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Dear Yves Giroux:

I am writing in response to your request for information dated March 18, 2022, (#IR0632), in which you enquired about direct and indirect expenses pertaining to the administration of Bill C-13 and related tax expenditures, specifically with respect to the \$16 million allocated to four federal institutions as set aside - and publicly announced - by the Minister of Finance in the 2021 Economic and Fiscal Update.

It is important to note that this \$16 million for the 2022-23 fiscal year is not intended to support the implementation of the bill in its entirety, but rather to implement the key legislative changes in the bill that will, upon Royal Assent, result in direct costs to the Government of Canada to carry out its new responsibilities. The latter include notably the development of a new policy on immigration in Francophone minority communities by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), now an integral part of the Act, and a new Francophone immigration corridor specifically aimed at recruiting Francophone and French-language teachers, as well as the development of a program for French language training and learning for newcomers.

Bill C-13 was tabled in Parliament on March 1, 2022, and the bill will now go through the legislative process and be considered by Parliament. Some of the legislative provisions are subject to change and may have financial implications for the federal institutions responsible for implementing them.

The distribution of the \$16 million between Canadian Heritage, the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Commissioner of Official Languages, and IRCC has not yet been publicly announced by the Government.

Your request for information also included a series of questions related to the proposed legislation on the use of French in private sector companies under federal jurisdiction. We understand that you also posed these questions to the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, Minister of Canadian Heritage, who would be responsible for the implementation of this legislation. As IRCC is not involved in this implementation, we will leave it to Canadian Heritage to answer your questions on this matter.

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In response to your request for information pertaining to the Francophone Immigration Strategy and the “Action Plan for Official Languages – 2018-2023: Investing in our Future”, please find enclosed a spreadsheet with the breakdown of costs and full time equivalents as of 2018-19.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catrina Tapley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Catrina Tapley

Enclosure

cc: The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship  
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