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May 1, 2024

Mr. John Williamson, M.P.
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Williamson:

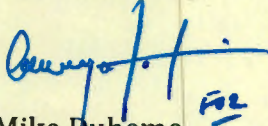
This letter is in follow up to the letter sent to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on October 3, 2023, pertaining to compliance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) with Recommendation 2 on the distribution and availability of hard body armour (HBA):

The RCMP should provide the Committee with a report a) outlining the progress of its national standard for the distribution and availability of hard body armour; and b) confirming that it has the proper information to ensure its compliance. Additionally, that a final report be presented to the Committee.

Since our last update, the RCMP has continued distribution of the HBA from the interim contract to the divisions. We are also pleased to inform you that the multi-year HBA contract was awarded on April 17, 2024. It will likely take the supplier approximately two and a half to three months to source materials, begin manufacturing, and initiate first deliveries to the RCMP. The intent will be to build sufficient inventory levels prior to making the items available to order. The national-level system to track distribution of HBA to individual members will be implemented once the HBA is available to order.

The RCMP remains committed to keeping you informed by July 2024 on the continued progress towards fully implementing Recommendation 2.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Duheme". To the right of the signature, the number "102" is written in blue ink.

Mike Duheme
Commissioner

c.c.: Mr. Cédric Taquet
Clerk, Standing Committee on Public Accounts