns registered.
Prof. Mauser said that he has done academic papers on this topic and it is difficult to answer.

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Prof. Mauser stated that I/E records indicate that there are 20 - 30 million firearms in Canada. The I/E amount is probably an over estimate.
When a survey was done the amount was identified as 15 million, which is porbably an under estimate of the number of guns in Canada.
The Canadian Taxpayer Federation stated that to find the other 1/2 of firearms to be registered, would require to spend another 2 billion, which is money ill spent.
Mr. Bentley stated that it is rare you find a piece of information that is 100%, law enforcement, crowns, justice are always dealing with part of picture.
Mr. Ruthledge stated that that was our problem with the registry and it has not saved lives etc. as it promised to.

Mme. Mourani directed her time to Prof. Mauser.
Asked if it was him in the picture she was holding up.
Prof. Mauser responded yes.
Asked what type of firearm he was holding.
Prof. Mauser responded a handgun, Smith & Weston Revolver.
Mme. Mourani asked if it was registered
Prof. Mauser responded yes.
Mme. Mourani asked how many firearms do you own? How many rifles to do you own? How many handguns do you own?
Prof. Mauser responded that he cannot remember as the amounts vary and joked I am getting old.
Mme. Mourani asked where the picture was taken as it was obvious it was not at a sports shooting club or range.
Prof Mauser said his house.
Mme. Mourani asked who Prof. Mauser was aiming at?
Prof. Mauser explained that the photographer want that shot and he had resisted but eventually did take the picture, but made note that his finger was not on the trigger.

Mr. Desnoyers directed his question to the Attorney General for Ontario.
Spoke about the need of front line officers to have informatoin to assist when attending a call.
Mr. Bentley responded that it the registry was a tool, part of a whole.
Mr. Desnoyers made the comment that if Mr. Ruthledge used the registry only two times, he was not in a measure to say if it s a good tool then addressed his next question to the Canada Labour Congress and asked about violence against women.
Time ran out so the Canada Labour Congress could not respond.

Ms. Hoeppner was provide with 3 minutes to ask questions.
Ms. Hoeppner directed her comments and questions to Prof. Mauser indicating that you were vilified because you own a firearm. Certain groups of people who want to defend the registry are saying that any person who owns a firearms is bad.
Ms. Hoeppner asked Prof. Mauser if he has ever been arrested or charged? Or commited a violent crime?
Professor Mauser responded no, or I would have lost my licence.

Then there were points of order for going past 5:30 without a vote from the full Committee.
The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Trust this helps.
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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: May 14, 2010 2:03 PM
To: Murdock, Lyndon
Subject: SECU Meeting May 13, 2010 Mtg. No. 18

Hi Lyndon,

Here is a summary of yesterday's meeting.

Testimony of Witnesses.

Fédération des femmes du Québec
Provided a brief history, they have 41 member shelters, which amount to 1/2 of the shelters in Quebec that take in 10,000 women and children per year.
Requested that the registry be maintained.
Long-guns are those found most frequently in homes in quebec.
It is the 1st thing that Police in Quebec check for when being called to attend a domestic dispute.
If you remove this tool, you are putting the lives of women and children in peril.
It is part of gun control measures.
It provides an inidication of the number of firearms being held.
It is a social and political responsiblity which is higher than the inconvenience of filling out forms.

Canadian Police Association
Charles Momy, President provided a bit of background on the Association.
Provided results from a 2007 CFP survey of 56 police services:

- 92% used CFRO
- 65% used in day to day
- 73% used when responding to calls for service
- 69% said it influenced their decisions
- 74% was a useful aid

Not every police use the registry:

- 55% used for specific requests to domestic incidents
- 45% automatic hit

Registry is one of many tools like DNA Data Bank or Sex Offendre Registry and explained that you do not use these database on every call or day.
Explained that the Registry was like the Criminal Code - does not prevent murder
Long-guns are those found the most common in homes.
Agrees with the 3 retired Winnipeg Police Officers who provided testimony last week, that most crime groups do not register their guns.
Provide example of how Registry helped the RCMP in the Maythorpe Alberta tragedies and NWEST
Explained how police use the Registry, it is in place and working, cannot bring back money used in creation.
Registry helps keep members and communities safe
Reiterated Oppositon to Bill C-391
Provided other examples where licence and registration required eg. indidividual drivers licence and car registration
Similar analogy for firearms
It is an enforcement initiative
Detective Constable nadine Teeft has been involved in 1600 firearms seizures, drafting of public safety warrants, prohibiton orders and cases of mental healthi issues.
Registry ensures compliance thru enforcement and a valuable tool.

Government of Yukon
In support of C-391

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Very disappointed that he is the first aboriginal to appear in front of Committee
Read motion from 1994 (Yukon MLA Able) that confirmed that the Yukon Government did not support Bill C-68 by stating "do not proceed with firearms amendments without speaking with Aboriginals"
Explained that in the North, a rifle is a tool.
Explained that other motions have been put forth from the Yukon Government on same topic.
Explained that rifles and shot guns are required by people who live off the land, provided some statistics, explained life in the North and that firearms are a tool required to saveguard life from predators.
Stated that registration and the costs associated with registration causes hardship to the Aboriginals.
He was taught at a very young age the value of a firearm.
This makes it hard for First Nations people to own a gun.
Affects their traditional ceramonies (e.g. giving a rifle to the family at the individuals death).
Stated that no one consulted with the First Nations People when implementing this law, and how it would affect them and that rifles to First Nations is one of the highest value.
We don't know how much money was spent to date on this law, the law was written for big cities and not for those who live off the land.
We can no longer hand down long-guns through inheritance.

Abbotsford Police Department
Provided background on the city of Abbotsford (size, many rual with active farmlands) the number of murders in that last few years.
Abbotsford was murder capital of Canada in 2008
Number one issue is gangs, with 130 gang members living or working in the City. Mentionned the Bacon Brothers (Scorpion Gang) who are from there.
90% used handguns and assult rifles.
Part of Canada is facing a growing problem of gangs and handguns.
What can be done?
Need to develop a comphrensive program on guns (step back to examine).
Believes that the current approach is the wrong approach.
Highlighted that he carries a handgun and thinks that the only people who should carry handguns are those who are required to do so, not any private person ever.
States taht simplifying powers, such as search and seizure required.
Necessary to cnfirm who is purchaseing a PAL, and to invest more money and expertise into who gets a PAL (requries more effort) and need to do something about the imports from the U.S.A.
Stated that registry exists for the right reasons but is inacurate, has no confidence in the system as his expert has estimated that there are approximately 1 million firerms not registered.
Officers do not rely on the registry but by protocol have to check it.
If you cannot fix it, scrap it! And stated that the Compliance Measures are failing!
Need to change long-gun registry, only retain if we can fix it.
Stated that he would rely on CPIC and the Registry if it worked

Dawson College Committee for Gun Control
Provided a brief history of the Committee, it was established a few days after the attack at Dawson College and after the PM said the "Registry did not stop Dawson'
Partially addressed comments of Yukon MLA, by mentionning victimization of Northerners
Registry did not prevent the death of Ms. DeSousa, but the registry reduces risk of being a victim of gun violence.
Stated "We all know what happened with deregulation" and provided examples of the U.S. Financial meltdown and the current U.S. Oil Spill.
In 2006, Minister Day announced that the firearms used in Polytechnique and Dawson, the Barretta Strom and Mini-Rugger should not be in the possession of ordinary people. He highligted that neither of these firearms are prohibited.
He also stated the Minister Day, provided him with research done by Prof. Mauser as reason for supporting position. He highlighted that Prof. Mauser is also a strong advocate for getting rid of the registry and the carrying of concealed weapons. He asked if this is what they want?
Provided the example that in Honalulu Hawaii, that they have a very admirable record regarding gun control but it is stilll not as good as Canada's.
Stated that everything needs to be included (gun control measures) and said Let go, it just too much!

Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians
Keep elements of a social bill, not a crime bill.
Stated that rural areas are over represented by firearms deaths. The issue of firearms deaths are largely a suicide prevention issue and that much needs to be done and it is not the tme for reduced efforts.
Provided some statistics, showing that has provided strong evidence that in various forms that it has reduced suicides.
Provided statistics on Spousal Homicide rates as these are the most prevalent guns (long-guns) found in homes.
Gun control measures have a role to play in public health (stated that it is not really a crime bill, but more a public health one).

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The role of the registry:

- tough call to say someone is suicideal and in evaluating risk to self and others.
- use police force to check for firearms in the home
- used to determine if the individual can be released from hospital
- there are practical concerns for wanting to know if there are firearms in the home, e.g. family violence was mentionned as well

Stated that to have effective gun control you cannot sever out parts of the Act.

Questions and Answer Session
Mark Holland, Liberal Critic provided a brief overveiw of the apparent divide in the Police Community over the Firearms Regsitry.
He than asked Charles Momy, President of the Canadian Police Association about this divide.
Mr. Momy responded that overall there is support from the association, but there are small pockets that have varying veiws on this isssue.
But highlighted that as more factual information regarding the registry is made available it is helping those who have traditionally been apposed to reconsider their position and he provided the example of Saskatchewan. Noting that of the 156 plus associations, there were 6 from Saskatchewan were opposed, but are reconsidering their position in light of the information provided by the RCMP on the CFP and what the reorganization has accomplished.
Nadine Teeft stated that 50% of crime guns were domestically sourced guns.

Chief Constable Rob Rich, stated that the current registry costs 4.1 million per year and provided clarfication that he was in favour of fixing the current registry but flagged that to do this would cost more than 4 million dollars.

Dr. Alan Drummond stated that he did have a firearms licence and used his firearms on his rural property for criter control. He also stated that in his 30 years as a physician he had never seen handgun injuries, all were from long-guns.

Maria Mourani, Bloc Critic directed her question to Chief Constable Rob Rich to understand further his comments that to fix the registry would cost more, comment about decriminalizing citizens, and about his stats that there are 1 million unregistered owners now and wanted to know if these stats were from before or after the amnesties were in place. Chief Constable Rich indicated that he could not say whether or not the stats are from before or since the amnesties are in place, and that his stats of 1 million unregistered firearms owners, comes from his own expert and not of Prof. Mauser as allowed asked by the Bloc Critic. Chief Constable Rich indicated that the Federal Government should decriminalilze the possession of unrestricted firearms by citizens. Ms Mourani claimmed the criminal powers could not be separated out as per the S.C.C. of 2000.

Ms. Mourani, stated that from here understanding to decriminalize citizens would entail delegating the authority to the provinces.
Charles Momy, President of the Canadian Police Association stated that the Association is aginst this (to decriminalize).

Borys Wzresnewskyj, Liberal Member, Reiterated the statistics provided by Charles Momy in his openning statement and provided other statistics used to introduce the topic that the registry usage has increased. Charles Momy, responded that there has been a significant increased in usuage of the Registry and this is in part since the RCMP has taken charge in the CFP. Charles Momy also restated that there are autolinks Mr. Wzresnewskyi asked Mr. Momy, does it save lives of front-line police officers, to which Mr. Momy replied, that's a tough question, cannot say empirically, but there are cases were it saved lives, especially in relation to suicides. Mr. Wzresnewskyi highlighted the fact that the 3 retired police officers from Winnipeg who presented their testimony last week stated that police officers are essentially muzzled (effectively silenced) and not allowed to speak out against the registry. Mr. Momy replied that the representatives of the Associations are all democratically elected and 150 of the 156 organizations support the registry.

Brent Rathgeber, Conservative Member, spoke about the registry being inaccurate. Mr. Momy replied that the amnesty is what caused the registry to be inaccurate and that we need to continue to improve the Registry. Mr. Momy said that the continued amnesty does not help the situation.

Andrew Kania, Liberal Member, asked the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians if your organization opposes the registry. Dr. Drummond stated that an open letter to MP's was sent last week in support of the registry. That this is not a crime control issue but one of health prevention and Dr. Drummond began listing some of the organizations that are partners to the Association and support the Association's unified, historical support for the Registry.

Mr. Momy, highlighted that it was the Conservative Government who put the amnesties in place after being asked by Mr. Kania who put the amnesties in place.

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Mr. Momy, confirmed that police officers do not depend 100% on tools that are at their disposal, they continue to search to confirm (if looking for long-guns). Mr. Momy reiterate that it wa a helpful tool.

Dave MacKenzie, Conservative Member, provided a bit of information on the amnesty and how it does not eliminate licencing. Chief Constable Rich responded correct and that the intent behind the amnesty was good but the problem remains handguns and assult rifles. Mr. MacKenzie, stated tha the Barretta Storm rifle is restricted and that the costs will be significant to register the one's that are not in the registry as well as highlighting that the old FAC licence process included an interview. Chief Constable Rich said that today's process is like applying for a credit card.

Dr. Carolyn Snider emphazied that there was research conducted in the province of Quebec that could tease out some of the factors that come into play to determine which actions have resulted in changes (eg. safe storage regulations made a difference) over the years.

Luc Desnoyers, Bloc Member, spoke about family violence, suicides and tendancies and asked how do the police use the registry.
The Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians stated that there were two ways to use the registry.
The doctors highlighted that they see women in emergency and that police usually bring in suicidal victims to emergency.
Stats provided, 15 out of 100,000 women in Montreal and 78 out of 100,000 women in Northern Quebec have been to emergency in response to domestic violence.
Firearms are high risk and often used in the Yukon to threaten intimate partner.

Phil McColemen, Conservative Member, reiterated the disappointment of the Yukon MLA that he is the first Aborginal Person to appear before the Committee and said that it was do to the Opposition. Mr. McColemen asked Mr. Edzerza if he was aware that the MP in his riding was fighting against the Registry. Mr. Edzerza said no. The last time Mr. Edzerza had a discussion with M.P., the M.P. said his hands were tied. Mr. Edzerza responded to Mr. McColemen's question, regarding the Federation of Saskatechean Indian Nations, that he was made aware only today of the position. Mr. McColemen stated that he is from the riding with the biggest First Nations Organization in Canada. Mr. McColemen stated that he is not against gun control, something that is efficient. Mr. McColemen than asked about licencing. Chief Constable Rich stated that money should be put on licencing, as it is the biggest single issue.

Mr. Holland was provided time and begin by the need to register cars, boats, and pets. That the registry is an important tool and forms part of a process. He spoke of elected officials in leading to the question "Why kill something when so many people say it is a useful tool?"

Hope this helps.
Sandra

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: May 7, 2010 12:01 PM
To: Murdock, Lyndon
Cc: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: SECU Meeting May 6, 2010 Mtg. No. 16

Hi Lyndon,

Here is a quick summary of key points raised at the meeting.

1st witness was from the **Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale**
Who provided a brief overview of organization
Stated that organization is against C-391, stated that Bill C-391 goes against the Charter of Rights and Freedom
Key points are that the registry is part of the tools used to control firearms
Provided data regarding deaths related to firearms
Provided Statistics on firearm crime, i.e. such as more long-guns are found in homes, especially in rural areas
Agree that licencing is important, but maintain that Registry helps police keep firearms out of the hands of agressors.

