



September 9, 2013

Ms. Mary Chaput  
Deputy Minister  
Veterans Affairs Canada  
66 Slater Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P4

**Re: PBO Information Request IR0125-A: Last Post Fund**

Dear Ms. Chaput:

I am writing to request additional information on the Last Post Fund, as a follow up to a prior request made by my predecessor and pursuant to discussions PBO staff have undertaken with officials from your department. Please provide:

- Historical data on benefits paid to fund beneficiaries over the most recent five fiscal years;
- Data pertaining to projected veterans mortalities and applications for Last Post Fund benefits, as alluded to in your initial correspondence on this matter; and
- A list of expenses and associated cost for items that are newly eligible for reimbursement as per the amended Funeral and Burial Regulations.

Please include the key underlying assumptions and analytical frameworks used to construct any cost estimates. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff if any further clarification is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jean-Denis Fréchette'.

Jean-Denis Fréchette  
Parliamentary Budget Officer

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



## PBO Information Request

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REQUEST NUMBER: IR0125-A

PBO CONTACT NAME: Trevor Shaw (613-698-6568) or [trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca](mailto:trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca)

TYPE OF REQUEST: One-time

PRIORITY: Normal

DATE REQUEST SENT: September 9, 2013

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: September 16, 2013

### PBO OBJECTIVE:

A fiscal analysis of the Funeral and Burial Program delivered by the Last Post Fund Corporation.

### RELATION TO MANDATE:

The PBO is mandated under the Parliament of Canada Act, upon request of a parliamentarian, to estimate the financial cost of any proposal for matters over which Parliament has jurisdiction.

### INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

As set out in body of letter.

This request respects the privacy of fund beneficiaries and applicants. While detailed financial data is needed to perform a reliable fiscal analysis, personal data is not. PBO officials are available to discuss the details of this request.