Mr. Kelly McCauley Chair Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. McCauley:

Pursuant to the motion passed by the committee on May 6, 2022, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is pleased to provide the third progress report, as of mid-June, 2023, regarding current National Shipbuilding Strategy and air defence procurement projects, in both official languages. This report contains information compiled by PSPC in collaboration with client departments, and has been prepared to provide the committee with an update on the status of each project previously reported on, within the context of PSPC's responsibilities.

As part of PSPC's mandate as central purchasing agent, the department works as a strategic partner to federal departments and agencies to contribute to the achievement of objectives across government. Specifically, with respect to defence and marine procurement, PSPC acquires defence goods and services, such as ships, aircraft and supporting services on behalf of client departments, which include the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Coast Guard. In turn, client departments are responsible for defining their requirements, conducting equipment cost/options analyses, obtaining government policy approval, and managing projects and budgets.

We trust that committee members will find the report useful.

Regards,

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**Enclosures** 

