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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

Further to your letter, received on April 25, 2014, this Letter of Agreement details the provision of aggregate data by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO). These data will allow the PBO to undertake research and provide independent analysis about the state of the nation's finances, the estimates of the government and trends in the national economy.

In providing this information, the CRA will safeguard the confidentiality of taxpayer information as required by section 241 of the Income Tax Act and section 295 of the Excise Tax Act. The CRA will ensure that the data (described in Appendix A) will not allow specific taxpayer information to be identified.

As agreed, the data is being provided subject to the following conditions:

- The data will only be provided for the purposes of the above-noted research and analysis, and the use or disclosure of the data is restricted to the purpose for which the data was provided.
- The CRA will apply standard confidentiality controls before the data is provided to protect against residual disclosure.
- The PBO will not attempt to identify taxpayers using the data provided or by matching or linking the data to information from other sources.
- The data tables will not be shared with any other person or entity outside of the PBO in any form other than as final analytical results.

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The PBO will reimburse the CRA for incremental costs incurred as outlined in Appendix B. Determination of these costs is consistent with the Treasury Board Secretariat guide to costing, as well as related CRA policy instruments. The CRA will deliver the data as soon as it is available and will advise the PBO of any unforeseen issues that could result in delays.

If you concur, I would ask that you please sign the four original letters, two in English and two in French, and return one countersigned original in each language to my office at the address provided on the enclosed label.

Should you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Wayne Lepine, Director General, Information and Relationship Management Directorate, Strategy and Integration Branch, at 613-941-9964.


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Attachments

I concur:

Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer

Date