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Mr. Paul Cardegna
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Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates
House of Commons
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Dear Mr. Cardegna:

Further to the Committee's request dated March 19, 2021, please find attached the report entitled Network Sourcing Decision Matrix Benchmark—Final Report (Annex A), prepared by Gartner Canada, in both official languages. Please note, that while the Committee's motion requests a final version of the aforementioned report dated January 25, 2021, the final version of the report is, in fact, dated February 4, 2021, as reflected in the attached.

Given the nature of some details in the report, minor redactions were deemed necessary in some cases to protect from disclosure information that would render Government of Canada data centres vulnerable, as well as the disclosure of information that could reasonably be expected to prejudice the competitive position of third parties. I am confident these redactions were necessary given obligations related to security and confidentiality. A complete list of redactions within the report has been included for the Committee's reference (Annex B).

That said, I recognize the text of the motion and the privilege enjoyed by members of the House of Commons, and for this reason, should the Chair feel that it remains important to access an unredacted version, we would be open to discussing the circumstances under which the confidentiality of this sensitive information can be assured.

In the interest of supporting the Committee's study, I am also including the departmental materials on which the Gartner report is based. SSC's Network Modernization Way Forward (Annex C) and Network and Security Strategy (Annex D) will facilitate the Committee's reading of the advice contained in the Gartner report. Additionally, I am including a targeted information package (Annex E) that speaks to SSC's ongoing work to build the secure and reliable network infrastructure and services that are the backbone for delivery of Government of Canada programs and services to Canadians.

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I trust this information will be helpful to you and I want to assure you that you have my commitment and the Department's full cooperation as you undergo your study.

Sincerely,

Paul Glover
President

Enclosures