December 2, 2022

Paul Cardegna
Clerk of the committee
Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
House of Commons
Ottawa ON
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Dear Mr. Cardegna,

On behalf of the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), I want to provide an update on the Agency's response to the motion for the production of papers to support the study on the development, launch and maintenance of the ArriveCAN app, adopted by the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (the Committee) on October 17, 2022.

With respect to the outstanding copies of invoices, the CBSA has begun to translate its several hundred invoices as outlined in the list that was provided to you on Monday, November 14, 2022. We are working diligently to provide you with all of the translated invoices. We expect to be able to provide all invoices before the House of Commons rises on December 16th. At this time, I am pleased to offer the Committee with our first tranche of the package. This package contains 220 invoices of the 496 that the CBSA holds in its possession.

With respect to sub-contractor information, I would note that while in some cases invoices may contain information relating to the identity of individual sub-contractors, it was not a requirement for vendors to provide this information, nor is it possible for the CBSA in all cases to determine the status of all persons named within invoices.

Furthermore, as with per diem rates, names of individuals have been redacted from the attached invoices to ensure we respect confidentiality of protected third party commercial information subject to subsection 20(1) of the Access to Information Act.

Finally, with this letter I am also taking the opportunity to offer our responses to the undertakings the CBSA committed to provide during our November 14th meeting with the committee.

Sincerely,

Erin O'Gorman

President, Canada Border Services Agency

Enclosed:

Annex 1 - Copies of invoices (English and French)

Annex 2 – Undertakings from the November 14th meeting