



DEC 28 2022

Miriam Burke  
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Dear Ms. Burke,

I write in response to a request made by the Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency (DEDC) on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, following my appearance on December 1, 2022. Please find my answers to the Committee's questions below.

*1) With regard to the 73-page Integrated Mobilization Operational Plan (Public Order Emergency Commission document OPP00001851), which was approved by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on February 12, 2022:*

*(a) because you told the Committee that you said you had not seen, nor would you have expected to see, this plan at the time, who had briefed you at the time that "that plan was not complete" and when were you so briefed*

In the days leading up to February 12, I was advised by the Commissioner of the RCMP that the integrated command structure had been put in place and that a plan was under development by operational agencies. As indicated to the Committee, I did not see the draft plan before the invocation of the *Emergencies Act*, as it was a draft tactical police plan and would not, as a matter of officer safety, be shared beyond the operational chain of command.

*(b) who briefed the Prime Minister—or, referring to his Commission evidence, what were "the inputs of the experts around me to reassure me or not"—that there was "not a plan on that weekend" or that "we didn't have confidence in it" and when was he so briefed?*

The Prime Minister testified before the Commission that he had not seen the Integrated Mobilization Operational Plan before it was shown to him during his testimony. In the days leading to the invocation of the *Emergencies Act*, the Prime Minister participated in meetings and briefings where senior officials and Ministers discussed the increasing impacts of the national crisis. In the course of those briefings, operational officials would have advised the Prime Minister that a tactical plan remained under development.

*2) With regard to the federal government's legal opinion on the interpretation of the necessary legal thresholds to declare a public order emergency:*

- (a) on what date was the opinion requested;*
- (b) on what date was the written opinion prepared;*
- (c) who requested the preparation of the opinion;*
- (d) who wrote the opinion;*
- (e) who approved the opinion; and*

*(f) were the conclusions changed in the course of the approvals process?*

Due to Solicitor Client Privilege, I respectfully decline to answer this question.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jody Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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