



Policy Review

Roundtable of International Experts on Review and Oversight

Programme

May 20, 2005
Old City Hall, Ottawa
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- 9:00 A.M. Introductory Remarks from Commissioner O'Connor
- 9:15 A.M. **Question #1: Should review of the national security activities of a police agency such as the RCMP be conducted by a body which has jurisdiction over:**
- a. that agency alone;
 - b. only the national security activities of that agency; or
 - c. the national security activities of some or all of the other federal agencies with a national security function in addition to those of the police agency?
- 9:15 A.M. Panellists' Comments
9:45 A.M. Panellists' Discussion
- 10:30 A.M. Break
- 10:45 A.M. **Question #2: How should the review body be able to initiate a review: complaints; own motion investigations; inspections; referral from executive, legislature, or other relevant bodies?**
- 10:45 A.M. Panellists' Comments
11:15 A.M. Panellists' Discussion
- 12:00 P.M. Questions from the audience
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch Break
- 1:30 P.M. **Question #3: What powers does a review body for national security activities need, and what restrictions apply?**
- 1:30 P.M. Panellists' Comments
2:00 P.M. Panellists' Discussion
- 2:45 P.M. Break

- 3:00 P.M. **Question #4: What observations/comments do you have about:**
- **the qualifications necessary to review national security activities;**
 - **how members should be chosen;**
 - **how questions of national security confidentiality should be addressed;**
 - **to what entity(ies) the review body should report; and**
 - **what form(s) should such reporting take, keeping in mind the sometimes conflicting requirements of secrecy and accountability/transparency?**

3:00 P.M. Panellists' Comments

3:30 P.M. Panellists' Discussion

4:15 P.M. Questions from the audience

4:45 P.M. Concluding Remarks from Commissioner O'Connor