

List of Issues For Public Consultation

AS OF JUNE 17, 2004

1. How should the Commissioner define the “RCMP activities with respect to national security”?
2. Is it possible/desirable to separate RCMP “national security” activities from its other activities for the purposes of review?
3. What should be the objectives of “an independent arm’s length review mechanism for RCMP activities with respect to national security”?
4. Are the review and accountability mechanisms already in place sufficient to achieve these objectives? Why or why not?
5. How should the Commissioner define the distinction between review and oversight?
6. If the Commissioner were to recommend a new review mechanism,
 - a. over what activities/entities should it have jurisdiction?
 - b. what functions should it have?
 - c. what authority/remedial power should it have?
 - d. what should its processes be?
 - e. to whom should it report?
 - f. to what extent should its reporting be public or classified?
7. How would such a mechanism interact with existing review mechanisms?
8. In what respects are any of the above answers affected by the following concepts, principles and concerns:
 - a. Fundamental values such as privacy, equality, civil liberties, human rights, democracy and rule of law
 - b. Public safety
 - c. National security
 - d. Racial profiling, discrimination and other adverse impact on minorities
 - e. Concerns about confidential and sensitive information
 - f. Co-operation with/from other agencies and countries
 - g. Police independence from governmental/Executive direction

- h. Accountability
- i. Credibility
- j. Federalism (jurisdiction over non-federal employees participating in RCMP's national security activities)
- k. Sovereignty
- l. Government's proposal for a National Security Committee of Parliamentarians (see http://www.psepc-sppcc.gc.ca/national_security/publications_e.asp), a National Security Advisory Council and an advisory Cross-cultural Roundtable on Security (see http://www.pco-bcp.gc.ca/default.asp?Language=E&Page=publications&Sub=natsecurnat&Doc=natsecurnat_e.htm)