



Policy Review

Roundtable of Canadian Experts on Review and Oversight

Programme

June 10, 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: Do the national security activities of the RCMP require a new form of review, or is the status quo sufficient?**
- Question #2: Should review of the national security activities of the RCMP be conducted by:**
- i. the CPC, which would have jurisdiction over all RCMP activities;
 - ii. a new body, which would have jurisdiction over the RCMP's national security activities only;
 - iii. an expanded SIRC, which would have jurisdiction over the RCMP's national security activities in addition to its current mandate; or
 - iv. an expanded SIRC, or other new agency, which would have jurisdiction over some or all of the other federal agencies with a national security function?
- Question #3: How should the Commission's recommendations address issues of integration and information-sharing among the RCMP and:**
- i. other federal agencies;
 - ii. provincial and municipal police forces; and
 - iii. foreign governments and agencies?
- 10:30 A.M. Break
- 10:45 A.M. **Resume Discussion of Questions 1-3**
- 12:00 P.M. Questions from the audience
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch Break

1:30 P.M. **Question #4: How should the review body be able to initiate a review: complaints; own motion investigations; inspections; referral from executive, legislature, or other review bodies?**

Question #5: What powers does a review body for national security activities need, and what restrictions should apply? Powers might include access to information and documents; police powers; and remedial powers. Restrictions might include restrictions on the timing of investigations and disclosure in reporting.

Question #6: What observations/comments do you have about:

- i. the qualifications necessary to review national security activities;**
- ii. how members should be chosen;**
- iii. how questions of national security confidentiality should be addressed;**
- iv. to what entity(ies) the review body should report; and**
- v. what form(s) should such reporting take, keeping in mind the sometimes conflicting requirements of secrecy and accountability/transparency?**

2:45 P.M. Break

3:00 P.M. **Resume Discussion of Questions 4-6**

4:15 P.M. Questions from the audience

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