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Information Request: IR0496

Dear Mr. ^{Yves} Giroux,

This is in response to your letter dated May 29, 2020 in which you requested information on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), specifically:

- All details regarding changes to the parameters of the CEWS during the extension, as they are decided;
- A table showing the number employees supported, by the claim period, by the week when the application was received;
- A table showing the number employees supported, by ranges of the total number of employees supported; and
- Two tabulations to be prepared by linking the CEWS application data with business tax filings through the filer's payroll account number:
 - a. Subsidies paid and number of employees supported by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) classification of the filer, by claim period, by province or territory;
 - b. Total eligible remuneration paid in the period as reported in the application and salary expenses as reported by those business in 2019 by the NAICS classification of the filer.

As discussed in meetings with your officials, any questions related to changes to the parameters of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) during the extension as they are decided should be directed to the Department of Finance Canada. As agreed during those discussions, we are providing the number of employees broken down by claim period and all breakdowns by NAICS at the sector level (2-digit). In addition, we have used the 2018 corporate tax year to match to the CEWS applications to ensure the completeness of the data.

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Please note that the data are subject to change as more information becomes available and further analysis is performed.

Section 241 of the *Income Tax Act* prohibits the CRA from providing taxpayer information to the Parliamentary Budget Officer. The current provision of data is based on the premise that no taxpayer can be identified and that the Parliamentary Budget Officer and his team will not use the data to attempt to identify a taxpayer.

If desirable, CRA officials would be pleased to offer you an in-person briefing on the tables to facilitate an accurate interpretation of the statistics and to communicate any data limitations.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Mireille Laroche, Assistant Commissioner, Chief Service Officer, and Chief Data Officer, Service, Innovation and Integration Branch, at 613-769-4249.

Sincerely,



Bob Hamilton