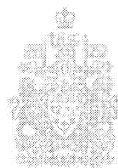


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The Honourable Jean-Pierre Plouffe  
Communications Security Establishment Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Plouffe:

I am writing to respond to your 24 February 2014 report entitled *Review of the Activities of the Office of Counter Terrorism*.

I was pleased to note that you found CSE's activities to be lawful, carried out in a manner that respects the privacy of Canadians, and subject to adequate policy guidance and monitoring.

[REDACTED]

I have been advised by the Chief that CSE has accepted both of the report's recommendations. CSE's ongoing revisions to the relevant operational policies are expected to address your first recommendation. In response to your second recommendation, CSE intends to develop written guidance to employees.

For your convenience, I have attached CSE's management response to the report's recommendations. I trust you will find the response satisfactory.

Yours truly,

  
Rob Nicholson, PC, QC, MP

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**ANNEX A:**  
**CSE Management Responses to Recommendations in the Commissioner's**  
**Review of the Activities of the Office of Counter Terrorism**

**Review Recommendations**

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**Recommendation no. 1:**

"CSE should modify its policy OPS-1-10, Procedures for Metadata Analysis [REDACTED] to reflect current practices for these activities, specifically for record keeping."

**CSE Management Response to Recommendation no. 1:**

**Accepted.** The relevant operational policy is under revision. The revised version of the policy will provide updated instructions on record keeping that will align with current CSE practices.

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**Recommendation no. 2:**

"CSE should promulgate guidance to codify its practices to address cases when an analyst identifies that a Second Party is targeting a Canadian, including notification to the Second Party to desist from such targeting and record keeping of such cases."

**CSE Management Response to Recommendation no. 2:**

**Accepted.** CSE will develop and promulgate guidance regarding the procedures that analysts should follow, if they determine a Canadian is being targeted by a Second party. This will include requesting that the Second party ceases its targeting.

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