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**FAXED**

Mr. John Maloney, MP  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights,  
Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness  
House of Commons  
Room 723, Confederation Building  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Maloney:

This is in response to a letter dated May 12, 2005, which I received from Mr. Paul DeVillers, then-chair of the Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety, and Emergency Preparedness. In that letter, Mr. DeVillers informed us of a motion adopted by the Committee asking the Office of the Auditor General to investigate conflicting testimony and evidence presented to your Committee on the effectiveness and efficiency of the Forensic Laboratory Services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and on the status of their DNA cases and service requests.

I have asked the appropriate audit team to integrate an audit of the RCMP's Forensic Laboratory Services into their current plans with a view to reporting to Parliament in the next 18 to 24 months.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Fraser, FCA