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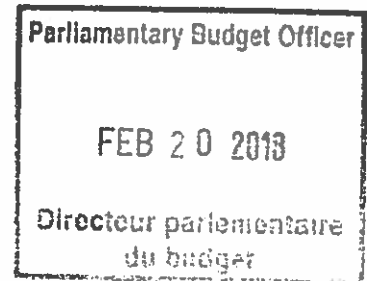


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Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette  
Parliamentary Budget Officer  
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Ottawa ON K1A 0A9



Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am writing in response to your 14 December 2017 information request regarding the full lifecycle cost of the planned acquisition of the F-18 fighter aircraft from Australia (IR0310). Your flexibility with meeting timelines associated with this request is appreciated.

Please find enclosed the following documents in response to your request:

- Signed Reply Form
- Ground Rules and Assumptions for the Interim Fighter Capability Project
- Table 1 – Development and Acquisition Cost for the Interim Fighter Capability Project
- Table 2 – Operating and Sustainment Cost for Interim Fighter Capability Project

At your convenience, departmental officials are available to meet with you to brief your officials on the underlying methodologies and analysis that has gone into this planned acquisition.

Please note the enclosed information represents data provided in confidence to Canada by the Australian Government. Due to the sensitivity of this information, we respectfully request that you do not release the enclosed documents and data publicly.

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I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Sajjan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Hon. Harjit S. Sajjan, PC, OMM, MSM, CD, MP

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c.c.: Ms. Katharine Rechico, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy