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John Williamson Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Williamson,

Officials from the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat appeared before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PACP) on February 29, 2024 to discuss the Public Accounts 2023 and on March 6, 2024 in relation to its study on Report 1, ArriveCAN, of the 2024 Reports of the Auditor General of Canada.

Members of the committee requested information relating to government employees who also work as contractors for the Government of Canada. As outlined in the Treasury Board Directive on Conflict of Interest, employees have the obligation to seek the approval of their deputy head, typically through a Conflict of Interest declaration, before entering a contractual arrangement with the Government of Canada. The Chief Human Resources Officer tasked the 76 organizations in the Core Public Administration to report the number of these declarations for the fiscal year 2022-23 and 2023-24. Please see appendix A for further information.

During his opening remarks on March 6, 2024, the Comptroller General of Canada shared with the Committee that he had tasked all institutions to confirm the number and value of all contracts they have issued to GC Strategies, Dalian, Coradix, and joint ventures between Dalian and Coradix since January 1, 2011. Please see appendix B for further information.

I hope this information will be useful in support of the Committee's study on Report 1, ArriveCAN. I would note that organizations are responsible and held accountable for providing full and complete information as of the date the information was provided.

Sincerely,

Catherine Blewett

Secretary of the Treasury Board of Canada

Enclosures: Appendix A Appendix B

c.c.: Mr. Kelly McCauley, Chair, Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)