2nd witness was from **Group of Students and Graduates of Polytechnique**
Stated that organization is against C-391 and the importance of gun control
Have been examining the issue since 1989 and agrees that there are a number of factors involved in the situation that occurred
However, stated that without their firearms, individuals could not have done as much damage as they did.
All firearms control measures encourage responsibility on behalf of firearms owners
Provide example that firearm used in the 1989 Polytechnique shooting a mini-Ruger would not longer require to be registered.
Registry is necessary to help reduce the risk
Others have stated that the registry is an emotional issue, but organization has stated that they have been working very rationally using facts and opions of experts from public safety, health, associations of police and womens groups and not from gun advocates.
Provided more facts, such as long-guns have killed more police than other weapons, used in family violence and suicide and that 15 coroners reports have recommended registration of firearms
The Supreme Court of Canada has stated that registration is integrated in scheme
Costs approx. 3M per year and stated that all money invested cannot be recovered
The registry is necessary and efficient.
Enables police to determine illegal vs. legal firearms and enforce court orders.

3rd witness **Mr. Jack Tingsley**
Supports Bill C-391
Stated that the Chiefs of Police have effectively silenced those opposed to maintaining the registry;
and that there were future ramifications regarding career if you speak in favour of C-391
Keep point made was that Registry does not address vilent crime issues
However, emphasized that the former licencing regime did (qualify to acquire guns under FAC more stringent)
Supports licencing

4th witness **Mr. David Shipman**
Supports Bill C-391
25 years with Winnipeg Police
16 on a Special Weapons team
Retired 10 years ago
Vast majoirty of violent attacks are with other weapons that are not firearms
no amount of gun regisry would have stopped these crimes
gun registry does not prevent gun crime
Licenced, controlled process would
the registry is aobut counting guns
gun registry worthless
criminals don't register their guns
the FAC did as much without counting guns
gun crimes are escalating
registry happened as a result of Polytechnique but it did not stop Dawson

5th witness **Mr. Mitch McCormick**
Supports Bill C-391
spent 27 1/2 years as a Winnipeg Police Officer
provided example of a bank robber who obtained a firearms licence in 2003 even though he was prohibited from owning one until 2012
he had 32 aliaseas, rented storgae lockers and had many residences were he stored the firearms
non of the firearms seized were registered

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he did however register a gun
cannot rely on firearms registy
knowing that someone can potentially help, such as under the FAC this individual would not have obtained a licence (if he would have applied for one under this system)
The FAC required background check on the individual, not the number of guns
people kill people]
no one that worked with him or for him used the registry
police officer have to assume the worst
knowing the person, was what was relied on
don't take anything for granted
Pointed out that far more people are killed by knives that with guns and provided an example when he was on the VICE Unit and was stabbed in the leg.
Registry was enacted with good intentions
The Registry is ineffective and and inaccurate
Target the person not the weapon

Selected questions raised and answers:

Liberal cirtic Mark Holland
Asked the three individual witnesses who were presenting testimony for the Government, of the 156 Associations across Canada, how many have taken a fromal position against the regsitry?
Mr. Holland responded in total 6.

Of the 430 chiefs how many have spoken against the registry?
Mr. Holland responded 35 spoke against the registry.

Initially the Saskatechewan Police Association was for repealling the long-gun registry and supported C-391, but are taking back their statement and reconsidering their position in light of the information being provided by the RCMP on what the Registry does.
The registry is able to cofirm if a firearm has been stolen, if someone is stockpiling.
Question, is it really work saving 3.1M after the police Associations are saying it is helpful.
The Polytechnique was asked about how they felt that after 20 years they were still fighting
They responded that the cost of imprisonment is high and that it Bill C-391 was an ideological response and that there exists tonnes of controls on cars and drivers.

Bloc Critic Maria Mourani
Respect the objective of the bill - proposed amendments cannot render the Bill acceptable.
Amends that are being suggested are not possible, would require a new bill to amend the law.
C-391 is not an amendable Bill
Registry to help prevent events of Ploytechnique, something concrete in their memory.
The question was is the registry cost of 3M worth saving 1 life?
Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale
Answereed that the Registry saves many more lives.

Conservative member Phil McColeman
Asked the inidividual witnesses to confirm that there is pressure for police not to speak up?
Mr. Tinsely responed absolutely!
Chiefs are telling their officers (rank & file) not to sepak out and have been told they are not allowed to attend the SECU Committee as a witness.
Mr. McColeman spoke about needing a tool box and that he is not against gun control and that this is about looking for tools that work. The Conservatives want tot develop tools - licencing piece
Asked "how can we improve licencing:"?
Mr. Tinsley replied that the the process for which a firearms owner applied for a FAC was better. He elaborated that the individual submitted an application to a police officer, the application was reviewed, amny checks were onde on the individuals history, they called the spouce, verified if there was a history of alcohol, addiction to prescritpions drugs, seeing a pyschiatrist. Stated that this does not happen today.
Today's process is not face to face.
Mr. McColeman identified that the cost of 3.1 dollars was signifcant and that they want to make sure that expenditures, tax dollars are spent effectively.
If the 10 million unregistered firearms were to now be registered it would cost probably 16M in total to due. This is based on knowing that there are under 7M registered firearms and that the cost would be at least double to add in the other 10M estimated out there pllus enforcement.

The Chair spoke up and said he had trouble sitting by and watching and wanted to Highlight that the recovation rate was higher under the old FAC.

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Liberal Member Marlene Jennings
Thanked the witnesses for using statistics from Statistic Canada
Asked the Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale what the percentage of women and children that have been threatened with a long-gun?
The Asssociation responded that they could not give percent, but that lots ow women and children, especially from rural areas have been initimated by firearms.
Ms. Jennings asked if the FAC process to ensure that a firearms licencee was not dangereous was a better system.
Mr. Tinsley replied that the FAC was in place until the current PAL, and stated that statistics used are merged from FAC and PAL when identifying 1.7M gun oweners in Canada
Ms. Jennigs replied that that did not respond to her question.

Conservative Member Sheila Glover
Stated that statistics are not complete
Stated that there are 580 missing aboriginal women
Stated that the Regsitry do what it was set-up to do

Conservative Member Dave MacKenzie asked Group of Students and Graduates of Polytechnique if they knew the difference between a licence and registration?
They responded that the licence was to control the owner of firearms and that the registration tells us what type and how many firearms they have.

Ms. Glover commented why Dawson happened if the registry was sucessful?

Luc Desnoyers
Stated that several myths have been raised including the cost, does not serve, long and costly process, all crimes are committed with handguns and that there is no link between Polytechnique and the Registry.
He mentioned that the 3 individual witnesses said they have never used the registry, and therefore, commented how can they say it has no value?
The Group of Students and Graduates of Polytechnique stated that the registry is part of a larger picture.
They provided the example of how police were required to go from store to store to try and determine who Marc Lepine was while the event was occuring. And then explained that while a similar event was happening at Dawson, because of the registry and the ability to link the guns to the licence, to the suspects car to an address, police had his picture as the events were unfolding. They also stated that the registry was an effective investment and that it followed the firearrms. Firearms would be able to be circulated easly if not registered.

Rick Norlock
Asked Mr. Tinsley to finish his opening remarks (he ran out of time).
Mr. Tinsley continue to list all of the sports shooting organiztions that he belonged to.
There was discussion on the costs associated with the registry (it cost 2 billion to register 7 million firearms).
What will it cost to register the rest?
Mr. Tinsely advsied that there were still 10 millin firearms ou there.
Mr. Tinsley was asked where should money be spent?
The response from was on repeat offenders, need to be tough with respect to criminals.
Mr. Shipman responded on the monsters.
The Group of Students and Graduates of Polytechnique stated that tougher sentences not helpful, since the individual usually commits suicide. They also asked where the 10M stat came from and stated probably came from Gary Mauser, a Professor from Simon Fraser University who is a gun advocate.

Liberal Member Andrew Kania
Stated that the registry helps to enforce court orders, helps police during a domestic violence, suicide or unstable call. Know that the registry facilitates the tracing of stolen firearms and helps with keeping firearms owners accountable. It is helps as a police investigative aid. It is not perfect, but must make us a bit safer?

Mr. Tinsley responded that under the previous legislation police could do seizures without obtaining a warrant, **but conseded that the registry could not hurt**. Conservative Member Dave MacKenzie that the registry was intended to provide gun control safety and that that officers are often shot with their own handgun.

