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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 Department of Finance, 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 Department of Finance 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. Information that constitutes a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada was redacted and identified as s. 69(1) and personal information is identified as s. 19(1) in the attached package. Consistent with your motion, 495 pages that were reviewed contained either cabinet confidences or personal information, and have therefore been redacted. A limited number of other redactions were also applied in accordance with the principles of the Access to Information Act.

Please note that we are still processing a portion of the records in response to the Committee's request. We will endeavor to send the remaining documents as soon as possible. I will write to you once we have completed our review of these documents.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Sabia

Deputy Minister of the Department of Finance

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