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Dear Mr. Giroux:

I am writing in response to your request for information (IR0672), dated January 16, 2023, regarding the acquisition of the F-35 fighter jets for the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) as well as historical data on the CF-18 Fleet.

I am pleased to provide your office with a consolidated response and annexes, in addition to the formal reply form. The enclosed response and annexes provide information and data related to:

- The agreement signed with the United States (US) government and Lockheed Martin with Pratt & Whitney for the acquisition of F-35 fighter jets for the RCAF;
- The estimated acquisition schedule and assumed payment schedule for F-35 fleet;
- The planned flying hours, projected operating expenses and assumptions regarding retirement cost of the new F-35 fleet;
- A summary, by fiscal year, of all expenses already incurred, including during the development phase of the F-35 procurement project;
- The financial risk analysis, including the Risk Register and the estimated low, most likely, and high-end financial impacts of each identified risk;

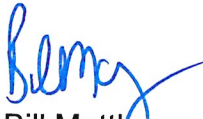
- Historical operating and sustainment cost for the CF-18 fleet, including Aviation Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant (AvPOL) costs, National Procurement (NP) costs, and betterment costs, as well as projected operating and sustainment costs through the end of the CF-18 life cycle; and
- Historical and projected Flying Hours and disposal costs for the CF-18 fleet.

The information requested is enclosed and Departmental officials are available to answer questions your staff may have.

We respectfully request that you do not release or disclose the data publicly or share it outside of your organization.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



Bill Matthews

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List of Enclosed Documents

- TAB 1 – PBO Reply Form
- TAB 2 – Response to PBO Questions