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: May 5, 2010 9:47 AM
To: Murdock, Lyndon
Cc: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: Summary of SECU Meeting No. 15 May 4, 2010

Hi Lyndon,

Please find below a summary of key points raised at today's meeting. It is not complete as I had difficulty hearing the conversations, for the next meeting I think I will watch via the internet with head phones to see if this is better.

Hope that it works!

Brief Summary:

1st Witness was the Sponsor of the Bill, Ms. Hoeppner (Portage-Lisgar). Ms. Hoeppner was allowed to do a short presentation. Each party was allocated four minutes to ask questions.

Key points stated by Ms. Hoeppner:
Explained that rural views regarding long-guns was different.
That the focus should be on persons (licencing) and not the firearm.
Key is who is in possession of a firearm.
Ms. Hoeppner quoted statistics that said that licenced individuals are 50% less like to do a gun crime.
Countered that for those who say the long-gun registry is an investigative tool, that it was not reliable, data was inaccurate and out of date.
Stated that the long-gun registry was expensive, faulty system.
Stated that it makes sense to keep track of those whom are prohibited from owning a gun.
Law enforcements focus was on the wrong people (law abiding citizens instead of criminals).
If the long-gun registry is repealed, we would still be able to confirm licence.
Police know registry is not reliable.
Provide an example in relation to loaning a firearm and how the registry cannot capture this information.
Argued that the police do not check the registry 10,000 times a day.
Highlighted the costs of correcting data, enforcement
Understands the emotional connection to the registry, especially for those who have lost a love one due to firearms.

Liberal Critic, Mark Holland
Asked Ms Hoeppner on statistics within the various police associations.
Ms. Hoeppner advised that he would have to ask the various associations.
Ms. Hoeppner stated that the police are divided on the issue of whether the long-gun registry is useful.
Mr. Holland responded that 1 police association has come on record as opposing the long-gun registry.

Asked the Sponsor of the bill where the statistics come from.
Ms. Hoeppner responded Gary Mauser.
Ms. Hoeppner reiterated her support for the licencing provisions.

NDP Mr. Comartin Provided a history of the Government Bills tabled since the Conservatives have had a minority Government.
Called this a farce in democracy.
Stated that it should be the Minister of Public Safety presenting the bill.
Stated that in 2009 the police made 4 million inquiries by asking if firearms are in a residence.

Ms. Hoeppner responded that focus should be on licencing.

Sponsors' session ends and the focus turns to witnessed called.

Witness to due a 10 minute presentation

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C.A.P.B.
Urged the committee to explore public safety and police officer safety and how the registry is used as an investigative tool.
Determine fact from fiction.
Enables, court ordered prohibition orders
Enhances ability to track stolen firearms, import/export of firearms.
Firearm acquisition and possession.
Quoted the sponsor of the bill
Registry is cost effective
Current registry has value, improvements required.

RCMP
Support to law enforcement agency, since its transfer in 2006
RCMP integrated units in 2008 to provide greater operational and technical support.
Registry is key to police officer safety:

risk reduction
firearms training
screening of licences

Often firearms are registered
Registration is an accountability mechanism for firearms owners.
Registry is key to officer safety, prevention of crime, and monitor records for accumulation of firearms
Example provided of CFRO usage and highlighted that registry contains court ordered prohibitions nationally and internationally

YWCA
concern is of violence against women
100,000 women leave their homes
serving rural populations where shotguns and rifles are part of life
especially for aboriginal women
long-guns and rifles are the most common firearms found in households
identified that the money already spent cannot be recovered
They are the voice of women asking for protection.

Calgary Chief of Police
registry marginally addresses
maybe a useful investigative tool, but it falls short of public safety
does not stop criminal activity.
provided examples of gang fights in Calgary in recent years, were investigations identified that the firearms were not registered
The gang members pleaded to lesser offences, and the sentences were insignificant
Criminal Code sentencing needs to stricter to be a deterrent
It would be essential to have search and seizure powers.
Provide a case where firearms were obtained illegally before the businesses who sells could register them (stolen)
reason for this is that registration is currently at point of sale.
support firearms licensing
would support registration through XXX streamlined and simplified

Floor was opened to Questions
Senior Deputy Commissioner Sweeney was asked about working with colleagues across the country.
The Senior Deputy Commissioner responded that they are working with Chief Blair and other Chiefs of Police on a comphrensive action plan.

Chief Hanson stated that the registry as it is now criminalizes law abiding citizens
there should be recognition of regional differences
A liberal member of the committee highlighted that the Alberta Chiefs of Police have called on changes to the registry.
Bloc sought clarification from Chief Hanson on his stand towards the registry.
Chief Hanson responded that as the registry exists today it is a placebo.
Here is what we need and how we get their remains to be seen.

Chief Superintendant Marty Cheliak,

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The registry provides information on revoked registration certificates, court ordered prohibition orders and mental health issues.
Chief Superintendant Cheliak was asked to confirm Ms. Hoeppners' comment about loaning of a firearm and how this is not captured in the registry.
Chief Superintendant Cheliak responded by talking about transfers.

Senior Deputy Commissioner stated that there were 4 million requests last year to the registry to ascertain if firearms were in a particular residence.

NDP
Asked the RCMP if it was possible that there is a variance in the quantity of requests across the country.
the RCMP did not have an immediate answer.

CAPB
Asked if Regional Registries would be more efficient
CAPB responded that they had not done an analysis on that.
Identified that there is room for improvement which could include regional concerns.

Chief Hanson identified that a key piece to gain support for the registry would be to decriminalize possession without a registration certificate and to streamline process.

Senior Deputy Commissioner Sweeney identified that the CFP, RCMP should be working with partners across the country

YWCA
Identified that they are most concerned with the licencing of individuals
The conservative member asked if the representative of the YWCA what did C-17 bring about as change to guns?
Representative responded she was not asked to appear on C-17 but on C-391
Registry - identify

Chief Hanson advised that criminal do not use the registry.

Senior Deputy Commissioner Sweeney was asked if he was advocating that police use the registry more often?
Whey Police Chiefs needed to be told of the benefits of the registry.
Senior Deputy Commissioner Sweeney responded that until 2008 the CFP has been a transitional period.
that today there are 11,000 hits and that information contained in the registry would not be available if C-391 passes.
He did confirm that a search by a name or address would exists for licencing, but officers would be unable to determine which firearms.
A liberal member asked Senior Deputy Commissioner if he could identify the number of long guns vs. short guns and the number of long knife vs. short knife when he has responded to domestics in the past. Senior Deputy Commissioner Sweeney responded that he could not answer that question.
He did say that he speculated that the increase in usage of the registry as a tool was because front-line officers had greater confidence in the quality of information available. He identified that the registry red flags certain situations, such as stockpiling (accumulation of 10 or more firearms).

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From: Maurice, Sandra

Sent: June 7, 2010 9:44 AM

To: Smith, Joel

Subject: Summary of SECU Meetings on Bill C-391

Attachments: Summary of SECU Meeting No. 15 May 4, 2010; SECU Meeting May 6, 2010 Mtg. No. 16; SECU Meeting May 13, 2010 Mtg. No. 18 ; SECU Meeting No. 19 of May 25, 2010; SECU Meeting No. 20 of May 26, 2010; SECU Meeting of May 27, 2010 Mtg. No. 21

Hi Joel,

Only from May 13th onward do I highlight in pink anything that may need to be further examined.

Sandra

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From: Easson, Grant

Sent: June 1, 2010 7:52 PM

To: * Media Monitoring / Suivi des médias; Cintrat, Jean; Durand, Stéphanie; Dussault, Josée; Kent, Andrea; Lambert, Louise; MacLean, Charles; McAteer, Julie; Minna, Fernando; Mowrey, Tim; Mundie, Robert; 'PCO General'; Strasbourg, Christina; Tomlinson, Jamie; Jarmyn, Tom

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Subject: Summary of this afternoon's SECU meeting

Attachments: Meeting 22 - Clause by clause PMB C-391 - Long-gun registry (June 1).doc

Please find attached a brief summary of this afternoon's meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU).

