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Stephen LeClair
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Dear Mr. LeClair:

Thank you for your information request of July 26, 2017 regarding economic impacts of raising the minimum wage as proposed in Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017 (FA1713-01a). Attached to this letter are responses to your inquiry seeking analysis that the ministry has done in this area.

Ministry of Finance staff are pleased to provide clarification or to answer any questions you or your staff may have. If you require further information, or if we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Thompson".

Scott Thompson
Deputy Minister

- c. Brian Lewis, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Economist, Office of Economic Policy, Ministry of Finance
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