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RE: Information Request: IR0530

Dear Mr. Giroux:

On behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, I am responding to your request for data regarding existing and future measures taken by the federal granting agencies - the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) - in response to COVID-19.

Specifically, your team requested data on the following measures, including the number of organizations/beneficiaries receiving support through each measure, and associated dollar amounts:

- \$450 million through the Canada Research Continuity Emergency Fund (CRCEF) to sustain the research enterprise at Canadian universities and health research institutions; and,
- \$291.6 million to extend expiring federal graduate research scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships, and supplement existing federal research grants, to support students and post-doctoral fellows.

Concurrent to the request to the Minister of Health, we acknowledge Information Request IR0522 sent to the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, on August 10, 2020, which also requests reporting on the programs outlined above. As SSHRC administers the CRCEF program on behalf of CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC, it will lead the reporting for this measure to your office. Funding outlined above to support students and post-doctoral fellows is administered separately by each of the three agencies. However, given that this is a Tri-agency measure, both

CIHR and NSERC will submit data to SSHRC and/or the Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development in order to provide a coordinated response to your request. I trust this approach will comply with the identified needs.

CIHR remains at the disposal of the Parliamentary Budget Officer and is pleased to continue supporting your Office in its mandate to provide independent and non-partisan analysis to Parliament.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Strong', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Michael J. Strong, MD, FRCPC, FAAN, FCAHS
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