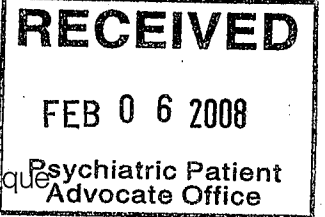


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Dear Mr. Kehyayan:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 29, 2007, concerning the use of Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs) by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in British Columbia. I apologize for the delay in responding.

While the event that transpired in Vancouver on October 14, 2007, is of great concern to me given my overall responsibility for federal policing in Canada, law enforcement and the administration of justice are provincial responsibilities. As such, you may wish to bring your concerns to the attention of the appropriate minister in British Columbia by writing to:

The Honourable John Les, MLA  
Minister of Public Safety and  
Solicitor General of British Columbia  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

Notwithstanding, I have provided a copy of your correspondence to the RCMP, and am informed that the matter you refer to is under investigation by the RCMP. I am further informed that the RCMP employs an "Incident Management/Intervention Model" to train its members in all intervention options, including the CEW. The role of the police in any intervention is to ensure public safety, and utilizing the minimum amount of force necessary to control a situation is key to this philosophy. The RCMP continually reviews its training and operational skills to ensure that its members are prepared to respond to any situation.

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You may wish to know that on November 8, 2007, the Chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (CPC) initiated a public complaint into the conduct of the RCMP members present at, or engaged in, the arrest of Mr. Robert Dziekanski at the Vancouver International Airport, and the adequacy of the subsequent criminal investigation. Furthermore, the British Columbia government announced on November 19, 2007, that it will launch a full public inquiry into the death of Mr. Dziekanski and into the policy governing the use of Tasers by police in that province.

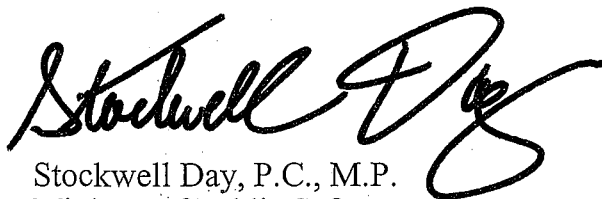
In addition, the Canadian Police Research Centre has been asked by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police to conduct research, particularly with respect to CEWs and excited delirium. I look forward to the results of that study.

Furthermore, on November 20, 2007, I asked the Chair of the CPC to undertake a review of RCMP protocols on the use of CEWs and to assess the compliance of the RCMP with these protocols. On December 12, 2007, Mr. Paul Kennedy submitted his interim Report which contained a number of recommendations regarding the RCMP's use of CEWs, which the RCMP are examining. The RCMP has indicated that it will continue to cooperate fully with the CPC as it develops its final report which I anticipate in the summer of 2008.

Any death is tragic; however, it would be inappropriate for me to comment on the specific case regarding Mr. Dziekanski given that there are a number of independent processes underway to examine this matter.

Thank you again for sharing your views on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stockwell Day". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "D" at the end.

Stockwell Day, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety