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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am writing in response to your letter of October 18, 2013 in which you requested information on the ongoing liabilities resulting from cases of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the Canadian Forces.

Veterans Affairs Canada and the Department of National Defence offer a suite of interconnected programs to support disabled Veterans and Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members. The vast majority of these programs, however, are not targeted at a particular type of disability, such as PTSD. A Veteran or CAF member with one or more disabilities can therefore be eligible for numerous programs depending on his/her personal situation.

Given this, the ongoing liabilities for benefits and services to Veterans and CAF members are assessed and determined on a by-program basis and not by type of disability. Finance Canada, therefore, does not have any information on the ongoing liabilities specifically associated with PTSD.

I would suggest that you contact Veterans Affairs Canada and the Department of National Defence for more information on benefits and services available for Veterans and CAF members suffering from PTSD.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Horgan