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Mr. Garry Breitkreuz, M.P.
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Dear Mr. Breitkreuz:

Thank you for your letter of June 2, 2005, regarding the scope of our forthcoming audit on the Canadian Firearms Program.

This audit will be part of our next Status Report, which will report on progress made on recommendations from our previous audits. I should clarify that while audits that are part of the Status Report may address additional issues, they are not intended to be comprehensive audits of programs and agencies.

You also asked if my Office has access to a 1999 economic impact report that, as I understand from your letter, is a Cabinet Confidence. My staff and I are entitled to examine certain Cabinet Confidence documents that relate to public expenditures and that contain explanations, analyses of problems, or policy options. We review such documents to understand the issues and policies of the government pertaining to particular programs under audit. Therefore, this report, or part of it, may be available to my Office. However, I am not able to disclose the contents of a Cabinet Confidence or any other classified material.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me and for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Fraser, FCA