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Mr. Robert Kitchen
Chair
Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Kitchen,

In response to the motion adopted by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) on March 10, 2021 *that the Treasury Board Secretariat provide the committee with all monthly COVID-19 expenditure reports and COVID spending data, as disclosed by the chief financial officers of all respective departments; that they provide this to the committee no later than March 17, 2021, and update us monthly by the 15th of the month, each and every month*, please find attached TBS' second monthly submission.

In addition, as committed to during TBS's appearance at the April 12, 2021 committee meeting, we will be providing the monthly data reported by organizations that underpins the aggregate COVID-19 expenditures that have been provided to the committee in both official languages by April 23, 2021. We will continue reporting on a monthly basis in this format going forward.

Over the last year, with the unprecedented scale and impact of COVID-19, Parliament has prioritized measures responding to COVID-19. The government tabled Supplementary Estimates (A), 2020–21 on June 2, 2020; Supplementary Estimates (B), 2020-21 on October 22, 2020; and Supplementary Estimates (C) on February 16, 2021 to provide funding for COVID-19 priorities. Taken together, the Supplementary Estimates (A, B and C) for 2020-21 represent a total of \$159.5 billion in planned spending authorities for organizations across the Government of Canada to spend in support of COVID-19 measures. These are “up to” authorities in recognition of the urgency and uncertainty in which these measures were brought forward in the pandemic context. As of February 28, 2021, federal organizations reported total estimated expenditures of \$127.8 billion against those measures. COVID-19 measures listed in the attached table are limited to those presented in the Estimates and correspond with the measures announced as part of the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan (i.e., Chapters 1 and 2 of the Fall Economic Statement 2020).

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Given the extraordinary context of the pandemic, TBS efforts to collect expenditures related to Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan have been done on an exceptional basis, and these efforts have not been audited. The estimated expenditures reported include only the cash payments that have been made to suppliers for goods and services or to grants and contributions recipients and do not represent the implementation status or results achieved for a measure. Final expenditures for 2020-21 will be reported in the Public Accounts of Canada 2021 (expected Fall 2021).

We would reiterate that organizations are responsible for determining how best to identify the appropriate expenditures and, if required, to provide any subsequent explanation on the amounts and corresponding activities. Implementing organizations (departments, agencies, and Crown corporations) are best positioned to respond to questions about information provided by them to TBS on a particular measure and to speak to the overall implementation status of a measure.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Roch Huppé

Enclosures