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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
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Dear Mr. Cardegna:

Pursuant to the Committee's motion regarding the provision of documents pertaining to foreign visits by recent Governors General as part of its study of the Travel Expenditures Related to the Office of the Governor General's Secretary since 2014, please find attached to this email a consolidated package of financial records of expenses incurred during four (4) official foreign visits by governors general that were led by the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General (OSGG) in the periods identified by the Committee during its meeting on November 30, 2022:

- Official foreign travel by The Right Honourable Julie Payette to the United States of America (Washington, DC) from November 12 to 13, 2019
- Official foreign travel by The Right Honourable Julie Payette to the Republic of Latvia and Romania from December 23 to 24, 2019
- Official foreign travel by Her Excellency The Right Honourable Mary Simon to the United Kingdom (London – Audience with Her Majesty The Queen) from March 14 to 16, 2022
- Official foreign travel by Her Excellency The Right Honourable Mary Simon to the United Kingdom (London – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations) from June 2 to 6, 2022

Financial reports of the expenses incurred during the above mentioned foreign visits of recent Governors General, are broken down by visit and by item of expenditure including: accommodation costs, meals and incidentals, transportation. The reports also indicate the number of people that travelled as part of each visit.

Please note that OSGG costs pertaining to the other official foreign visits by governors general in support of Canada's foreign policy objectives (during the periods requested by the Committee) were recovered from Global Affairs Canada (GAC) as per the Memorandum of Understanding that was shared with the Committee as part of our earlier document submission and are reflected in the financial reports submitted by GAC.

The OSGG has now provided all documents within the scope of the motion passed by the Committee.

Should you have any questions concerning these materials, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Christine MacIntyre
Deputy Secretary, Policy, Program and Protocol