



November 21, 2012

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And

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Re: PBO Information Request IR0093

Dear Mr. Shugart and Ms. Jackson:

The Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) has been requested by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance to prepare a cost estimate of a private members' Bill C-464: *An Act to Amend the Canada Labour Code and Employment Insurance Act (parental leave for multiple births or adoptions)*.

To fulfill this request, the PBO requires the following information from your organization:

- Any cost estimates of Bill C-464 or similar proposals, including:
 - The analytical framework used to prepare any cost estimates of the aforementioned private members' bill;



- Supporting data used to construct the estimate (if individual-level data is provided, confidentiality will be respected);
- A description of the key underlying assumptions used to construct the estimate (*e.g.*, the anticipated level and duration of incremental EI receipts, *etc.*);
- Any additional analysis undertaken by HRSDC officials to construct the estimate that may be relevant (*e.g.*, behavioural impacts associated with proposed changes).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please let us know if any part of this request requires clarification.

We would be grateful to meet in person with the individuals involved in the preparation of the government's estimates. PBO officials are available at your convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kevin Page'.

Kevin Page
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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



PBO Information Request

REQUEST NUMBER: IR0094
PBO CONTACT NAME: Jason Jacques (Jason.Jacques@parl.gc.ca; 613-853-1596)
TYPE OF REQUEST: Ad hoc
PRIORITY: Normal
DATE REQUEST SENT: November 21, 2012
RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: December 3, 2012

PBO OBJECTIVE: To produce a report that was requested by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance regarding the fiscal cost of implementing Bill C-464.

RELATION TO MANDATE: Upon request, to estimate the financial cost of any proposal for matters over which Parliament has jurisdiction.

INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

As set out in the covering letter.