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Mr. John Williamson, M.P. Chair House Standing Committee on Public Accounts House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Williamson:

Thank you for your invitation to be part of a panel of witnesses for the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts' study on Report 3, First Nations and Inuit Policing Program, of the 2024 Reports of the Auditor General.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) accepts your invitation and is preparing to appear before the Committee. However, regarding the portion of the motion which states:

Organizations that are invited to appear before the committee to discuss the findings of an audit should provide an action plan to the committee no later than 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Report 3, First Nations and Inuit Policing Program, of the 2024 Reports of the Auditor General was tabled in the House of Commons on March 19, 2024. Since that date, the RCMP has been working diligently to consult across the organization to address the audit recommendations, including developing specific actions and timelines for their completion and identifying individuals who are responsible for completion.

Due to the extensive amount of collaboration and coordination between the RCMP and other government departments such as Public Safety, the organization will require the full six months allowed to develop a comprehensive Management Action Plan. The RCMP would then submit the Plan to the Committee and the Office of the Auditor General. In the meantime, the RCMP is working with Public Safety to contribute to their interim Management Action Plan for the recommendations for which the RCMP is not the lead, and this work is proceeding on a parallel track.

I hope that this matter does not preclude the RCMP from participating in the appearance on April 30, 2024. Nonetheless, if the committee chooses to reschedule the appearance until a time when the Plan is ready, I understand that decision.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Duheme

Commissioner

Acting Commissioner. 2024/04/25