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Mr. Daniel Therrien  
Privacy Commissioner  
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Dear Mr. Therrien:

Thank you for your letters of December 23, 2014, and January 22, 2015, concerning transparency reporting of government requests for customer data. I am responding on behalf of several government departments, to whom you sent similar letters.

Public Safety Canada (PS) acknowledges that transparency is one important element that gives Canadians confidence that the government is using electronic surveillance and other investigative tools in limited and proportionate ways, respecting both the spirit and the letter of Canadian laws. As I have discussed with you, PS has been examining this issue with other partners, and welcomes the opportunity to discuss this with you and the telecommunications industry.

With respect to government transparency reporting, the government is not yet in position to discuss as stakeholders need to convene over the coming weeks to debate on the merits and mechanics of this activity.

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I have asked my officials to contact yours shortly to begin discussions. I look forward to learning about the progress that this initiative makes in the coming weeks, as this is an important file that embodies the efforts of PS to strike an appropriate balance between privacy and security in the digital age.

Sincerely,

  
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