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Dear Mr. Williamson,

I am pleased to provide a response from National Defence to your letter dated 2 June 2023, requesting additional information related to the department's final response (December 2022) to the Committee's *Report 5, Inappropriate Sexual Behaviour—Canadian Armed Forces, of the 2018 Fall Reports of the Auditor General of Canada*.

With respect to the Committee's first question, the Sexual Misconduct Support and Response Centre's (SMSRC) Response and Support Coordination (RSC) program is fully operational in all regions.

Please note that the RSC program regional delivery model was restructured in January 2023 into five regions. In addition to the Atlantic, Quebec, and National Capital Region (NCR) regions, there is now also a Central region (formerly Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan) and a Western region (formerly Pacific and Alberta). The SMSRC's services are available to Defence Team members across Canada regardless of location, in person or virtually. In addition, RSC coordinators in the NCR provide support services to all Defence Team members stationed outside of the country.

With respect to the Committee's second question, the current number of full-time equivalents (FTEs) hired in each region is as follows: four in NCR, four in Atlantic, five in Quebec, four in Central, and five in Western.

We appreciate the Committee's work on this issue and remain ready to continue to assist the Committee with its work.

Sincerely,

Bill Matthews

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