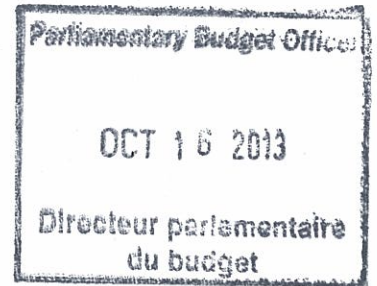




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Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette  
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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am replying to your letter dated September 30, 2013, on data access requests made by your predecessor in her letter to me dated June 7, 2013 (IR0102).

I refer you to my response sent to your office on August 1, 2013, in which I indicated that the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) could provide the data requested under a cost-recovery model. Our officials then met on August 26, 2013, to discuss data sharing options.

I would like to reiterate that the CRA has well-established procedures for sharing statistical information while ensuring the protection of taxpayers' information, in adherence with section 241 of the *Income Tax Act*. I am confident that the CRA can handle customized data requests from the Parliamentary Budget Officer, including availability, timelines and the recovery of cost.

I understand that our officials will be meeting again soon to ensure that we have a common understanding of the data that is available and how best to access it.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs. Mireille Éthier, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Strategy and Integration Branch, at 613-952-3660.

Sincerely,

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