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Mr. Yves Giroux  
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Dear Mr. Giroux:

I am writing in response to your April 1, 2022, request for information (IR0635) on how National Defence calculates total Government of Canada's military expenditures according to the NATO definition.

I am pleased to provide your office with the following information you requested including:

1. A detailed breakdown of the total Government of Canada actual and planned military expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017/18 to Fiscal Year 2021/22
2. A detailed breakdown of military expenditures from Other Government Departments for Fiscal Year 2017/18 to Fiscal Year 2021/22

In addition, we are pleased to provide your office with two reference documents which provide information on how NATO defines defence expenditures:

1. NATO Defence Expenditure Definition
2. Defence Expenditures of NATO Countries (2014-2021)

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Due to the sensitivities associated with this data, we respectfully request that you do not release or disclose the data publicly or share it outside your organization.

Departmental officials will be in contact with your staff to share this data and answer any questions.

For your records, please find enclosed the required Reply Form to IR0635.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



Bill Matthews

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- **TAB 1** – Total Government of Canada actual and planned military expenditures by category FY 2017/18 to FY 2021/22
- **TAB 2** – Detailed breakdown of military expenditures from Other Government Departments FY 2017/18 to FY 2021/22
- **TAB 3** – Reference document: NATO defence expenditure definition
- **TAB 4** – Reference document: Defence Expenditure of NATO Countries (2014-2021)
- **TAB 5** – PBO Reply Form

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