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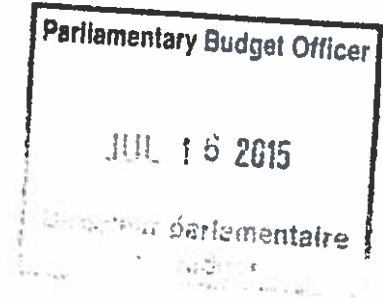
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Dear Mr. Fréchette,

I am writing to you in response to your 23 March 2015 requests for information: IR0194 and IR0195 on the costs incurred and hours flown by aircraft deployed as part of Task Force Iraq, for the purpose of receiving maintenance, repair or overhaul between 7 October 2014 and 31 March 2015.

Maintenance test flights and airplane swaps are not tracked separately from activities related to the overall operation by the Department of National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces. Therefore, the Department is not in a position to provide the level of specificity requested, because the data on maintenance, repair and overhaul flights is not available. These costs are included in the total costs and flight hours related to Operation IMPACT provided in the response to IR0190 & IR0191.

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

Sincerely,

John Forster

c.c.: Mr. Douglas Nevison, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office,  
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