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Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette  
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Dear Mr. Fréchette,

I am writing to you in response to your 10 October 2014 request for data IR0172, regarding the cost of maintaining the current force structure.

Although the term “force structure” is often used in the public domain, there is no established standard definition of this term used by the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, as it could be interpreted in many different ways, with different associated costs. Therefore, we are unable to provide the requested data. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have a more specific request for financial and economic data that are in the possession of the Department to assist you with your study.

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*.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Fadden

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