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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Peter Weltman, Financial Accountability Officer of Ontario

**FROM:** Janet Menard, Deputy Minister

**SUBJECT:** FAO Information Request FA1812: The Impact of Social Assistance Reform on the Province's Budget Balance

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Please find enclosed the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' (MCCSS) response to the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario's (FAO) information request regarding the Impact of Social Assistance Reform on the Province's Budget Balance.

The ministry's response contains the following information, as per FAO's request:

1. Caseload and expenditures (both historical and forecast) for Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program.
2. Social assistance rates (both historical and planned) for Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program.
3. Ontario Works recipients by income level, most recent year available.
4. An overview of the 2018 Ontario Budget plan for Income Security Reform
5. Details of the plan for Social Assistance Reform as of November 2018.

Some elements of this government's plan for Social Assistance Reform are pending approval as part of the Ministry's 2019-20 Multi-year Plan (MYP). The Ministry has not presupposed a Cabinet decision and has not provided the MYP information at this time. We have highlighted these areas of anticipated change in our response. In discussions with your office, it was confirmed that we would have an opportunity to provide you with these MYP updates once approved.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Zanetti at Lisa.Zanetti@ontario.ca or 416-455-9851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Menard".

Janet Menard

Attachments:

- Ministry's Response (completed Excel templates)
- Extract of Cabinet submission

c: Drew Vanderduim, Chief Administrative Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister  
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