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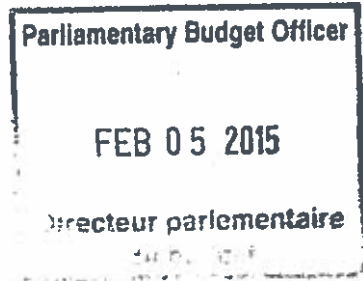
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Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette
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Dear Mr. Fréchette,

I am writing to you in response to your 18 November 2014 follow up request for information regarding the current version of the Canadian Surface Combatant (CSC) System Requirements Document.

As you acknowledge in your request, the CSC System Requirements Document does not constitute financial and economic data to which you are entitled free and timely access, pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

In this second request, you reference the Communications Policy of the Government of Canada as the rationale for releasing the document. The Communications Policy requires departments to provide information on programs, initiatives, and services intended for the general public. As this document is not intended for the general public, the Communications Policy does not grant your office access to it. Therefore, as originally stated, we will not provide you with a copy of the document.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the Department of National Defence's commitment to provide you with access to the data to which you are entitled under the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

Sincerely,

W. Davern Jones
Acting Deputy Minister

c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office,
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