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Mr. Yves Giroux
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Subject: Information Request IR0564

Dear Yves Giroux:

On behalf of the Honourable Filomena Tassi, I am responding to your letter dated November 13, 2020, concerning the information requested on supporting business resumption for federally regulated employers.

As you may be aware, a Treasury Board (TB) Submission was presented and approved in fall 2020. To support business resumption in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Labour Program sought funding of \$3.5 million for two fiscal years, which includes \$1.0 million for Transport Canada.

At this time, the Labour Program and Transport Canada have not spent any funds delivering on the business resumption activities, as work is scheduled to commence in January 2021 and the funds have yet to be received. The funding requested will support the increase of proactive occupational health and safety activities, outreach and guidance, as well as technical expertise to help federally regulated workplaces reopen and operate safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While I regret that I am not in a position to provide the requested information, I would be happy to provide you with our first quarter of data when it becomes available, in early April 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Robertson
Acting Deputy Minister of Labour

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