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Senate of Canada
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Subject: Follow up Responses to Questions Posed to the Witnesses of Thursday, September 29, 2022 (Meeting 13)

Dear Mr. Palmer,

This is a follow-up to my appearance at the Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency of Thursday September 29, 2022 where members of the Special Joint Committee requested additional information in the form of two questions. In this letter, I have provided the requested responses, as noted below.

Question 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?*

Senate Response: Following the incident of October 22, 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in June 2015 between the Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness and the Commissioner of the RCMP.

The MOU was entered into pursuant to section 79.55 of the *Parliament of Canada Act* and sets out the principles for the establishment of a parliamentary protective service. Thereafter, the

amendments to the *Parliament of Canada Act* creating the Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS) were enacted.

The MOU remains in effect. Likewise, the MOU will be deposited to your office by the PPS.

Question 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?

Senate Response: The Senate’s Corporate Security Directorate is not a law enforcement agency and did not receive any information or briefings during the protests upon which to base a perspective on

(a) whether Chief Peter Sloly had, at his disposal, adequate policing resources to address the protest situation in Ottawa or

(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.

Sincerely,



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