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Mr. Robert Kitchen  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates  
6<sup>th</sup> 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' fourth monthly submission. The attached submission provides the data as reported by organizations in the same format as has been previously provided by TBS to the committee. As of May 2021, this reporting is publicly available to committee members on GC InfoBase ([canada.ca/gcinfobase](http://canada.ca/gcinfobase)) and the Open Data portal.

Should the committee wish further details about the line items being reported, we would respectfully direct members to the responsible organizations. Federal organizations are responsible for determining how best to identify the appropriate expenditures and to provide any subsequent explanation on the reported amounts and corresponding activities. Similarly, 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.

With the unprecedented scale and impact of COVID-19, Parliament has prioritized measures responding to COVID-19. The government tabled Main Estimates and Supplementary Estimates (A) for 2021-2022 to provide a total of \$42.3 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 April 30, 2021, federal organizations reported total estimated expenditures of \$3.8 billion against those measures for fiscal 2021-2022. The COVID-19 measures listed in the attached tables 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. A reconciliation of the estimated expenditures will be conducted at year end to align with final expenditures reported in the Public Accounts of Canada (expected Fall 2022). Only after this point will departmental numbers be finalized.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Roch Huppé', written in a cursive style.

Roch Huppé

Enclosures