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Ms. Elizabeth Vander Beesen
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Dear Elizabeth Vander Beesen:

Re: Your file 00292-30/HOU-2006-00031

I have received your letter dated December 14, 2006 in which you estimate the cost of responding to my request for information at approximately \$159.25, primarily because of the \$0.25 per page cost of copying an estimated 497 records.

Please reduce the scope of my information request to those records which specify the method used to arrive at the estimate of 15,000 low income working families used in the October 3, 2006 news release (2006FOR0127-001187) and to no more than a dozen pages that provide the final calculation that arrived at the estimate of 15,000 families.

It is beyond my imagination how my October 5th request could have yielded 497 records. If any of the documents that comply with this limited scope request also contain information that is not captured by this request, then this request is also for that information so that the entire document can be considered in its full context.

I look forward to receiving the documents that the Ministry used to support the 15,000 figure in its October 3rd news release.

Sincerely,

David D. Schreck