The Committee commenced their study clause-by-clause consideration on Private Members' Bill C-391 (repeal of the long-gun registry). The Committee was still debating whether the Committee should report the House not proceed with the Bill.

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REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETING

Name of Committee: **Public Safety and National Security**
Report prepared by: Grant Easson, Public Safety 991-3311
Date and time: Tuesday, June 1, 2010 – 15h30 to 17h15
Location: Room 253-D, Centre Block
Subject: PMB C-391 (repeal of the long-gun registry)

Overview of Meeting

- Before the Committee undertook a clause-by-clause consideration of PMB C-391, the Committee adopted a motion from MP Mark Holland (Lib.) for the Committee to receive two documents: The Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010 and the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program from about the same period.

- As soon as the Committee began their clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-391, Mr. Holland, the first person to speak, moved the following: That this Committee pursuant to Standing Order 97.1 (1) recommend that the House Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-391 because the Committee has heard sufficient testimony that the Bill will dismantle a tool that promotes and enhances public security and the safety of Canadian police officers. Debate ensued for almost an hour on this motion until the Committee had to adjourn at 17h15 due to a vote in the House, When the Committee meets again on Thursday, Mr. Rathgaber, who had the floor for approximately 20 minutes, will continue with his intervention to the effect that the Committee had heard from a great number of witnesses who did not speak in favour of the long-gun registry.

Highlights of hearing:

- The Committee agreed to request the RCMP provide the Committee with a copy the Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010 and the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program. The Committee will accept this document in English and will be responsible for the translation. Mr. Holland asked the Committee to underscore the urgency of this matter given he Bill could be voted on in the House in short order.

- Mme Mourani (BQ) insisted the above-mentioned documents be provided in French and indicated she had received previous Committee follow-up commitments (referenced a previous appearance of the Minister) in English only.

- Mr. Davies (NDP) moved the meeting be adjourned and the Committee meet to consider PMB-391 on Thursday and next Tuesday (if necessary). Government members and Mme Mourani (BQ) spoke out against the motion, wanting to keep to the agreed agenda - an agenda government members indicated was forced upon the Committee by the Opposition - and that Mr. Davies' motions could be entertained at the next meeting. Government members also brought up the fact that Mr. Davies had been absent from the previous hearings with respect to C-391. Mr. Davies indicated he believed there had been all-party consent to proceed in the matter, but that this was obviously not the case. He indicated Mr. Comartin had sent a request to Government House Leader Jay Hill to postpone the clause-by-clause consideration for one meeting and that Mr. Hill "didn't even given the courtesy of a reply". He subsequently said he wished to withdraw his motion. The Committee agreed to withdraw the motion.

- Mr. Holland amended Mr. Davies' motion seeking the Committee adjourn and meet for an unlimited amount of time on Thursday – until the clause-by-clause consideration was completed. He believed this would serve to "limit the propensity we sometimes see for

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filibustering". He later retracted this motion once the Committee agreed to have Mr. Davies withdraw his motion.

- Mr. Mackenzie (CPC) indicated that Mr. Davies had spoken of 8 – 10 amendments that could be put forth by the NDP.

- On a point of order, Mr Wrzesnewskyj (Lib.) wished to discuss a motion for the last 15 minutes of the meeting The Chair indicated it was too late to consider the motion but that a possible option would be to consider his motion at the next meeting.

Follow-up required/Next meeting:

- The Committee will resume their clause-by-clause consideration of PMB C-391 at their next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 3.

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From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 5:38 PM
To: Strasbourg, Christina
Subject: FW: or your approval- canadian firearms program report. public safety media lines

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Hi,

These have been approved by ADM Wex.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: or your approval- canadian firearms program report. public safety media lines

Lynne,

Can you please get these most recent lines approved by ADM Wex.

Public Safety Canada received an English-only copy of the Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation Report from the RCMP on June 3, 2010.

In order to meet official language requirements, and to respect parliamentary committee processes, the report must be translated in both official languages prior to release.

The RCMP has confirmed to media that the final report is still in translation.

It is anticipated that the RCMP will provide the Minister of Public Safety a final translated version of the evaluation report in the coming days, at which point the Minister will transmit it to the Chair of the Standing Committee without delay (via the clerk).

Merci!!

Micheline

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Subject: RE: or your approval- canadian firearms program report. public safety media lines

Here is what is with the rcmp and Stephanie have approved. Please ensure mr. wex approves. Thanks.

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Sent: August 26, 2010 4:20 PM
To: Lavoie, Micheline
Cc: Hannan, Andrew; Fergusson, Janis; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Doyle, Ryan; Cintrat, Jean
Subject: RE: or your approval- canadian firearms program report. public safety media lines

Many thanks all!

We are sharing with RCMP

Andrea

From: Lavoie, Micheline
Sent: August 26, 2010 4:17 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Cc: Hannan, Andrew; Fergusson, Janis; Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Doyle, Ryan; Cintrat, Jean
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Andrea,

Here are the lines that we are proposing from PPD.

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Subject: or your approval- canadian firearms program report. public safety media lines

Can you please verify the **accuracy of the below Ministerial lines - ASAP please**

Many thanks,

Andrea

- Public Safety Canada Parliamentary Affairs received an unsigned, English-only hard copy of the Canadian Firearms Program Report from the RCMP on June 3, 2010.

- In order to meet Official Language requirements, and to respect Parliamentary Committee processes, the report is being translated by the RCMP.

- The RCMP have confirmed to media that the final report is still in translation and is not yet in final form for presentation to the Minister's Office or the Committee. Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister.

- It is anticipated that the RCMP will provide Public Safety Canada a final, signed and translated version of the evaluation in the coming days.

- Once the report is finalized by the RCMP, the Minister will then transmit the report to the Chair of the committee without delay (via the clerk).

- If pressed:

  The RCMP have confirmed to media that the final report is still in translation and is not yet in final form for presentation to the Minister's Office or the Committee. Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister.

BACKGROUND

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Request from MP Mark Holland requesting the RCMP to deliver the report to committee and request from Maria Mourani asserting the documents must be provided in both official languages – which is a TBS guideline.

http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=4575385&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=40&Ses=3

Mr. Mark Holland:
Right. At the last meeting I articulated the two documents that were being sought. One is the Canadian firearms program evaluation of February 2010, and the second is the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian firearms program that was around the same period of time. I'll move that as a motion.
It's clear that the committee would be requesting these documents of the RCMP commissioner.

[...]

Mrs. Maria Mourani (Ahuntsic, BQ):
Mr. Chairman, I would simply like to indicate, for the clerk's information, that documents must be provided to us in both official languages. Indeed, I received the minister's responses in English. When the minister appeared before us, a few months ago, we asked him several questions to which we have received answers. I do not know if everyone received them in the same format as I did. In these answers, there were parts in French and others in English. I do not know if this went through the clerk, but I, for one, did not receive the full answers in French.
I would therefore like to have the minister's answers as well as these documents, in French, as quickly as possible.

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Strasbourg, Christina

From: Strasbourg, Christina

Sent: August 26, 2010 9:06 AM

To: Cintrat, Jean

Subject: CBC talking about the RCMP evaluation report

"analysis completed 6 months ago, still not released by Government" is their tag line.

They are reporting highlights from the report.

