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Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette
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Dear Mr. Fréchette,

Thank you for your letter of August 13, 2018, requesting the following information:

1. Number of rejected refugee claims that have requested the Federal Court of Canada to review the decision;
2. Total expenditures related to these reviews;
3. Number of rejected refugee claims, specifically irregular migrants, that have requested the Federal Court of Canada to review the decision; and
4. Total expenditures related to these reviews.

The letter requested that the data be provided, on a monthly basis, for the past five fiscal years, as well as any projections for the next five fiscal years.

My officials have gathered the requested information they are aware of that is under the control of the Department of Justice, namely:

1. The number of files the Department has on rejected refugee claims (those rejected by the Immigration and Refugee Board's Refugee Protection Division and Refugee Appeal Division) that have requested the Federal Court of Canada to review the decision by way of applications for leave and applications for judicial review to the Federal Court of Canada; and
2. Department of Justice costs (the cost of all time worked by justice counsel and paralegals on these files multiplied by the approved Treasury Board rates for the applicable period).

These were gathered in accordance with the methodology set out on the spreadsheet on which they are provided. Should you have any questions about how the information was gathered, you or your analyst should feel free to contact the Department. Items 1 and 2 are set out as you had requested, on a monthly basis for the past five fiscal years. The officials who gathered these documents inquired into whether the Department had any

projections for the next five fiscal years that would be responsive to your request and were unable to find any such projections.

With respect to 3 and 4, we understand, from communications with your analyst that the reference to “irregular migrants” is to refugee claimants who entered Canada between ports of entry (POEs). Our records do not distinguish between refugee claimants presenting at POEs and those arriving between POEs (irregular migrants). We therefore cannot provide information on items 3 and 4. Please note therefore that Department of Justice costs for the irregular migrants files are included as part of the response to 1 and 2.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures (1)