



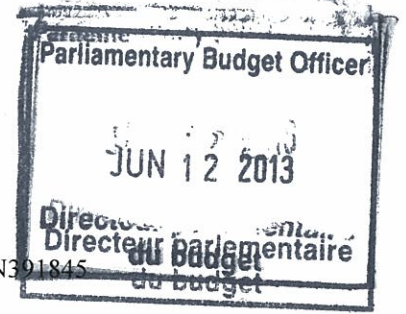
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Ms. Sonia L'Heureux
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Dear Ms. L'Heureux:

I am writing in response to your information request of May 22, 2013, in which you request data and information that could help your office prepare a cost estimate of providing a \$500 non-refundable tax credit to senior citizens for fitness-related registration fees.

The Department of Finance has not estimated the fiscal impact of a non-refundable tax credit to seniors for fitness-related registration fees.

For your information, please note that the Statistics Canada Survey of Household Spending (SHS) collects data on household spending on sport activities by age and income. Such data could be used to estimate the cost of a fitness tax credit for seniors. The first step would be to determine the criteria for qualifying expenses and taxpayer eligibility. The SHS could then be used to identify how many individuals would qualify and the estimated average claim. The cost of the proposal would be estimated by multiplying qualifying expenses by the credit rate. A similar methodology was used to estimate the cost of the Children's Fitness Tax Credit.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Horgan

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