

Commission of Inquiry into the Actions of Canadian Officials in Relation to Maher Arar

Policy Review

Notice re Commissioner O'Connor's Examination of International Review Models

Commissioner O'Connor has been mandated to make his Policy Review recommendations in part based on an examination of international review models.

In December 2004, the Commission published a background paper on International Models of Review and Oversight of Police Forces and Security Intelligence Agencies. This paper set out the Commission's preliminary research on review models in eight countries: Australia, Belgium, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Commissioner O'Connor is conducting further research on these models, in part through direct consultation with the agencies identified in the International Models paper. Below is a list of the agencies that Commission representatives have met or from whom they have otherwise gathered information.

The Commission's consultations with agencies in these countries continue. Commissioner O'Connor also looks forward to the Roundtable of International Experts on Review and Oversight Models, and the Roundtable of Canadian Experts on Review and Oversight Models, to be held in Ottawa on May 20th and June 10th respectively. For more information, please see the [Notice re Roundtables](#).

For more information on the Commissioner's examination of international review models, please contact Andrea Wright, Legal Counsel, at (613) 996-4741 or inquiry.admin@bellnet.ca.

Country	Institution
Australia	Commonwealth Ombudsman
Australia	Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

Belgium	Standing Committee for the monitoring of Intelligence Services (“Committee I”)
Belgium	Standing Police Monitoring Committee (“Committee P”)
Germany	G-10 Commission
Germany	Parliamentary Control Commission
New Zealand	Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
New Zealand	Police Complaints Authority
Norway	Committee for Oversight of the Intelligence Surveillance and Security Services (“Utvalget for kontroll med etterretnings-, overvåknings- og sikkerhetstjeneste”)
Sweden	Parliamentary Ombudsmen’s Office (“Riksdagens ombudsmän”)
Sweden	Register Board (“Registernämnden”)
United Kingdom	Independent Police Complaints Commission
United Kingdom	Interception of Communications Commissioner
United Kingdom	Investigatory Powers Tribunal
United Kingdom	Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary
United Kingdom	Office of Surveillance Commissioners
United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)	Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
United States	Office of the Inspector General,

United States

Department of Justice

Office of Inspector General, Central
Intelligence Agency

United States

Office of Inspector General,
Department of Homeland Security