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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

Thank you for your letters, dated 4 October 2016, informing me the Parliamentary Budget Office is currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to section 79.2(d) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*. The PBO has been asked by the Standing Committee on Health (HESA) to prepare an analysis on the development of a National Pharmacare Program. In your letters you make reference to Information Requests IR0261 and IR0262 which request access to information on this topic pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, by the 17 October 2016.

In accordance with your request for financial and economic data, I am pleased to voluntarily provide copies of various documents detailed in Appendix A (enclosed). Please note that in the reply form I have requested that Appendix C to the Telus report "The Current State of Private Drug Plans and Issues for Future Sustainability" is treated as confidential as it provides information about Telus and its position in the private insurance market in Canada. I wish to thank PBO staff for confirming verbally on November 1, 2016, that this data will not be published, referenced or cited.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Kennedy

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