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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am writing in response to your letter dated September 12, 2016 requesting information on Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's Budget 2016 Infrastructure Spending.

In response to your request, please find attached a list of projects to be funded by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada with the following funds that were provided in the Federal Budget of 2016: \$309 million in incremental funding for short-term investments, \$241 million for social infrastructure investments, and \$15 million for federal infrastructure revitalization.

As projects are managed by First Nations, and construction start and end dates fluctuate regularly, the Department does not track this information nationally. Instead, funding agreements are managed through regular progress reporting. For this reason, we are not in a position to provide construction start and end dates.

We ask that the project list not be published, as indicated in the reply form attached, as the information on project funding provided to support First Nations in developing and maintaining basic public infrastructure is provided to the Government of Canada in confidence by third parties. Disclosing project funding amounts during the active acquisition of goods and services or construction of infrastructure could reasonably be expected to interfere with contractual or other negotiations of the third party.

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I sincerely appreciate the extension that was provided for us to properly compile all the information needed to respond to your request. If you have any questions or require any clarification, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Hélène Laurendeau

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c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison