



Mr. Yves Giroux
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Dear Mr. Yves Giroux:

Re: Information Request IR0468

I am writing in answer to your information request on the measures indicated below related to the Health Portfolio's response to the COVID-19 outbreak. I can confirm that the categories identified below link to the Public Health Agency's budgetary authority. Our response is based on the following measures:

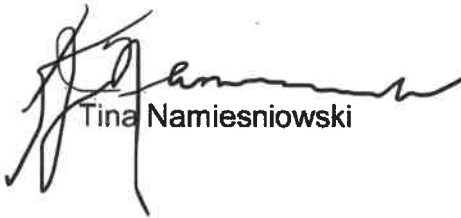
- Immediate public health response
 - The amounts transferred to the Health Portfolio Operations Centre and the National Microbiology Laboratory and additional details regarding the use of transferred funds
 - The number of initial actions taken using this measure and the associated dollar amounts
- Sustained communications and public education
 - The amounts transferred to the Public Health Agency of Canada and additional details regarding the use of transferred funds
- Support for provinces and territories
 - The amounts transferred to the provinces and territories and additional details regarding the use of the transferred funds
- Personal protective equipment
 - The number of beneficiaries receiving personal protective equipment
 - The associated dollar amounts

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Please find the responses to the information request and the associated reply form attached to this letter. If you or your staff have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carlo Beaudoin, Chief Financial Officer for PHAC, at 613-769-8915.

While your letter requested that we continue to provide this information on a weekly basis, given our focus on immediate operational requirements, I am proposing to provide you with updates on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,



Tina Namiesniowski

c.c.: The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health
Stephen Lucas, Deputy Minister, Health Canada

Attachments:

Reply Form, 20-106506-983

Appendix 1: Response to Information Request IR0468 from the Parliamentary Budget Officer