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Dear Ms. L'Heureux,

I am writing to you in response to the April 29, 2013 Request for Information IR0116, regarding *Canada First* Defence Strategy (CFDS) data.

You will find enclosed the information you requested regarding:

1. CFDS Chart 1 Financial data on Defence Spending;
2. Financial data on equipment spending and amortization periods CFDS Chart 3; and
3. CFDS Chart Canadian Forces personnel data.

As concerns the response to Item 1 - Financial data on Defence Spending, please note that the included updated financial data is presented on a cash appropriation basis for National Defence (Department only), and includes incremental funding received for deployed operations in Afghanistan and in support of the 2010 Olympics.

This data differs from that provided by the Department of Finance in response to Request for Information IR0115, which was presented on an accrual basis. Please also note that the Finance response to IR0115 included Budget data and estimated amounts used to prepare the Federal Budget document without updates, and excluded incremental funding for deployed operations in Afghanistan and in support of the 2010 Olympics.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the Department of National Defence's commitment to providing you with access to the data to which you are entitled under the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Fadden

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c.c. Mr. Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office

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