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

I am writing in response to your letter of June 28, 2013, in which you request the release of the confidential taxpayer data used to arrive at the estimated savings associated with integrity and fairness measures presented in Table 4.2.7 in the main document of Economic Action Plan 2013.

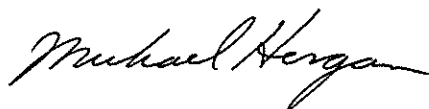
As indicated in my letter of June 21, 2013, the Department of Finance cannot release the underlying confidential taxpayer information to your office as such a release is prohibited by s. 241 of the *Income Tax Act*. Release would be possible only with the taxpayers' consent, which is not feasible in this context.

In your correspondence, you suggest that the tax data could be anonymized to protect the identity of taxpayers if we felt that the s. 241 of the *Income Tax Act* prohibits the sharing of taxpayer information with your office. However, such anonymized micro data sets do not presently exist, and there would be a cost to create them.

You may wish to send a request for a non-identifying version of the tax data directly to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for consideration, as the CRA is responsible for

assembling tax-related databases and has the expertise in determining whether such non-identifying datasets would appropriately safeguard taxpayer information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Horgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Michael Horgan

c.c: Mr. Andrew Treusch, Commissioner, Canada Revenue Agency

Mr. Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to Cabinet, Liaison Secretariat for
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