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Dear Mr. Giroux:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 11, 2020, which was addressed to the Honourable Seamus O'Regan Jr., Minister of Natural Resources, regarding Information Request IR0572.

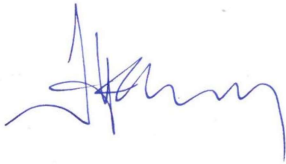
As you noted, the Fall Economic Statement 2020, Supporting Canadians and Fighting COVID-19, that was presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance on November 30, 2020, made reference to the Government's commitment to spend \$2.6 billion over seven years starting in 2020–2021 to:

- help homeowners improve their home energy efficiency by providing up to 700,000 grants of up to \$5,000 to help homeowners make energy-efficient improvements to their homes;
- provide up to one million free EnerGuide energy assessments; and
- recruit and train EnerGuide energy auditors to meet increased demand.

This initiative must continue to progress through program approvals within the purview of the Treasury Board Cabinet Committee. As a result, section 79.4(2)(d) of the *Parliament of Canada Act* applies, and the Department of Natural Resources does not have the requested information to provide at this time.

Upon receiving final approval by Treasury Board, program officials would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the program parameters and assumptions used to estimate the costs for the Government's commitment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jean-François Tremblay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jean-François Tremblay
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