



29 September 2016

Mme H el ene Laurendeau
Deputy Minister
Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Room 2101- 10 Wellington Street
Gatineau, Quebec
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RE : Clarification of your response to PBO information request IR022

Dear Mme Laurendeau:

Thank you for your response received on 14 September 2016 to our information request.

We had requested detailed information related to costing analysis, costing reports and information on costing methodology related to Recommendation 5.51 of the OAG's November 2004 report". In addition, we asked for information that the department provided to the OAG related to Exhibit 4.1 of the 2011 OAG Status Report. We also asked for detailed information related to Recommendation/Action 1 of the 2009-10 Formative Evaluation of the Elementary/Secondary Education Program on Reserve.

Prior to sending the information request, we discussed with the OAG the general nature of the information and evidence that it observed at the department, during its audit, to support the conclusions in its 2011 Status Report. We concluded that this information and evidence not only exist, but would be useful for our analysis, which is why we included this as part of our request.

Your reply to the information request indicates that the "The department has searched however was not able to find the information requested as it does not exist". We are seeking clarification as to whether or not the information exists, and if yes, why it was not provided to us. We would appreciate a response by 7 October 2016.

If we do not hear back from you by that date, we may consider your non-response a deemed refusal and, accordingly, report it to our named committees as instructed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean-Denis Fréchette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jean" and last name "Fréchette" clearly distinguishable.

Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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