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Mr. Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister
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Request to meet with Dr. Mark Zamorski

Dear Mr. Fadden:

Pursuant to section 79.2(a) of the Parliament of Canada Act¹, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) is undertaking an analysis of the cost of caring for veterans with mental illness. In support of this work, I am writing to request a meeting between PBO analysts and Dr. Mark Zamorski, Senior Medical Epidemiologist in the Directorate of Mental Health at the Canadian Forces Health Services Group Headquarters.

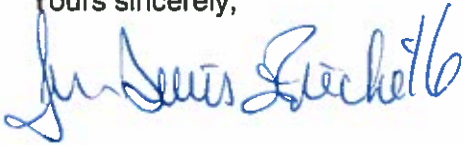
Dr. Zamorski has published extensively on the mental health impacts of deployment, is the principal investigator on the 2013 Canadian Forces Mental Health Survey, and recipient of the 2013 Banting Award for Military Health Research. He possesses unique knowledge and insight which would be invaluable to my analysts. Specifically, the objective of the meeting would be for PBO analysts to better understand how current and ongoing research may be used to anticipate changes over time in the volume and severity of mental illness in the Veterans' community.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this request, the analyst responsible, Erin Barkel can be contacted directly at Erin.Barkel@parl.gc.ca, 613-355-8467.

¹ Section 79.2(a) 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."

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 the cooperation of government departments, such as your own. In doing so, you are assisting us in better serving the Senate, the House of Commons, and their members.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jean-Denis Fréchette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Jean-Denis Fréchette
Parliamentary Budget Officer