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The Honourable J. David Wake Temporary Financial Accountability Office of Ontario Financial Accountability Office c/o: crobinson@fao-on.org

Dear Mr. Wake:

This letter and attached documents are in response to your request for information on February 23, 2017 (FAO Information Request FA1613-02g).

In response to this request, we are submitting the following information:

- A staff-level contact in OMAFRA who will be available to discuss the project and provide follow-up information as required.
- For each of the Business Support Programs (BSP) identified in Appendix A of the request: the historical actual program funding from 2000-01 to 2016-17 (where applicable). For each of the BSPs, we have also included a detailed description. program objectives, how funding is allocated, and how the funding support is targeted. In many cases, we have provided program website links and documentation such as funding agreements and/or program materials/guidelines.
- We did not identify any other current Business Support Programs in the ministry that were not listed in appendix A of the request.

We have outlined all the information and documents we are submitting in the "Cover spreadsheet" as requested.

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If you have any questions regarding the documentation submitted, you may contact Christine Primeau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research and Corporate Services Division to arrange a meeting to discuss.

Yours truly,

Greg Meredith Deputy Minister



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