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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

Further to your letter dated September 9, 2013, regarding Information Request IR0124-B which is a follow-up to prior request IR0124-A referring to the Treasury Board Secretariat's estimate of costs and savings related to consolidating and standardizing procurement of end-user device software as outlined in the Economic Action Plan 2013 and referenced on page 273 of the Budget, we are hereby providing additional information in answer to this second request. You requested additional data, information and documentation associated with the consolidation and standardization of end-user device software. Please note our responses for each of the 3 new requests:

- “Breakdown of the types of devices comprising the 400,000 devices; cost-benefit analysis performed by TBS official or third parties; and data and assumptions used to test the reasonableness of estimates.”
 - Attachment A *Guidance on the Definition of End User Devices* provides definitions and examples of end-user devices which were included in the estimation of savings;
 - Attachment B *Summary of Analysis Associated with Economic Action Plan 2013 Initiative to Consolidate Procurement of End-user Devices* summarizes the methodology used by TBS CIOB to estimate the software savings.
- “Number of different software systems being consolidated and resulting number of new and distinct software packages expected at full project implementation.”

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- TBS does not possess this information; there is no central inventory of end-user device software procured individually by departments over the years. However, we include Attachment C *Standard Software Configuration* which lists our standard software configuration which Shared Services Canada will be implementing going forward as per their mandate defined in Orders in Council: PC Number: 2013-0368 and PC Number: 2013-0366.
- “Historic benchmarks.”
 - TBS used as the principal basis for its analysis, historic benchmark data which was commissioned from Gartner Consulting the firm independently engaged by certain departments over the preceding year to conduct IT benchmarking studies. We include 2 copies of their report: Attachment D1 which was redacted in response to a recent access to Information request, as well as the un-redacted report D2.
 - Please note that some portions of the document include information described in paragraphs 18(a) and 18(d) of the *Access to Information Act* which must be kept confidential under section 79.4 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*. To guide your use and that of your staff, we have provided both copies of the Gartner report clearly marking the excerpts which contain information described in paragraphs 18(a) and 18(d) of the *Access to Information Act*. These redacted portions must be kept confidential. Gartner Consulting has been advised that we are providing you with a copy of their report.

I trust that this information duly answers your request.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments (4)