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Preamble

In replying to this question, the Government has had to take into account that disclosure of information requested in some parts of the question could have an adverse effect on the efforts being made by the Government to ensure the security of Canada and our system of Parliamentary democracy.

To disclose certain details of the ongoing work and structure of Government security authorities and the cooperative interdepartmental security mechanism which has been in existence in various forms for many years and throughout the tenure of office of numerous governments would serve to give valuable information to those who seek to undermine our national security and our political system.

The government deeply regrets that the question raises doubts about the competence and integrity of certain officials and reaffirms its confidence in their competence and loyalty.