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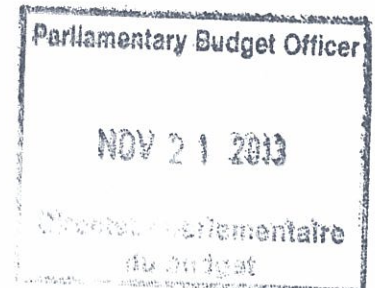
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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

Thank you for your correspondence of October 18, 2013, concerning Information Request 0135-Fiscal Impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the Canadian Forces.

Health Canada transfers funding to the provinces and territories that contributes significantly to a wide spectrum of health services for Canadians, including for the treatment of PTSD.

In partnership with the Department of National Defence (DND), Health Canada, through its Employee Assistance Services, provides professional and confidential assessment, short-term counselling, and, if needed, referral to appropriate treatment or resources for members of the Canadian Forces, under the Canadian Forces Members Assistance Program.

In the case of PTSD, Health Canada counsellors will refer members of the Canadian Forces to the many programs available under DND for the assessment and treatment of what may be PTSD or other operational stress-related illness or problems. As such, Health Canada is not directly involved in the diagnosis or treatment of PTSD.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,


George Da Pont

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