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Dear Mr. Giroux:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 13, 2023, requesting information on how the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2023-24 spending reductions to professional services and travel were applied at Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

Please find attached a report detailing how the spending reductions have been broken down between professional services and travel for 2023-24. Given that Treasury Board has not provided final approval of the department's proposed spending reductions, our Department has been unable to communicate these reductions with our impacted Indigenous partners. As a result, the information we have provided is presented at an aggregate level to avoid a situation where information is released publicly before we have communicated with those impacted by the reductions. To ensure communications with partners are well managed, we would appreciate advance notice prior your report being made public.

I would like to express my gratitude for your work in promoting greater budget transparency and accountability.

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Should you have any questions or require clarification as you review the Department's response, departmental officials would be more than happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie Gideon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Valerie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Gideon".

Valerie Gideon  
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