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Mr. Kevin Page
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Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for your correspondence of January 16, 2012 requesting a copy of the research report conducted on pre-sentence custody in its current stage of completion.

I believe you are referring to the report entitled *Credit for Pre-Sentencing Custody: Data from Five Canadian Courts*. Copies of the English and French versions of this draft report are enclosed. Please note that this report has not been publicly released.

In consultation with the Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) Working Group on Sentencing, Justice Canada gathered data on the state of credit for pre-sentencing custody. The research examined the nature and extent of pre-sentencing custody credits in Canadian adult criminal courts and the factors that may be related to the awarding of these credits. Data were collected prospectively at sentencing hearings for a sample of 994 cases where an adult offender spent time in pre-sentencing custody. The study was conducted in five Canadian courts (College Park Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa, Halifax and Whitehorse) between June 2008 and November 2009.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures

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