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Cintrat, Jean

From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: August 26, 2010 3:46 PM
To: Syme, Christina; Maurice, Sandra; Lavoie, Micheline; Doyle, Ryan; Cintrat, Jean
Cc: Hannan, Andrew; Fergusson, Janis
Subject: or your approval- canadian firearms program report. public safety media lines

Can you please verify the **accuracy of the below Ministerial lines - ASAP please**

Many thanks,

Andrea

- Public Safety Canada Parliamentary Affairs received an unsigned, English-only hard copy of the Canadian Firearms Program Report from the RCMP on June 3, 2010.
- In order to meet Official Language requirements, and to respect Parliamentary Committee processes, the report is being translated by the RCMP.
- The RCMP have confirmed to media that the final report is still in translation and is not yet in final form for presentation to the Minister's Office or the Committee. Once the report is confirmed final, is signed and translated, it will then be in an acceptable form for submission to the Minister.
- It is anticipated that the RCMP will provide Public Safety Canada a final, signed and translated version of the evaluation in the coming days.
- Once the report is finalized by the RCMP, the Minister will then transmit the report to the Chair of the committee without delay (via the clerk).

- If pressed:

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BACKGROUND

From the TB Guidelines:
http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=12526&section=text#materialmaterial

Treasury Board sets OL policy for the RCMP and Public Safety.

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Request from MP Mark Holland requesting the RCMP to deliver the report to committee and request from Maria Mourani asserting the documents must be provided in both official languages – which is a TBS guideline.

http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=4575385&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=40&Ses=3

Mr. Mark Holland:

Right. At the last meeting I articulated the two documents that were being sought. One is the Canadian firearms program evaluation of February 2010, and the second is the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian firearms program that was around the same period of time. I'll move that as a motion.

It's clear that the committee would be requesting these documents of the RCMP commissioner.

[...]

Mrs. Maria Mourani (Ahuntsic, BQ):

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Cintrat, Jean

From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 3:56 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Subject: RE: Report - updated lines

That makes more sense.

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-----Original Message-----
From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: August 26, 2010 3:54 PM
To: Cintrat, Jean
Subject: FW: Report - updated lines

FYI

-----Original Message-----
From: Bird, Sheila
Sent: August 26, 2010 3:49 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea; Durand, Stéphanie; Tim Cogan
Cc: Hannan, Andrew; Bob Paulson; Karen Brazeau
Subject: RE: Report - updated lines

I have now been corrected. There were three signature blocks, but the copy sent did not have the signatures. Nevertheless, the Commr's
covering letter indicates that it is final.

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>>> "McDonald, Andrea" <Andrea.McDonald@ps-sp.gc.ca> 8/26/2010 3:31 PM
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Will check with Parl Affairs

Andrea

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From: Bird, Sheila
Sent: August 26, 2010 3:25 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea; Durand, Stéphanie; Tim Cogan
Cc: Hannan, Andrew; Bob Paulson; Karen Brazeau
Subject: RE: Report - updated lines
Importance: High

** High Priority **

There is no signature block for the Commissioner on the evaluation document. The

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Commissioner has never signed these documents before.

Both the evaluation and the audit were accompanied by a transmittal letter from the Commissioner which states that they are is final. That is how the committee members would know that they are getting the ultimate document.

The evaluation was indeed signed by appropriate officers: Dep Commissioner Killam, Chief Supt M. Cheliak, and Michel Burrowes of Evaluation.

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I have checked with our Parl Affairs director - he has confirmed that PS did not receive a signed version of the report. However, the unsigned report was delivered to PS with a signed cover letter from the commissioner.

Andrea

-----Original Message-----
From: Durand, Stéphanie
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:56 PM
To: Bird, Sheila; Tim Cogan; McDonald, Andrea
Cc: Karen Brazeau; Hannan, Andrew
Subject: RE: Report - updated lines

Thanks - we will check with our Parliamentary Affairs colleagues.

Andrea: see below. Over to you pls.

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My understanding is PS received a signed version, but the appropriate officials. This time, you are asking the cmmr to sign, which is not usual practice. So to say PS received an unsigned copy would be incorrect ------Original Message------
From: Durand, Stephanie
To: Cogan, Tim
Cc: Bird, Sheila
Subject: FW: Report - updated lines
Sent: Aug 26, 2010 12:21 PM

Updated lines as per our chat. Are you ok with these Stéphanie DurandDirector General, Communications | Directrice générale, CommunicationsPublic Safety Canada | Sécurité publique Canada 269 Laurier, 18D-3600 Ottawa, Canada K1A 0P8stephanie.durand@ps-sp.gc.ca Telephone | Téléphone 613 991-2799 Facsimile | Télécopieur 613 993-7062Government of Canada | Gouvernement du Canada www.PublicSafety.gc.ca | www.SecuritePublique.gc.ca

From: McDonald, Andrea Sent: August 26, 2010 12:19 PM To: Durand, Stéphanie Cc: Hannan, Andrew Subject: Report - updated lines Sorry for the delay - of all the days to have computer problems...

Public Safety Canada Parliamentary Affairs received an unsigned, English-only hard copy the Canadian Firearms Program Report from the RCMP on June 3, 2010.
Parliamentary Affairs provided the report to the Minister's Office electronically on June 3, 2010. This was followed by providing a hard
copy version of the unsigned, English-only Canadian Firearms Program Report to the Minister's Office on June 8, 2010 as per standard procedure.
In order to meet Official Language requirements and to respect Parliamentary Committee process, the RCMP report is being translated.
If pressed

The RCMP have confirmed to media that the report is still in translation and should be available for posting in the week

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Cintrat, Jean

From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:47 AM
To: Durand, Stéphanie
Subject: RE:

Je t'appelle.

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From: Durand, Stéphanie
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:39 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Cintrat, Jean; McDonald, Andrea; Hannan, Andrew
Subject: Re:

Merci.
Jean: we should chat.

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From: Cyr, Lynne
To: Durand, Stéphanie
Sent: Thu Aug 26 10:36:45 2010
Subject: FW:

From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:32 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Wex, Richard; Mountjoy, Kathryn
Subject: RE:

Sorry, the report was in fact emailed to Parliamentary Affairs on June 3 from the RCMP and forwarded minutes later to the MO. A standard docket with cover memo, letters to the clerk and the report was created on June 3 and was received in MO on June 8.

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From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:23 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Cc: Wex, Richard; Mountjoy, Kathryn
Subject: RE:

The report was received in Parliamentary Affairs from the RCMP on June 6 by email. It was forwarded to MO minutes later on June 6. A hard copy with our standard docket and cover memo was sent to the MO on June 8.

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From: Cyr, Lynne
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:16 AM
To: Cintrat, Jean
Cc: Wex, Richard; Mountjoy, Kathryn
Subject: RE:

Thanks. Just to reconfirm our recent call, Parliamentary Affairs received copy of the report on June 8 and immediately shared it with our MO. Is this right? If so, could I get a copy of the email, if one was sent.

Merci - Lynne

From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:13 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Subject:

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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Garry Breitkreuz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Garry Breitkreuz, Don Davies, Luc Desnoyers, Shelly Glover, Mark Holland, Andrew Kania, Dave MacKenzie, Phil McColeman, Maria Mourani, Rick Norlock, Brent Rathgeber and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Associate Members present: Candice Hoeppner.

In attendance: *Library of Parliament*: Lyne Casavant, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to address the issue of obtaining two RCMP documents.

It was agreed, — That the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be asked to submit to the Committee the two documents referred to by William Sweeney during his appearance before the Committee on Thursday, May 4, 2010, specifically:

1) Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation, February 2010;

2)An internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms program from around the same time.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 3, 2010, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-391, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act (repeal of long-gun registry).

Don Davies moved, — That the clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-391, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act (repeal of long-gun registry), be on Thursday, June 3, 2010, and on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

Debate arose thereon.

Mark Holland moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words " and Tuesday, June 8, 2010" and replacing them by the following "and that the Committee continue until finished".

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Mark Holland moved, — That this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1 (1), recommends that the House of Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-391, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act (repeal of long-gun registry), because the Committee has heard sufficient testimony that the bill will dismantle a tool that promotes and enhances public security and the safety of Canadian police officers.

