

Hello Ms. Overall,

This email is in response to your letter dated August 22, 2023, addressed to Ms. Valérie Labelle, formerly Case Admissibility Analyst at the Public Sector Integrity Commissioner's Office (the Commissioner's Office).

In your letter, you explain that you are of the opinion that the Government of Canada is operated by the Crown (of Great Britain) and the Commonwealth because of the way in which the Canadian Constitution was drafted and adopted. You further suggest that, in order to remedy this situation, a new constitution should be adopted by Canadians. As indicated in the decision letter dated August 19, 2022, signed by Mr. Denis Bilodeau, Deputy Commissioner, which was mailed to you, the Commissioner's Office does not have jurisdiction to launch an investigation against what you previously referred to as "the Crown Empire" in your initial disclosure of wrongdoing.

Additionally, the Commissioner's Office does not have the powers and authority to initiate the procedures to draft a new Canadian constitution as these powers belong to the Parliament.

The mandate of the Commissioner's Office is to contribute to strengthening accountability and to increase oversight of government operations by:

- providing an independent and confidential process for receiving and investigating disclosures of wrongdoing in, or relating to, the federal public sector from public servants and members of the public;
- reporting founded cases of wrongdoing to Parliament and making recommendations to chief executives on corrective measures;
- providing a mechanism for handling complaints of reprisal from public servants and former public servants for the purpose of coming to a resolution, including through conciliation and by referring cases to the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Tribunal.

Regards,

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