



6 June 2018

Bob Hamilton
Commissioner of Revenue and Chief Executive Officer
Canada Revenue Agency
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Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Re: IR0345 – Tax Gap and assistance

Thank you for the data we received on 28 February 2018 and your letter of 16 February 2018 in which you mentioned that we should continue our collaboration and that your Agency would be open to discussions on the data and methodologies related to estimating the tax gap.

As you may know, my team has started working on estimating the tax gap with respect to corporate and personal income taxes in Canada. As part of this project, my team would like to discuss with the Agency's analysts responsible for the measurement of the tax gap. It is our understanding that this team is part of the Accelerated Business Solutions Lab within the Agency Change and Innovation Directorate.

The purpose of this meeting would be to discuss and exchange ideas on the methodological aspects relating to the estimation of the tax gap and for clarification on the data we received in February of this year. We normally have similar meetings with analysts from other federal departments and agencies during our analysis and we believe that such a meeting would be mutually beneficial. Moreover, such a meeting and any other future meetings may prevent us from misinterpreting the data provided by your Agency, as well as provide a forum for the exchange of methodologies which will allow both of our organisations to identify the source of any discrepancies between our estimates.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jean-Denis Fréchette'.

Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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