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Debate arose thereon.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine
Clerk of the Committee

2010/06/02 2:39 p.m.

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Strasbourg, Christina

From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 5:44 PM
To: Strasbourg, Christina
Cc: Lindsay, Nicole
Subject: RCMP report - next steps

I've just been told that the translated report will not be ready today (Thursday). It is expected by noon tomorrow. Charles-Eric knows to engage you directly on this. I have also informed Mike Mueller that I will be away. I will however keep an eye on my BB and don't hesitate to call me if needed.

Please proceed as follows:

1) I have left the docket on your desk. Still missing is the French letter. Please complete the letter with the official French title of the report.

2) As soon as you receive (from Charles-Éric by email) the French and English versions of report and the cover letter from the Commissioner, send all three electronically to MO (Mike Mueller and Andrea). Also, separately send same to Comms (Andrea McDonald), LPB (Cyr & Mountjoy), Tim Mowrey and Josée Dussault (Gabrielle).

3) Immediately thereafter, sign on my behalf the memo (add the covering letter from the RCMP into the docket and amend the memo accordingly) and bring the completed docket to Wendy or her assistant. Email Mike and Andrea that the package has been delivered to Wendy.

4) Call Reesha at PCO – 944-4629 to inform her that the report was delivered to MO.

5) Hand deliver the letters and reports to the clerk once instructed by MO.

6) As soon as you have physically delivered the package to the clerk, email him the report.

7) Email all people mentioned above that the report was delivered to the clerk.

Cc me on all your emails.

s.19(1)

Don't hesitate to call me [redacted] I will forewarn

Thank you very much.

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Strasbourg, Christina

From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 30, 2010 1:09 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Cc: Cintrat, Jean
Subject: Delivery of RCMP documents to SECU

For your information / No action required.

The Evaluation of the Canadian Firearms Program report and the Canadian Firearms Centre Management Control Framework Audit report were provided to the Clerk of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU) on August 30, 2010 at approximately 1:45 p.m.

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Cintrat, Jean

From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:38 AM
To: Cyr, Lynne
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Importance: High

Attachments: Firearms Evaluation Final DEC Approved Report.doc; CAFC Final Audit Report_ENG.pdf; CAFC Final Audit Report_FRA.pdf

Firearms Evaluation Final DEC ...

CAFC Final Audit Report_ENG.pd...

CAFC Final Audit Report_FRA.pd...

Voici le courriel du 3 juin.

-----Original Message-----
From: Easson, Grant
Sent: June 3, 2010 10:06 AM
To: Kent, Andrea
Cc: Minna, Fernando; Strasbourg, Christina; Cintrat, Jean
Subject: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents
Importance: High

Andrea,

Please find attached a copy of the Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program of February 2010 and the internal RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program as requested by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security. This will formally be sent up to your office once the hard copies are received from the RCMP.

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Cintrat, Jean

From: Cintrat, Jean
Sent: August 26, 2010 2:30 PM
To: 'Charles-Eric Lepine'
Subject: RE: Canadian Firearms Program - Evaluation - February 2010 document

Need to speak quick

Jean Cintrat

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-----Original Message-----
From: Charles-Eric Lepine [mailto:Charles-Eric.Lepine@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: August 23, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Strasbourg, Christina; Easson, Grant
Cc: Cintrat, Jean; Desnoyers, Christine; Helen Hopfauf; Mcelhone, Kathryn; Nicole Rainville
Subject: Re: Canadian Firearms Program - Evaluation - February 2010 document

Good morning,

The CFP Evaluation report was tabled at the Departmental Evaluation Committee (DEC) meeting on February 22, 2010.

The report was discussed by the DEC and approval was given by the Commissioner.

The signatures (signature blocs) in the report represent the interested parties recommendation for forwarding to the DEC and Commissioner for approval. We, the signatories, do not approve the report. Under the TBS Policy on Evaluation (2009) only the Commissioner can approve an evaluation report. That said, as a matter of practice, the Record of Decision (RoD) from the DEC meeting reflects the Commissioner's approvals but he does not sign the reports.

As a matter of record, the report, as per TBS policy and as evidence for our MAF assessment (Sec. 6 - Quality and Use of Evaluation) was sent to TB - Centre for Excellence in Evaluation after it was approved in Feb 2010.

The status of the translation will be provided asap - I will advise as soon as I hear anything.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you need anything else.

Regards,

CE

>>> "Easson, Grant" <Grant.Easson@ps-sp.gc.ca> 8/19/2010 12:28 PM >>>
Charles,

The Minister's Office has just advised our office that they would like a signed version

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of the RCMP's Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation document. They are uncertain that the current version represents a final version.

In addition, they are seeking a rough estimate as to when the French version of this document will be available.

Thanks!

Grant Easson
991-3311

-----Original Message-----
From: Easson, Grant
Sent: August 18, 2010 4:09 PM
To: 'Charles-Eric Lepine'
Cc: Desnoyers, Christine; Helen Hopfauf; Mcelhone, Kathryn; Nicole Rainville; Cintrat, Jean
Subject: RE: CAFC Audit

Salut Charles,

Sorry for my convoluted message - I was asking if there was an executive summary for the *Evaluation* as opposed to the Audit.

Nevertheless, I take your response to mean there is no executive summary of the Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation (February 2010), and notwithstanding the Evaluation was not signed and dated, this document is considered to be the final version. I will pass this along to Ryan Doyle.

MO had no questions with respect to the Canada Firearms Centre CAFC Management Control Framework MCF Audit.

Grant Easson
991-3311

-----Original Message-----
From: Charles-Eric Lepine [mailto:Charles-Eric.Lepine@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]
Sent: August 18, 2010 3:49 PM
To: Easson, Grant
Cc: Desnoyers, Christine; Helen Hopfauf; Mcelhone, Kathryn; Nicole Rainville
Subject: CAFC Audit

Hi Grant,

In response to your voice mail message, I can confirm that yes, the Canada Firearms Centre CAFC Management Control Framework MCF Audit - even though not signed - is official. And unfortunately no, we do not have an executive summary of this audit.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could also advise Ryan Doyle from the Ministers office of same, as he has also asked for this information from Christine Desnoyers, here at ES&ML.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, should you have any further questions and or concerns.

Regards,

CE

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Strasbourg, Christina

From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 27, 2010 4:33 PM
To: Mueller, Michael; Kent, Andrea
Cc: Cintrat, Jean
Subject: Docket #373076 - Canadian Firearms Evaluation Report

Hi Mike, Andrea,

This is to confirm that the hard copy docket (as well as the requested photocopies) were delivered to Wendy Gilmour at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Christina

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Strasbourg, Christina

From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 27, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Cintrat, Jean
Subject: FW: Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program - E-mail 3 of 3

Attachments: Letter to Minister re firearms 08-27-10.pdf

Letter to Minister re firearms...

Forgot to cc you on the e-mails to Comms

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From: Strasbourg, Christina
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To: McDonald, Andrea
Subject: Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program - E-mail 3 of 3

For your information.

Transmittal note from the Commissioner of the RCMP to the Minister.

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To: Cintrat, Jean
Subject: FW: Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program - E-mail 2 of 3

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From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 27, 2010 3:37 PM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Subject: Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program - E-mail 2 of 3

For your information.

English version of the Evaluation of the Canadian Firearms Program.

