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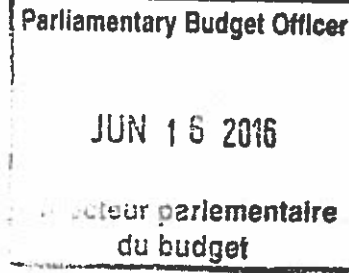
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Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette
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Dear Mr. Fréchette,

I am writing to you in response to your 25 April 2016 request for information IR0220 for "a copy of the most recent Investment Plan (IP); or, if that cannot be provided, a list of the department's top 30 equipment acquisitions by priority and/or size of budget, cost estimates for each of those, project progress for each of those, cost estimates at completion for each".

The Investment Plan is considered a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada. As laid out in section 79.3(2)b of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, this information cannot be released.

On your second request for a list of the top 30 equipment acquisitions, we cannot provide you with a list in the fashion requested due to the evolving nature of a number of projects and differences in approval status. However, the most comprehensive and direct list we can provide is the most recent publication of an updated Defence Acquisition Guide. It can be found at the following location:

- <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/business-defence-acquisition-guide-2016/index.page>

I would also refer you to the 2014-15 Departmental Performance Report and specifically the following two sections:

- Status Report on Transformational and Major Crown Projects
<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/about-reports-pubs-departmental-performance/2014-2015/section-iii-status-report-on-transformational-and-major-crown-projects.page>
- Status Report on Projects Operating with Specific Treasury Board Approval
<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/about-reports-pubs-departmental-performance/2014-2015/section-iii-status-report-on-projects-operating-with-specific-treasury-board-approval.page>


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I further offer a briefing with my officials to explain the methodology and assumptions the Department relies upon when planning complex defence acquisitions.

I look forward to continuing working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Eorster', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Eorster

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