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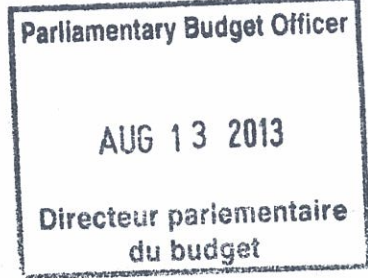
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Ms. Sonia L'Heureux  
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Dear Ms. L'Heureux,

I am writing to you in response to your July 16, 2013 letter which followed up on Requests for Information IR0107 and IR0119, regarding the cost of the Arctic Offshore Patrol Ship (AOPS) project.

It is our view that the technical information you requested regarding the AOPS would constitute information that falls outside the scope of the mandate of the Parliamentary Budget Officer, as defined by subsection 79.3 (1) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

While I understand that not providing this data may cause some difficulties for your office, I hope you understand that the provision of the technical, non-cost data would be inappropriate as it falls outside the financial and economic data to which you are entitled under the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the Department of National Defence's commitment to providing you with access to the data to which you are entitled to under the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Fadden

c.c.: Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy