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Dear Mr. Giroux:

I am writing in response to your request for information IR0630, dated March 18, 2022, in which you indicate that you would like to obtain the direct and indirect expenditures related to the administration of Bill C-13 and the associated tax expenditures, specifically with respect to the \$16 million allocated to four federal institutions as set aside - and publicly announced - by the Minister of Finance in the 2021 Economic and Fiscal Update.

The distribution of the \$16 million between Canadian Heritage, the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Commissioner of Official Languages and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has not yet been publicly announced by the government.

It is important to note that the \$16 million provided for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is not intended to support the implementation of the bill in its entirety, but rather to fund immediate implementation of the key legislative changes in the bill that will, upon Royal Assent, result in direct costs to the federal government to carry out its new responsibilities. These include the Treasury Board's now mandatory functions of monitoring and auditing compliance by federal institutions with official languages policies, directives and regulations that comprise new ones pertaining to part VII, recommending to the Governor in Council new regulations on part VII of the Official Languages Act, evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of federal institutions' official languages policies and programs, and promoting innovation and best practices with regard to official languages governance within federal institutions.

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Bill C-13 was tabled in Parliament on March 1, 2022. It will be studied by parliamentarians shortly. Some of the legislative provisions may be subject to change and may have financial implications for the federal institutions responsible for implementing them. The distribution of the \$16 million between the four federal institutions may be revised as a result.

Your request for information also included a series of questions related to the proposed legislation on the use of French in federally regulated private businesses, which falls under the responsibility of the Minister of Canadian Heritage. As a result, we will leave it to Canadian Heritage to answer your questions in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Flack

Attachment (1)

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