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Dear Mr. Wake,

In response to your letter dated February 23, 2017 regarding information request FA1613-03, please find enclosed the requested details to help facilitate the FAO's examination of the cost-effectiveness of the Province's business support programs.

The ministry's business support programs stimulate investment, competitiveness, and economic growth in small and medium enterprises entering the export market. I appreciate the efforts of your office to analyze the cost effectiveness and impacts of these programs.

As you know, the 2017-18 Program Review, Renewal and Transformation (PRRT) process is still in progress and decisions will be made public when the 2017 Budget is introduced. As a result, in the attached materials, out-year figures (2017-18 and beyond) contain the approved 2016-17 PRRT figures.

Once your office has had an opportunity to review the information provided, should you have questions that require further clarification, primary contacts are included in the enclosed document. For finance and accounting related questions, please contact Maureen Buckley, Assistant Deputy Minister/Chief Administrative Officer at 416 314-7315 or Tony Marzotto, Director of the Corporate Finance Branch, at 416 325-6135.

Sincerely,

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cc: Maureen Buckley, Assistant Deputy Minister/CAO, Regional and Corporate Services