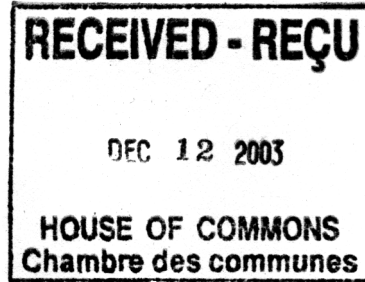




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Dear Mr. Breitkreuz:

I wish to thank you for your letters of November 26 and November 27, 2003 regarding the firearms program.

Regarding your request that our Office conduct a value-for-money audit of the program, I am sure that you can appreciate that we receive many requests to carry out audits in relation to a wide variety of matters. While we cannot accept all of the requests that we receive, each is carefully considered in light of our mandate, the significance of the matter, our audit schedule and our available resources.

I recently reviewed our audit plans with the assistance of our Office's executive team. We have decided that, considering the significant demands being placed on our resources, we will stand by our decision to conduct a follow-up audit on the firearms program in about three years.

Thank you again for keeping me informed of your ongoing concerns about this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Fraser, FCA