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Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 9:11 AM
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Subject: Standing Committee on Community Services

Dear Ms. Arab:

I am writing as follow up to the September 15, 2015 meeting of the Standing Committee on Community Services Re: Disability Support Program.

During that meeting, I committed to providing the committee with additional information on two items: a Detailed Disability Support Program Budget and information regarding the status of a pilot project for aging in place, in partnership with Bonny Lea Farm.

A summary of the 2015-2016 Disability Support Program budget is attached.

With respect to Bonny Lea Farm, to date, there has not been a proposal submitted to the Department for a pilot project with respect to aging in place. The Department is open to continuing discussions with service providers, including Bonny Lea Farm, to explore how we can meet the needs of our clients to ensure they can live full and productive lives within their communities.

Thank you again for the opportunity to present to the Standing Committee on the work of the Disability Support Program.

Sincerely,

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Webpage

<http://www.novascotia.ca/finance/en/home/budget/budgetdocuments/2014-2016.aspx>

Community Services

Supplementary Information

Disability Support Program

Provides and supports a range of community living, residential, day programs and employability options for persons with disabilities.

<u>Programs and Services (\$ thousands)</u>	<u>2014-2015 Estimate</u>	<u>2014-2015 Forecast</u>	<u>2015-2016 Estimate</u>
Administration - Head Office	1,563	1,530	1,661
Disability Support Program - Field Staff	7,044	6,686	7,081
Community Based Programs	151,078	156,932	158,393
Long-Term Care	139,158	145,868	144,600
	<u>298,843</u>	<u>311,016</u>	<u>311,735</u>
Funded Staff (# of FTEs)	98.5	91.9	99.5