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Ms. Sonia L'Heureux
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Dear Ms. L'Heureux:

Thank you for your correspondence of August 20, 2013, requesting further details on Health Canada's cost to process a Treasury Board submission for authority transfers, as well as the estimate of the cost of our financial management function.

As indicated in the information released by Treasury Board Secretariat to the Parliamentary Budget Officer, Health Canada's Class D cost estimates were provided in December 2012 for the change of vote structure by Strategic Outcome. The major costs to implement this vote structure are associated with accounting policy, reporting, training/change management and system changes. The Department noted that there could be a potential increase in the number of submissions to Treasury Board for authority transfers. Upon reexamination of the costs, it was determined that the cost to process authority transfers would not increase since there would be no anticipated change to the number of authority transfers.

The cost estimate for Health Canada's financial management function is approximately \$29.7 million. This is based on the amounts included in Internal Services costs reported in Public Accounts over the past two years. The financial management function includes Financial Operations and Resource Management areas within the Chief Financial Officer Branch.

For further information you may contact Mr. Jamie Tibbetts, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Chief Financial Officer Branch, Health Canada, by telephone at 613-952-3985 or by e-mail at Jamie.Tibbetts@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

George Da Pont