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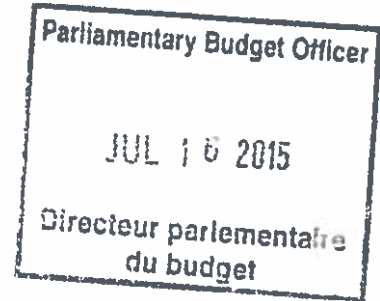
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Dear Mr. Fréchette,

I am writing in response to your 19 and 23 March 2015 requests for information IR0189 and IR0196 regarding unit costs and each type of air to ground munition used as part of Operation IMPACT.

The data requested on unit costs is attached. I would ask that this data be treated confidentially as the cost of air to ground munitions could be used to identify the types of munitions used as part of Operation IMPACT.

For operational security reasons, we cannot disclose the specific type or number of air to ground munitions employed in an ongoing military operation. Furthermore, this information does not constitute economic or financial data, to which you are entitled free and timely access, pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*. We have however, provided the total cost of munitions used as part of Operation IMPACT as of May 27, 2015.

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,

John Forster

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