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August 1, 2024

Mr. John Williamson, Chair of the Committee  
c/o Ms. Hilary Smyth, Clerk of the Committee  
Standing Committee on Public Accounts  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Williamson:

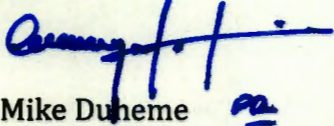
This letter is to follow up on my letter sent to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on May 1, 2024, which stated that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) would, by July 2024, follow up on its compliance with Recommendation 2 from *Report 5, Equipping Officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police*, of the *2019 Spring Reports of the Auditor General of Canada*, which dealt with 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, there is no new information of significance to report. The RCMP has continued distribution of the HBA from the interim contract to the divisions. Over the coming months, the supplier will source materials, begin manufacturing, and initiate first deliveries to the RCMP from the multi-year HBA contract that was awarded on April 17, 2024. The intent is to build sufficient inventory levels at the RCMP prior to making the items available to order by the divisions; the first orders are anticipated for delivery in Fall 2025. This estimated timeline does not account for possible delays with ongoing ballistic testing, acquiring necessary materials, or potential delivery delays from the supplier. We will provide a more complete update on the tracking system once deliveries have taken place and implementation is underway.

The RCMP remains committed to keeping the Committee informed and will provide another update on the continued progress toward implementing Recommendation 2 when more information becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Duheme", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mike Duheme   
Commissioner