



January 16, 2023

Mr. Paul Cardegna  
Clerk of the Committee  
Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates  
House of Commons  
131 Queen Street, 6th Floor  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Cardegna:

Pursuant to the Committee's motion regarding the provision of documents for its study of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General's expenditures, Global Affairs Canada (GAC) is attaching to this email a consolidated package of fifteen (15) financial records of expenses incurred during the foreign visits of governors general:

- Mary Simon – from 26 July 2021 to 25 July 2022 inclusively;
- Julie Payette – from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 inclusively; and
- David Johnston – from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 inclusively.

The financial reports are broken down by visits and by item of expenditure, including accommodation costs, catering costs, caterer costs, travel costs, and costs for alcohol and drinks. The reports also include the number of travellers for each delegation.

Please note that records representing expenditures for Governor General Mary Simon's visit to the Middle East in March 2022 have already been provided in earlier submissions to the Committee.

GAC has continued to apply the principle of transparency to the greatest extent possible. GAC's review resulted in several minimal redactions. As a result, the following reference appears in the reports provided, for added context:

- *Personal Information.* Severances were applied to Federal Government employees' personal identifiers.

Global Affairs Canada has now provided all documents within the scope of the motion passed by the Committee.

Sincerely,

Colleen Calvert  
Director General and Corporate Secretary