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Mr. Yves Giroux
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Dear Mr. Giroux:

Thank you for your information request (IR0625) addressed to the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs. The Minister has asked me to reply to the request on his behalf. Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) has carefully reviewed the request and consulted with our colleagues at the Department of National Defence (DND) and Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC).

Specifically, this request is seeking information on pensions in relation to superannuation benefits, which fall under the purview of the above-mentioned departments, DND and PSPC. To clarify, VAC administers Veterans' disability pensions under the *Veterans Well-being Act* in fulfillment of the obligation of the people and Government of Canada to provide compensation to those members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have been disabled or have died as a result of military service, and to their survivors and dependants.

I can confirm that our department does not have the detailed information you are seeking as outlined below:

- Information on the number of persons in the following groups for the 2020 and 2021 year. Please separate age groups by five years (i.e. 60–64, 65–69):
 - Number of active member contributors, by age group and sex
 - Number of current pensioners, by age group and sex
 - Number of current survivors, by age group and sex
 - Number of current survivors earning survivor benefits (and if not receiving benefits, why)
- Information on marital status and mortality rates for the 2020 and 2021 year, including:
 - Veterans' marital status, by age group and sex
 - Assumed mortality rates, by age group and sex

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- Information on the average annual veterans' pension and survivor benefit amount, by sex
- Information on the current service cost as a percent of pensionable payroll for pensions of Canadian Forces for the 2020 and 2021 year

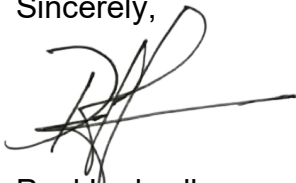
However, our Director of Research has committed to sharing information provided by Statistics Canada in March 2021 to Veterans Affairs Canada. Though this information dates from 2018, it may be helpful:

- Number of current survivors earning survivor benefits (and if not receiving benefits, why)

For your consideration, I am attaching in an annex the information that VAC is able to provide. Future requests for information on superannuation pension benefits for Veterans and their families should be directed to DND and PSPC.

Thank you for your request, and I hope that I have been of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul Ledwell', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul Ledwell
Deputy Minister

Attachments