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Mr. Don Head, Commissioner
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Information Request: IR0305

Dear Mr. Head:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent and non-partisan analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about matters related to the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates, certain other government documents, and the cost of proposals. In carrying out my mandate, I often require information held by government departments and Crown corporations and I am entitled to free and timely access – subject to limited exceptions – to such information under section 79.4 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

I am currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to paragraph 79.2(1)(f) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to estimate the financial cost of any proposal that relates to a matter over which Parliament has jurisdiction at the request of a member of the Senate or of the House of Commons.

For that analysis, I am asking/requesting the following information:

- Construction and expansion costs by correctional facilities, with the date of construction/expansion and added capacity, for the last twenty years.
- Operation and maintenance expenditures by facility, for the last five years.
- Capital costs (recapitalization and capital asset replacement) by facility, for the last five years.

- Capacity, headcount and inflow by facility, by gender and security level, for the last five years.
- A breakdown of costs associated with segregation, special handling units, secure units, intensive psychiatric care in regional treatment centres and other forms of isolation from the general inmate population, plus the average number of prisoners in each form of isolation and the average duration for which prisoners were in each form of isolation, for the last five years. If the costs of segregation and other forms of isolation are not separately tracked, please provide a qualitative description of the resource requirements associated with these units.
- A breakdown of the costs associated with Renée Acoby and Ashley Smith, to the extent possible without revealing any personal information which is not publically available, for example through court documents and investigative reports. If the costs of associated with these individuals were not separately tracked, please provide a qualitative description of the resource requirements associated with these individuals.
- Where possible, include and distinguish costs associated with transfers, use of force, additional criminal/institutional charges, contracts for private security, additional staffing requirements, use of RCMP staff and vehicles, and court and legal costs.

Based on the nature of this request and the analysis I am undertaking, I believe a reasonable deadline would be 30 October 2017. A response must be provided if access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Mark Mahabir can be contacted directly at mark.mahabir@parl.gc.ca, 613-301-6708.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 30 October 2017, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

Your response letter will be posted on the PBO website and, therefore, it should not be marked "confidential". As well, the requested information should be attached separately. If this information is confidential, please clearly mark it as such, either on the electronic spreadsheet or the hard copy version.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons for the purposes of raising the quality of parliamentary debate and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability is the PBO's primary objective. The degree to which this is possible depends, to a large extent, on free and timely access to quality information held by government departments. In doing so, you are assisting us in better serving the Senate, the House of Commons, and their members.

Yours sincerely,



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Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Katharine Rechico, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,
Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy

Attachment: Reply form for IR0305