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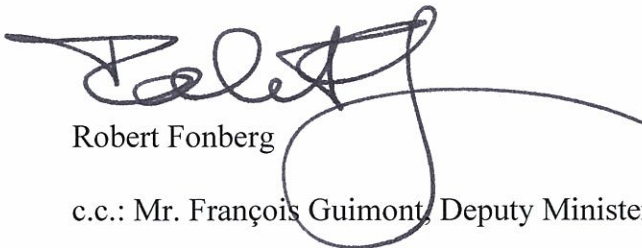
Dear Mr. Page,

I am writing in response to your letter of 23 April 2012 regarding the new request from a Parliamentarian to undertake an update of the life cycle cost estimate of the F35. I apologize for the delay in this response.

As you are aware, the Government of Canada has accepted the recommendation of the Auditor General in his recent report on Replacing Canada's Fighter Jets. In accordance with the seven point action plan recently announced by the Government, the Department of National Defence, through the National Fighter Procurement Secretariat, will provide annual updates, including life cycle cost estimates, to Parliament. These updates will be tabled within a maximum of 60 days from receipt of annual costing forecasts from the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program Office, beginning in 2012. This year, the update will be based on our analysis of the 2011 Selected Acquisition Report, and our analysis will be informed by detailed bilateral discussions with the JSF Program Office in Washington, which took place earlier this month.

We look forward to making this information available to you.

Sincerely,



Robert Fonberg

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