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Dear Chair:

Public Account Committee December 20, 2022

I thank the committee for its questions and engagement on our November 2021 report. I am pleased to provide the written response to questions requested of us at the December 20, 2022 meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

In relation to certain questions requesting information sourced by those we audit; we are including as much information as is readily available from public reporting to respond to your questions. The scope of information within our files is limited, designed only to support audit objectives, and do not represent complete financial records or explanations on matters which the committee is seeking a response to.

We also acknowledge principles of independence and our statutory obligations surrounding confidentiality of information within our files. The *Auditor General Act* prohibits disclosure of our working papers and other information subject to waiver of those protections by those we audit. Accordingly, to the extent information is not *prima facie* available from public organizational reporting, we respectfully note that some information sought is most appropriately provided by the responsible organization.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written response to these questions.

Yours truly,



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Below are the questions with our corresponding responses to page PA-820 of the transcript regarding Community and Social Services:

- “Do you have the number of (FSCD) staff from the year before so you’re able to identify any differences?”

We do not have this information. This request is best suited for the Department to respond too.

- “Does it have something to do with the fact that over 500 FTEs have been lost? I was also going to ask about staff turnover rates, if the Auditor General’s office has that information or if that’s available.”

We do not have this information. This request is best suited for the Department to respond too.

- “Now, are there any timelines internal to the ministry, like, sort of benchmarks about how long these different phases should be taking?”

As noted on page 9 of our FSCD report, the Ministry has program standards to monitor compliance, some of which have time components. For further information the committee is encouraged to contact the Department directly.