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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am writing in response to your 8 May 2018 information request regarding information on personnel and their spouses/common-law partners stationed abroad.

The response below and the enclosed table provide information regarding Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and their spouses/common-law partners who are posted outside of Canada (OUTCAN). The information provides an overview of our OUTCAN population, including the number personnel and the number of accompanying spouses/common-law partners.

**Number of personnel:**

- As of May 2018, there were 1,363 CAF members posted OUTCAN and 1,006 had a spouse/common-law partner with them.
- There were a total of 72 Married Services Couples. In the case of 14 of these couples, both members held an OUTCAN position. For the remaining 58 couples, the spouse/common-law partner was on leave without pay.
- The number of CAF members posted OUTCAN is expected to grow by 56 in summer 2018 to a total of 1,419. National Defence's forecast for summer 2019 is 1,480 CAF members.
- Please note that as of May 2018, there were 22 civilian members of the Department of National Defence (DND) posted OUTCAN, who were not part of the Foreign Service. Furthermore, approximately 30 teachers were employed indirectly by DND in Belgium and the Netherlands, as well as approximately 10 employees were employed OUTCAN with the Personnel Support Program and Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services.

**Duration of assignments:**

- OUTCAN assignments are usually 3 years.

Canada

**Postal code of Canadian residence of spouse/common-law partner:**

- OUTCAN personnel do not have formal postal codes in Canada.
- Most personnel posted in Europe have a generic mailbox located in Belleville, ON, while most personnel posted in the United States hold zip codes for their residence in the United States.
- Most DND personnel holding defence positions in Canadian embassies use a generic address, that of Global Affairs Canada in Ottawa, ON.

National Defence does not collect information on the net family income of its personnel, nor does it collect information regarding the employment status of accompanying spouses/common-law partners. However, in the interest of transparency, please find enclosed the rank distribution of OUTCAN personnel for February 2018. Together with publicly available pay scales, this reference tool can be used to determine approximate gross income.

At your convenience, departmental officials will be available to brief your officials on how DND/CAF manages OUTCAN postings.

Please find enclosed for your reference the Signed Reply Form.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

  
Jody Thomas

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