



**OFFICE OF AUDITOR GENERAL OF CANADA
AUDIT OF DETECTING AND PREVENTING FRAUD IN THE CITIZENSHIP
PROGRAM
MANAGEMENT RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION 4

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency should improve information sharing to ensure that individuals linked to fraud investigations receive additional review to confirm their eligibility for citizenship.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE (TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT)

Agreed. The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) recognizes the need to share relevant information on immigration fraud with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) in a timely and accurate manner, without creating a negative impact on ongoing investigations, to assist IRCC in identifying individuals who may not be eligible to become Canadian citizens.

The CBSA, will conduct an assessment of the information that is needed by IRCC for *Citizenship Act* eligibility decisions; and the information on immigration fraud that can be provided by the CBSA within the current legislative authorities under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, given the necessity of protecting the integrity of ongoing investigations, as well as the procedures that are currently in place between the two organizations to share information on immigration fraud.

In addition, the CBSA will develop a process that establishes when and how CBSA officers will be expected to share information on immigration fraud with IRCC.

These measures will be completed by December 2016.

MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN	OPI	OCI	COMPLETION DATE
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protecting the integrity of ongoing investigations, as well as the procedures that are currently in place between the two organizations to share information on immigration fraud.			
Programs Branch, in consultation with Operations Branch, will develop a process that establishes when and how CBSA officers will be expected to share information on immigration fraud with IRCC for the purpose of eligibility decisions under the <i>Citizenship Act</i> .	EIPD	EIOD	December 2016