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Miriam Burke  
Joint Clerk  
Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency  
Parliament of Canada

Dear Madam,

I am writing to you pursuant to the motion adopted by the Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency (“DEDC”) on September 22, 2022, which reads as follows:

That the Committee send to each individual organization who appears as a witness written questions submitted by the members of the committee for response provided that (a) members shall provide their questions to the Joint Clerks within seven days of the date of the appearance (b) members may designate up to two questions per representative group, (c) individuals or organizations shall be directed to respond within 21 days of the joint clerks sending them, (d) the joint clerks shall arrange for translation of the responses received, and circulate them to committee members and publish them on the website upon completion of the translation.

You received two follow up questions to Larry Brookson, Acting Director, Parliamentary Protective Service and Julie Lacroix, Director, Senate, Corporate Security, and myself:

1. With regard to contracts, memoranda of understanding and other agreements with law enforcement agencies (including arrangements entered into pursuant to section 79.55 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*):

(a) what are the particulars of each such agreement, including (i) the date entered into, (ii) the effective date, (iii) the expiry date, if any, (iv) the parties to it, and (v) a summary of its purpose, key provisions and the parties’ main obligations; and

(b) could a copy of each such agreement be deposited with the Special Joint Committee and, for any agreement which cannot be, why not?

2. Prior to the invocation of the *Emergencies Act*, Ottawa Police Chief Peter Sloly made repeated requests to the federal government for additional policing resources. Government of Canada officials, as senior as the Prime Minister, had, meanwhile, asserted that the city had not “exhausted” all of its available resources and/or that all resources requested of the federal government had been provided to the city. From your perspective, and based on the briefings and information you received during the protests, what is your understanding of (a) whether Chief Peter Sloly had, at his disposal, adequate policing resources to address the protest situation in Ottawa; and (b) whether the Government of Canada had arranged or facilitated adequate policing resources to meet the requests of Chief Peter Sloly to address the protest situation in Ottawa? You will find below details of the agreements between the House of Commons (House) and law enforcements agencies that are currently in place, in response to DEDC’s first question .

### **Sharing of Information MOU with the RCMP**

The House entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for the sharing of information for the purpose of enhancing the safety and security of the House, for a period of five (5) years as of the date of the parties’ signatures, which was August 9, 2021.

A copy of this MOU is provided as an attachment to this letter.

### **Counter-Technical Intrusion MOU with the RCMP**

The House signed a high-level letter of intent on December 2017, governing the establishment of a future MOU for Counter-Technical Intrusion (CTI) services delivered by the RCMP. The parties never signed the MOU. The letter of intent, which is to expire in December 2022, will not be renewed.

### **MOU for the Creation of the Parliamentary Protective Service**

Anticipating the establishment of the Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS) by legislation, the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness and the Commissioner of the RCMP signed an MOU in 2015 for the provision of physical security on Parliament Hill and within parliamentary precinct. This arrangement is referred to in section 79.55 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*. I understand that PPS will provide you with a copy of this document.

In response to DEDC’s second question raised, neither me nor my Office have a policing mandate, and as such, I am not in a position to provide comments on or assessment of policing resources and their adequacy.

My Office is at the disposal of DEDC should it wish to be provided with more information or require further assistance on this matter.

Best Regards,



Patrick McDonnell  
Sergeant-at-Arms

Attachment:

MOU between the RCMP and the House of Commons concerning sharing information for the purpose of enhancing the safety and security of the House.