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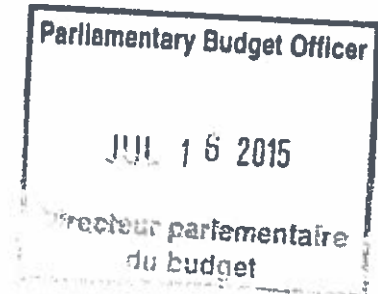
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Dear Mr. Fréchette,

I am writing to you in response to your 19 March 2015 request for information IR0187 regarding a briefing note to the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of National Defence regarding mission costs, prepared in support of the Chief of the Defence Staff Tasking Order for Operation IMPACT and any supporting documentation.

In this request, you reference the Communications Policy of the Government of Canada. The Communications Policy requires departments to provide information on programs, initiatives, and services intended for the general public. As this document is classified and not intended for the general public, it cannot be released under the Communications Policy.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the Department of National Defence's commitment to provide you with access to the data to which you are entitled under the *Parliament of Canada Act*. Indeed, if there is specific financial or economic data that you seek from the Department of National Defence, we would be pleased to receive a request for information on that basis.

Sincerely,

John Forster

c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office,
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