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Dear Mr. Wake:

Thank you for your letter dated February 23, 2017, regarding FAO Information Request FA1613-02f related to examining "the cost-effectiveness of the Province's business support programs".

The Ministry of Finance is providing the Office of the Financial Accountability Officer with the requested information necessary to perform its duties in accordance with subsection 12(1) of the *Financial Accountability Officer Act, 2013*. Specifically, Attachment 4: Information Request from the FAO specified the items requested.

Enclosed with this correspondence is information that responds to the items 1, 4, 5, and 6 and the Business Supports Program dataset related to item 2. As discussed between Ministry of Finance and FAO staff, the ministry will require additional time to provide "all other information provided to the Business Support Programs Expert Panel". This information is contained on a SharePoint site that has been decommissioned. Ministry staff are working to un-archive and retrieve the information and will provide it to the FAO as soon as it is available. Additionally, your office was previously advised by the ministry that item 3, related to Ontario's Strategic Investment Framework (2015) should be directed to the Ministry of Economic Development and Growth.

If it may be useful to have further interactions with the Ministry of Finance, once your office has had the opportunity to review the enclosed information, ministry staff will be pleased to make themselves available to provide clarification or to answer any additional questions.

The Ministry of Finance is committed to assisting the Financial Accountability Officer by providing the information necessary to carrying out the Officer's mandate.

Sincerely,



Scott Thompson
Deputy Minister
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Enclosures:

Attachment 1: Cover Spreadsheets

Attachment 2: Information Request Responses

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