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Mr. Kevin Page  
Parliamentary Budget Officer  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Page:

Further to your exchange of correspondence with the Clerk, your initial request of October 2, 2012 and the extension you provided on October 12, 2012 I am forwarding a financial table that provides data on the deficit reduction measures in the March Budget in more detail.

The measures are aligned to the Program Alignment Architecture used in other reports to Parliament. Additional explanatory notes are included to assist you and Members of Parliament.

I would like to take the opportunity to point out that the March, 2012 Budget also provided \$627.4 million over the next three years for Aboriginal peoples and Northern communities.

This includes investments in First Nation education on reserve as well as school infrastructure; improvements to First Nation water and wastewater infrastructure; and the Urban Aboriginal Strategy. Financial data on these measures was provided in the Quarterly Financial Report posted on the Department's website.

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