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Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for your letter of June 4 and the enclosure regarding PBO Information Request 009.

You requested two data sets from Treasury Board Secretariat: a “summary report detailing opening departmental reference levels and adjustments made through the 2009 Annual Reference Level Update (ARLU) for 2009-10 through 2013-14” and a “summary of items that have received Cabinet and/or Budget approval or, in the case of reprofiling decisions, approval by the Department of Finance Canada, but which have yet to be briefed into departmental reference levels and included in the Estimates.”

As to the first data set, Treasury Board will be pleased to provide a summary for 2009-2010 of the opening departmental reference levels, total adjustments made through the 2009-2010 Annual Reference Level Update and closing balances, broken down by nature of expenditure (operating, capital, transfers and other subsidies/transfers/revenues credited to vote). Your office will receive an electronic copy of this report during the week of July 27, 2009. As to the rest of the data requested as part of this first set, Treasury Board has reviewed the request in consultation with Justice Canada and the Privy Council Office and it has been determined that the information requested constitutes confidential Cabinet documents and may not be disclosed.

As to the second data set, Treasury Board has reviewed the request in consultation with Justice Canada and the Privy Council Office and it has been determined that the information requested once again constitutes confidential Cabinet documents and may not be disclosed.

Please note that important information regarding the two data sets is available to the public in 2009-10 Part II – Main Estimates and 2009-10 Part III – Reports on Plans and Priorities for a three-year period, Budget 2009 and the March and June reports on Budget 2009.

Sincerely,

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