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Information Request: IR0563

Dear Mr. Giroux,

This is in response to your letter dated November 10, 2020 in which you requested transaction-level data of applicants for each of the following benefit programs, delineated by age/sex/ marital status /geography and the previous year's income:

- Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB);
- Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB);
- Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB).

As discussed with your officials, Section 241 of the *Income Tax Act* prohibits the CRA from providing transaction-level taxpayer information to the Parliamentary Budget Officer. In lieu of this, we have worked with your officials to provide aggregate data in order to respond to this request. The current provision of data is based on the premise that no taxpayer can be identified and that the Parliamentary Budget Officer and his team will not use the data to attempt to identify a taxpayer.

Please note that the data are subject to change as more information becomes available and further analysis is performed.

If desirable, CRA officials would be pleased to offer you an in-person briefing on the tables to facilitate an accurate interpretation of the statistics and to communicate any data limitations.

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Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Mireille Laroche, Assistant Commissioner, Chief Service Officer, and Chief Data Officer, Service, Innovation and Integration Branch, at 613-769-4249.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "H".

Bob Hamilton