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Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer
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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am writing in response to your letter addressed to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, dated June 22, 2018, in which you requested information on the number of individuals that have been denied registration under the *Indian Act* due to unknown or unstated paternity, as well as the number of teen First Nation mothers and their children that have been denied registration under the *Indian Act* due to unknown or unstated paternity.

Based on the information contained in the Indian Register, 2,086 individuals were not registered because their father was not stated and 709 of those 2,086 individuals were born to mothers under the age of 20.

It is important to note that prior to 2003, the Indian Register did not capture ancestral data electronically. As such, 4,715 registration files were closed as incomplete files due to missing documents and were never fully assessed. These registration files may have included cases of unstated paternity but are not reflected in the numbers above.

I can also confirm, with certainty, that from June 2003 to June 2018, a total of 244,000 births were successfully recorded in the Indian Register. Of those, a total of 29,379 cases involved unstated paternity, and within this number, 5,321 cases involved a mother who was a teen at the time of the birth.

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I trust that this information is of assistance. As requested, you will find enclosed the duly completed reply form.

Sincerely,

Hélène Laurendeau for

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