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Dear Mr. Giroux:

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, 2020 regarding information request: IR0475, requesting data on measures taken by the Department for Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) in response to COVID-19, specifically the additional funding of \$50 million to women's shelters and sexual assault centers.

You will find the requested information in the attached enclosure. As agreed with your office, this first list is being provided to you on May 29, 2020 and we will send you updates on a monthly basis with the next submission being due on June 30, 2020.

The following provides background information on the \$50 million:


- Of the \$50 million to support women's shelters and sexual assault centres, \$40 million came to WAGE and \$10 million was provided to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to support their existing network of 46 emergency shelters on reserve and in Yukon.
- \$30 million of the WAGE resources are being utilized to address the immediate needs of shelters and sexual assault centres as follows:
 - \$20.54 million to Women's Shelters Canada (WSC) to distribute to approximately 430 women's shelters and transition housing across the country (excluding Quebec);
 - \$3 million to the Canadian Women's Foundation (CWF) to distribute the funding to approximately 90 sexual assault centres across the country (excluding Quebec);
 - \$6.46 million for women's shelters and transition housing, and sexual assault centres in Quebec, through an [agreement between Canada and Quebec](#).
- WAGE is working with our provincial and territorial counterparts and stakeholders to ensure that the remaining \$10 million in funding is distributed to organizations most deeply affected by COVID-19. It is anticipated that these resources will flow in June.

The response table includes information regarding the WAGE portion of the funding and is captured under four tabs: shelters and transition housing outside of Quebec funded by WSC; sexual assault centres outside of Quebec funded by CWF; shelters and transition housing funded in Quebec through a Canada-Quebec agreement; and, lastly, sexual assault centres funded in Quebec through a Canada-Quebec agreement.

The information provided in the first two tabs includes those organizations that have received funding, as well as the amount of funding received, as of May 21, 2020. The information provided in the last two tabs includes preliminary information provided by Quebec on May 28, 2020, showing the organizations that have been funded in the province, as well as the amount of funding received by each organization. Additional information will be shared in next month's submission.

Information on the ISC portion of the funding has not been included as it falls under the responsibility of Minister Miller. Should you be interested in receiving information on this, please reach out to ISC directly.

Respectfully,

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Guylaine F. Roy
Deputy Minister
Women and Gender Equality

Enclosures:

- 1) Reply form for IR0475
- 2) Department for Women and Gender Equality response table