



May 27, 2021

Ms. Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Standing Committee on Finance
Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Crandall :

On behalf of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), I am transmitting the attached documents to you in response to the motion adopted during Meeting 27 of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PACP), as part of the Committee's study of Report 7, Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, of the 2021 Reports of the Auditor General of Canada:

“That the committee request that the Department of Finance and the Canada Revenue Agency provide the committee with all studies, data and analysis used for the implementation of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, that these documents be provided to the committee with redactions for Cabinet confidence and personal information, and that these documents be provided to the committee no later than May 27, 2021.”

The relevant records comprise the studies, data and analyses that the CRA undertook as part of the implementation of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and which were subsequently provided to the Auditor General's Office in the course of her recent audit of the CEWS.

The Committee's motion stipulates that Cabinet confidences and personal information are to be excluded from the package. No redactions were required for either of these aforementioned reasons (pursuant to information that constitutes a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada or for personal information). However, two other types of exemptions were applied in accordance with the principles of the *Access to Information Act*, namely Section 16(1)(c) Law Enforcement and Section 16(2)(c) Security.

Sincerely,

Bob Hamilton
Commissioner

Enclosures (7)

PACP Motion (Meeting 27)

CRA Annex

Final Page Count (English)	350 pages
Of these 350 pages:	
Fully Disclosed	196 pages
Partially Disclosed*	59 pages
Fully Redacted*	95 pages

*Two types of exemptions were applied in accordance with the principles of the Access to Information Act, namely Section 16(1)(c) Law Enforcement and Section 16(2)(c) Security:

Law enforcement and investigations

16 (1) The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Part that contains

...

(c) information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the enforcement of any law of Canada or a province or the conduct of lawful investigations, including, without restricting the generality of the of the foregoing, any such information.

Security

16 (2) The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Part that contains information that could reasonably be expected to facilitate the commission of an offence, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, any such information.

...

(c) on the vulnerability of particular buildings or other structures or systems, including computer or communication systems, or methods employed to protect such buildings or other structures or systems.