



September 9, 2013

Ms. Yaprak Baltacioglu  
Secretary of the Treasury Board of Canada  
Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat  
140 O'Connor Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5

**Re: PBO Information Request IR0124-B: Economic Action Plan 2013 initiative to consolidate procurement of end-user devices**

Dear Ms. Baltacioglu:

I am writing to request information on the consolidation and standardization of end-user device software. This follows up to a prior request made by my predecessor and a series of discussions PBO staff have undertaken with officials from your department. Please provide:

- A breakdown of the types of devices comprising the 400,000 devices mentioned in your prior correspondence;
- The number of different software systems being consolidated (e.g. the approximate breakdown between operating system, productivity suite, security and management software) and the resulting number of new and distinct software packages expected at full project implementation;
- Business cases and cost-benefit analysis performed by TBS officials or third parties; and
- Historic benchmarks, data and assumptions used to test the reasonableness of estimates.

Please include key underlying assumptions and analytical frameworks. 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: IR0124-B

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:

To provide an independent cost estimate of the savings initiative to standardize and consolidate procurement of end-user devices.

### RELATION TO MANDATE:

Pursuant to s. 79.2 of the Parliament of Canada Act, to estimate the financial cost of a proposal over which Parliament has jurisdiction (i.e. the provision of end-user devices and software identified for consolidation in the Economic Action Plan 2013).

### INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED:

As set out in body of letter.