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Dear Ms. Palmiere and Ms. Gagnon:

Thank you for your email seeking information about the Special Services at Home (SSAH) and Passport programs. MPP Bhutila Karpoche also wrote on behalf of People for Personalized Funding (PFPF) regarding these two programs. My colleague Jody Hendry, Director of the Developmental and Supportive Services Branch will respond directly regarding the Passport program. As the Director of the Child Development and Specialized Services Branch at the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS), I am pleased to respond regarding the SSAH program.

The SSAH program provides funding to families taking care of a child with a developmental and/or physical disability. SSAH funding is meant to help buy services and supports that help parents with caring for their child, or that help the child join activities at home and in the community.

In the 2023/2024 fiscal year 36,610 individuals received SSAH funding amounting to a total expenditure of \$98.01 million.

As per your request, please find the expenditure data below for the 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and budget amount for 2024/2025 fiscal years and the breakdown of amounts of individual SSAH contracts for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

At this time, we are not able to provide the information you had requested regarding the number of new applications received in 2023/24 that are on the waitlist, have been denied and have

requested increases in funding as applications continue to be processed. When this work is complete, we will follow up with the additional information.

I hope you find this information helpful. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ziyaad Vahed".

Ziyaad Vahed
Director

cc. Bhutila Karpache, MPP Parkdale-High Park

Special Services at Home (SSAH)

Total amount of SSAH funding allocation (budget) for each of the fiscal years 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025

Fiscal Year	SSAH Actual Expenditures – in Millions (\$M)	SSAH Budget - in Millions (\$M)
2020/21	\$ 89.21	
2021/22	\$ 86.26	
2022/23	\$ 89.30	
2023/24	\$ 98.01	
2024/25		\$ 114.24

The breakdown of amounts of individual SSAH contracts

2023/2024

Amount approved	Up to \$2,000	\$2,001- \$4,000	\$4,001- \$6,000	\$6001- \$8,000	\$8,001- \$10,000	Greater than \$10,001	Total Contracts
Number of approved contracts in 2023/24	4,781	18,766	10,054	2,103	630	276	36,610