



June 21, 2010

Mr. Michael Horgan
Deputy Minister
Department of Finance Canada
140 O'Connor Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0G5

Re: PBO Information Request 030 (revised)

Dear Mr. Horgan:

I would like to request the summaries of your Department's monthly/quarterly survey of private sector forecasters since 1994. I believe the most recent summary was released on April 26, 2010 (see Table 1 in http://www.fin.gc.ca/n10/data/10-034_1-eng.asp). Some of this data for the period 1994 to 2003 was presented in the Final Report on *Forecasting Processes and Performance of the Department Of Finance* (<http://www.fin.gc.ca/wp/Freview-eng.asp>), however, we would like to have the additional detail (i.e., the average forecasts beyond one and two years ahead as well as the other quarterly survey results) and the survey summaries beyond 2003. This data will be used for our analysis of the accuracy and uncertainty of private sector economic forecasts. I would also like to request that going forward, on an on-going basis, we receive a copy of the survey summary upon its completion.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	030
2) PBO Contact Name:	Chris Matier (613-995-9804 or matiec@parl.gc.ca)
3) Type of Request:	One-time
4) PBO Objective:	To conduct analysis on the private sector economic forecasts used by the Department of Finance to develop fiscal projections.
5) Relation to Mandate:	To provide independent analysis on trends in the national economy and state of the nation's finances.
6) Information and Data Requested:	Summary of data collected by the Department of Finance as part of its survey of private sector forecasters
7) Priority:	Standard
8) Date Request Sent:	June 21, 2010
9) Response Required By:	July 5, 2010