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The Honourable Peter Cory, C.C., C.D.  
Commissioner of the Communications Security Establishment  
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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to respond to your 16 February 2010 report entitled "*Regular Privacy Reviews*".

I am pleased to note that during the course of the review, you found that CSEC complies with the law, ministerial direction and policy, and is taking appropriate measures to ensure that the privacy of Canadians is safeguarded with respect to its release of Canadian identity information to Government of Canada clients. I understand that CSEC has accepted and is already taking measures to address the recommendations contained in your report.

For your convenience, I have attached CSEC's management response to your recommendations. I trust the response will meet with your satisfaction. As always, the Chief CSEC is open to discussion with your office regarding any aspect of this review.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Peter MacKay, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of National Defence

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**ANNEX to the Minister's Letter to the Commissioner  
Response to the Recommendations in the Commissioner's Report  
*Regular Privacy Reviews***

**Review Recommendation**

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**Recommendation 1:** "That CSEC amend Operational Policy OPS-1-1 and all associated sectional operating instructions to include specific directions or standards to ensure the consistent accounting, tracking and reporting of client request forms and the release to clients of each piece of Canadian identity information."

**Accepted, with modification:** CSEC agrees with the intent of this recommendation, but will consider whether OPS-1-1 is the most appropriate policy instrument to address this issue. CSEC will provide direction to staff, in an appropriate policy instrument or working aid, to further support reporting to the Minister of National Defence on the release of Canadian identity information. The direction will be in place by 30 September 2010.

**Recommendation 2:** "That CSEC give priority to the development of the automated tools necessary to enable it to accurately and consistently account for and report on the release of all Canadian identity information."

**Accepted:** CSEC has given priority to the development of the automated tools necessary to further support reporting to the Minister of National Defence on the release of all Canadian identity information, and expects to have such a capability in place by 31 December 2010.