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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am writing in response to your letter of November 6, 2017, requesting information about the costing estimates for Bill S-3.

Based on your request, 11 enclosures have been attached to this response to address your questions. A cover page with the question and the response has been included for each enclosure to facilitate your review.

In the cases where we were not able to provide a response due to unavailable or unverifiable information, we have provided a response to address the limitation. I can assure you that we are providing all the information that we are able to in order to fully respond to the request.

The Department will continue to undertake the necessary work to prepare a full financial analysis of Bill S-3 that is informed by consultations with First Nations and other Indigenous groups on the broader issues relating to Indian registration, band membership, and citizenship. The co-design of the consultation process was launched on October 31, 2017, with consultations expected to begin in 2018.

I sincerely appreciate the extension that was provided for us to properly compile all the information needed to respond to your request. If you have any questions or require any clarifications, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Hon. Carolyn Bennett, M.D., P.C., M.P.

Encl.

c.c: Ms. Katharine Rechico