Christina

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From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 27, 2010 3:40 PM
To: Cintrat, Jean
Subject: FW: Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program Documents - E-mail 1 of 3

Attachments: FR_Firearms_Evaluation_Report.doc

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To: Dussault, Josée
Cc: Duschner, Gabrielle; Cintrat, Jean; Lambert, Louise; Mowrey, Tim
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From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 27, 2010 3:08 PM
To: Desnoyers, Christine
Subject: RE: Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program

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Sent: August 30, 2010 2:04 PM
To: Cintrat, Jean
Subject: FW: Canadian Firearms Evaluation Program - E-mail 5 of 5

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To: Strasbourg, Christina
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Ms. Strasbroug,

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: September 3, 2010 9:38 AM
To: Strasbourg, Christina
Subject: RE: Delivery of RCMP documents to SECU

Thanks Christina!
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From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: September 3, 2010 9:37 AM
To: Maurice, Sandra
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Cc: Maurice, Sandra; Cameron, Shelley; Cyr, Lynne
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Cc: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: FW: RCMP Evaluation

Attachments: Firearms Evaluation Final DEC Approved Report.doc; Picture (Metafile)

Hi Martin,

As per Ryan's request, please find following the Canadian Firearms Evaluation of February 2010.

Firearms Evaluation Final DEC ...

Sandra

From: Doyle, Ryan
Sent: August 26, 2010 1:19 PM
To: Maurice, Sandra
Cc: 'Martin.Burtt@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca'
Subject: RCMP Evaluation

Sandra,

Can you forward Martin a copy of the RCMP's evaluation.

Ry

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: August 26, 2010 12:24 PM
To: Lavoie, Micheline; Doyle, Ryan; Syme, Christina
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Hello,

For your information, I have been advised that the Clerk of the Committee usually makes the requests for documents via e-mail and unfortunately the original request has not been found.

Please see the e-mail exchange that Christina could find.

Sandra

-----Original Message-----
From: Strasbourg, Christina
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:13 AM
To: Maurice, Sandra
Subject: FW: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Hi Sandra,

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Hope this helps,

Christina

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: August 26, 2010 10:14 AM
To: Strasbourg, Christina
Subject: RE: Committee SECU motion - RCMP documents

Thanks Christina!

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Maurice, Sandra

From: Maurice, Sandra
Sent: August 26, 2010 2:04 PM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Subject: RE: RCMP report on Firearms

Hi Ry,

To close the loop, I flipped a copy of the e-mail we received from Grant.

From: Doyle, Ryan
Sent: August 26, 2010 8:55 AM
To: McDonald, Andrea
Cc: Fergusson, Janis; Maurice, Sandra; Syme, Christina
Subject: RE: RCMP report on Firearms

Hi Andrea,

We have the report; however, we do not have any detailed briefing note or summary on it. If you would like, we can have someone make you a copy.

Ry

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From: McDonald, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2010 8:37 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: Fergusson, Janis
Subject: RCMP report on Firearms

Good morning,

I will be receiving the RCMP report on Firearms this morning and will be developing lines. Will you be available today to review the lines - the turnaround time will be rather quick.

Many thanks

Andrea

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Doyle, Ryan

From: Murdock, Lyndon
Sent: September 7, 2010 8:23 AM
To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: Cameron, Shelley
Subject: RE: CFP - Evaluation Report

Thanks – would like to see early today -tx

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From: Doyle, Ryan
Sent: September 6, 2010 12:01 PM
To: Murdock, Lyndon
Subject: Re: CFP - Evaluation Report

Yep. Sandra pulled together a draft cover memo and Christine was pulling together a summary for tomorrow. Last she indicated (Friday aft) that was possible.

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(Blackberry message du Blackberry)
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From: Murdock, Lyndon
To: Doyle, Ryan
Cc: Cameron, Shelley
Sent: Mon Sep 06 10:39:36 2010

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Subject: FW: CFP - Evaluation Report

We ok on this? tx

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From: Doyle, Ryan
Sent: September 3, 2010 9:39 AM
To: Guénette, Christine
Cc: Cameron, Shelley; Guérin, Annie; Murdock, Lyndon; Maurice, Sandra
Subject: FW: CFP - Evaluation Report
Importance: High

Good morning Christine,

Can you please pull together a high-level summary on the CFP Evaluation Report for ADM Wex, on a priority basis.

This is due to ADM Wex Wednesday, and due to Lyndon Tuesday. For reference, Sandra is preparing the cover memo for this task on your behalf.

Thanks,

Ry

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From: LPB - ADMO / SPAL - BSMA
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 9:18 AM
To: Murdock, Lyndon
Cc: Doyle, Ryan; Potter, Mark; Dagenais, Anita; Guérin, Annie; Mountjoy, Kathryn
Subject: CFP - Evaluation Report

Hello Ryan,

As discussed late yesterday afternoon, the ADM would appreciate receiving a briefing note on the above-noted by Wednesday, September 8, cob.

Thank you - Lynne

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICING BRANCH

RCMP CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORT AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

(Information)

ISSUE

Overview of the RCMP Canadian Firearms Program Evaluation Report, February 2010 (**TAB A**), and the RCMP Program Management Action Plan (**TAB B**).

BACKGROUND

A strategic evaluation of the Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) was conducted internally by the RCMP, in response to a recommendation of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (December 2006) that a program evaluation of the effectiveness of the CFP be carried out by December 31, 2007.

The work was delayed due to the need for reliable public safety statistics. A Program Evaluation Report was approved by the RCMP in February 2010, and was made public when it was available in both official languages at the end of August 2010. This is the first comprehensive evaluation of the CFP since it was created in 1996.

On May 26, 2010, the Evaluation Report was raised by Toronto Police Chief William Blair (as President of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police) in his testimony to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU), during the second reading committee examination of Bill C-391. On June 1, 2010, SECU adopted a motion requesting the Evaluation Report. The Minister sent the Report to the Clerk of SECU on August 30, 2010, and it was posted on the CFP website on August 31, 2010.

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORT

The evaluation covered the key issues of program relevance, success, cost-effectiveness and implementation of the CFP. The methodology consisted of

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interviews and an examination of unclassified documents related to gun policy, regulatory models and the Program (e.g., academic literature; reports of the Auditor General of Canada on the CFP). Interviewees were randomly selected from the opt-in provinces of New Brunswick and Ontario and the opt-out jurisdictions of British Columbia, Alberta and Nunavut. The Report contains 17 findings and 33 recommendations.

Key findings of the evaluation are that:

- there is an ongoing need for the CFP; it is operating in an efficient and cost-effective manner in reducing firearms-related crime; the Opt-In Funding Program is an appropriate program delivery mechanism; and the CFP is continuing toward achieving its strategic outcome of reducing firearm-related harm;
- firearms registration is a critical component of the firearms program;
- Government policies, such as amnesty, have contributed to confusion about compliance and are eroding the credibility of the regulatory system; and,
- firearms entering unregistered into Canada and unclear regulations related to businesses pose a public safety risk.

It is recommended, among other measures, that:

- the CFP continue to be responsible for the Program; CFP research, policy and communications functions be improved; and, the CFO offices be provided with sufficient employees for investigations, inspections and outreach;
- a risk assessment be conducted to compare opt-in and opt-out delivery mechanisms, with a focus on resources applied to the Program in contract and non-contract jurisdictions, and on the minimum standardization of approaches required to address inconsistent application of policy across jurisdictions;
- the existing full registry be maintained as part of the CFP to increase non-restricted firearms compliance rates, in accordance with current legislation;
- the CFP educate police leadership through the development of Firearms Committees at the national and provincial chiefs of police organizations;
- the RCMP contribute to the development of a training program for justice, police and CFOs and undertake website communication initiatives; and,
- the Canada Border Services Agency send electronic data to the Registry on firearms imports.

CURRENT STATUS

The RCMP has prepared a Program Management Action Plan, which is posted on the CFP website. It expresses management support for each recommendation and indicates that it will continue to manage the program in accordance with current legislation, subject to the will of Parliament. The Plan lists proposed actions for each

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recommendation, half of which are listed as completed. A chart linking findings and recommendations of the evaluation with planned actions is under **TAB C**.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-991-1632 or Mr. Lyndon Murdock, Firearms and Operational Policing Policy, Law Enforcement and Policing Branch, 613-991-3223.

Mark Potter
Policing Policy Directorate

Enclosures: (3)