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The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier
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Information Request: IR0621

Dear Minister Lebouthillier:

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 this analysis, I am requesting information for 2020 and 2021 (latest available month) on the number of individuals who received the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) and amounts of benefits they received.

I would like this information to be provided by 2020 nuclear family adjusted net income (grouped by income ranges of \$10,000).

In order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner, I ask the information to be provided to my office no later than **January 18th, 2022**. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or the Commissioner as soon as possible.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Eskandar Elmarzougui can be contacted directly at Eskandar.Elmarzougui@parl.gc.ca, 613-797-5698.

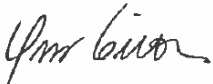
Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by January 18th, 2022, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested

information, you or the Commissioner must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

The 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.

Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability are the PBO's primary objectives. 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,



Yves Giroux

Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Antoine Brunelle-Côté, Privy Council Office, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy

Bob Hamilton, Commissioner of Revenue and Chief Executive Officer, Canada Revenue Agency

Attachment: Reply form for IR0621