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January 23, 2009

Ms Mary Dawson  
Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner  
Parliament of Canada  
66 Slater Street, 22nd Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Madam Commissioner:

Further to my previous correspondence concerning the conflict-of-interest screen involving Mr. Bruce Carson, I write to provide one additional detail of steps taken.

As you may be aware, since prior to Mr. Carson's return officials have been helping the Minister of Finance to prepare the 2009 Government of Canada Budget.

The conflict-of-interest screen referred to in my previous correspondence would extend, *inter alia*, to Budget measures pertaining to the Canada School of Energy and Environment, the University of Calgary and the Networks of Centres of Excellence.

Mr. Carson has been present at internal meetings related to the Budget, meetings that I also attended. I recall no discussion at any of these meetings about the Canada School of Energy and Environment, the University of Calgary or the Networks of Centres of Excellence.

In part to strengthen the conflict-of-interest screen – to address communication to which I might not be a party – I formally informed the Clerk of the Privy Council, Mr. Kevin Lynch, that another PMO employee, Ms Igeneski, was the designated contact for PCO-PMO communication related to the Budget.

Attached is a copy of my self-explanatory January 17 e-mail to Mr. Lynch.

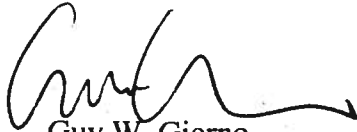
I did not receive a reply to the e-mail but I assume that my request was honoured. I am sure that the Privy Council Office would be able to inform you of the steps taken in response to my January 17 request.

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In the event that you have additional questions about this matter, I would be pleased to speak to you.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy W. Giorno', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Guy W. Giorno  
Chief of Staff

cc: Kevin Lynch

**Giorno, Guy**

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**From:** Giorno, Guy  
**Sent:** January 17, 2009 7:07 PM  
**To:** Lynch, Kevin  
**Subject:** Follow up to PM call

Kevin,

As the PM implicitly indicated when he mentioned the follow-up list, Jasmine Ighneski is the PMO Budget lead and will follow up with PCO as necessary.

If you wish to follow up on anything arising from the call with the PM then you should speak to her (or me, of course).

I wanted to clear up any confusion within PCO about assignments within PMO.

Thanks,

Guy

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Sent using BlackBerry