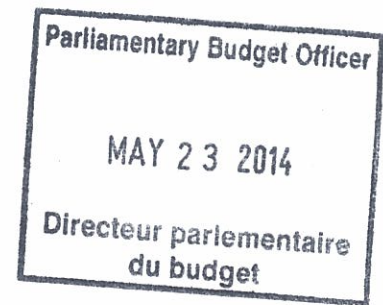




**Les Ponts Jacques Cartier et Champlain Incorporée**  
**The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated**

May 23, 2014

Without prejudice



**OFFICE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICER**  
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RE : DOCUMENTS REQUESTED : « ANNUAL EXPENDITURES ON CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE MAINTENANCE, ABOVE AND BEYOND REGULAR OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE, FOR FISCAL YEARS 1998-1999 TO 2013-2014 »  
YOUR FILE: IRO151  
OUR FILE: 2380-002

Sir,

This is further to your request IRO151 dated April 23, 2014 for the above described documents.

The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated ("the Corporation") is a parent Crown corporation as defined in section 83 of the *Financial Administration Act* (FAA), named in Part 1 of Schedule III of the FAA. The Corporation is not a department within the meaning of any of paragraphs a), a.1) or d) of the definition "department" in section 2 of the FAA. Hence, the Corporation does not fall within section 79.3 of the *Parliament of Canada Act* and is not subject to any obligation to provide the OPBO with the information requested.

Furthermore, we have carefully reviewed the principles regarding communications enumerated in the section of the *Communications Policy of the Government of Canada* ("the Policy") dealing with Application and Authority, and although the Policy does not apply to the Corporation for the same reasons as above-mentioned, we are satisfied that the Corporation's communication policies and practices are consistent with those principles. In addition, we are satisfied that the Corporation has furnished all relevant financial information with respect to its activities to governmental authorities and the public in accordance with its obligations in that regard.

However, in its concern for collaboration and transparency, the Corporation agrees to voluntarily provide the OPBO, with certain information relevant to your request which has already been disclosed further to access to information requests pursuant to the *Access to Information Act*.

Please find enclosed a Summary Table describing the contracts awarded by the Corporation for the rehabilitation or major repairs on the Champlain Bridge for which monies were disbursed for the financial years 1998-1999 to 2012-2013 as well as for financial year 2013-2014 (until December 2013) and which were released further to access to information requests.

The following reservations and comments were also provided with regards to the information in the enclosed Summary Table:

- Amounts relating to regular maintenance and operation of the Champlain Bridge as well as administrative costs were included in the Summary Table.
- Certain contracts cover two years or more and are therefore cited in several parts of the Summary Table.
- Some contracts deal with several structures including the Champlain Bridge notably the Jacques Cartier Bridge, the Bonaventure Expressway, the Highway 15, the Honoré Mercier Bridge, the Champlain Bridge Ice Control Structure (Estacade) and the Melocheville Tunnel. However, the amounts in the Summary Table for those contracts represent amounts disbursed exclusively for the Champlain Bridge.

Yours truly,



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Encl.