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Dear Mr. Giroux:

I am writing in response to your June 16, 2022, request (IR0651) for information and data on the Canadian Surface Combatant (CSC) project, as well as historical data on the Halifax-class frigate fleet, as a result of a request from the House Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO).

I am pleased to provide your office with a consolidated response and six annexes, in addition to the formal reply form. The enclosed response and annexes provide information and data related to:

- Project timelines and assumptions for the entire life cycle of the CSC project, including decommissioning and disposal;
- Relevant estimated cost data concerning the procurement, operations, sustainment, and disposal phases;
- The estimated average usage profile for the CSC fleet, including average sea days per year for a given vessel;
- Historical data on costs incurred since the inception of the CSC project; and,

- The historical operations and sustainment phase costs of the Halifax-class fleet, including sea days for each vessel.

A meeting will be scheduled with your officials at your convenience to walk through the enclosed information and answer any questions your staff may have. Department officials will be in contact with your staff to schedule this meeting.

We understand that your staff may verify the enclosed data with third parties. We respectfully ask that you do not share the information and the data found in Annexes 2 through 5 (TABS C – F), as they contain information and data that remains sensitive. All other documents provided can be shared with third parties for the purpose of your analysis.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



Bill Matthews

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List of Enclosed Documents

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- **TAB A** – Consolidated Response
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- **TAB C** – Annex 2 – BMT Fleet Technologies Report
- **TAB D** – Annex 3 – CSC Data Inputs (2017)
- **TAB E** – Annex 4 – CSC Ramp Profile (2017)
- **TAB F** – Annex 5 – Cost Estimate Details
- **TAB G** – Annex 6 – Historical Costs for the CSC Project by Fiscal Year