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Information Request: IR0271

Dear Mr. Rochon:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates of the government, and the cost of programs, legislation, and policies. In carrying out its mandate, the PBO often requires access to information held by government departments. When such information is needed, the PBO makes a request to the department holding the information.

The PBO is currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to section 79.2(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to "provide independent analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about the state of the nation's finances, the estimates of the government and trends in the national economy."

In pursuing this work, the PBO would ask that, pursuant to section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, you provide access to the following information:

Additional details regarding the Fiscal and Economic Statement released by Minister Morneau on November 1, 2016. Specifically:

1. Can you please provide the Budget 2016 and FES cash profiles for spending one the next 5 years (quarterly if possible)?
2. Infrastructure (pp.30): Can you please confirm what is new infrastructure spending that was previously provisioned in the fiscal framework, and the source of funds (new, reallocated)?
3. Infrastructure (pp.30): Can you delineate the planned profile for infrastructure in the DPE forecast, broken down by operating, capital and transfers?

4. Infrastructure (pp.30): Can you provide a departmental breakdown of planned infrastructure spending announced in Budget 2016 versus the FES?
5. CPP (pp.56): Can you provide a five-year profile of the component changes for the CPP enhancement (e.g. PIT, WITB, GIS)?
6. Pension and Benefits (pp. 64). Can you provide the fiscal profile of estimated amortization expenses arising from re-valuation of unfunded liabilities?
7. Off-cycle funding (pp. 70). Can you provide a mapping of these measures to the component lines of the operating statement?

We would appreciate that you provide access to this information by 9 November 2016. If we do not hear back from you by that date, we may consider your non-response a deemed refusal and, accordingly, report it to our named committees as instructed.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 9 November 2016, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. The details contained in the reply form will assist us in preparing the PBO annual report.

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

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Jason Jacques can be contacted directly at jason.jacques@parl.gc.ca, 613-853-1596.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons 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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c.c.: Katharine Rechico, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,
Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy

Attachment: Reply form for IR0271