



March 11, 2011

Mr. Michael Horgan
Deputy Minister
Department of Finance Canada
140 O'Connor Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0G5

Re: PBO Information Request 043

Dear Mr. Horgan:

Following the Minister of Finance's March 11, 2011 meeting with private sector economists to discuss the economic forecasts from your Department's March survey, I would like to request the average economic forecasts from this survey. This information will be used to assess the implications of the Department's updated private sector economic outlook on the Government's fiscal position. I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide this information to my office by March 15, 2010. If required, we will treat this information as confidential until it is made public in the March 22nd budget.

I would be grateful if you could notify me as soon as possible if you are unable to meet the request deadline of March 15, 2011.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Yours truly,

Kevin Page
Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Rick Stewart, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Privy Council Office, Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy.
Benôit Robidoux, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance Canada, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch.



PBO Information Request

1) Request Number:	043
2) PBO Contact Name:	Chris Matier (613-995-9804 or matiec@parl.gc.ca)
3) Type of Request:	Recurrent
4) PBO Objective:	To assess the implications of the Department's updated private sector economic outlook on the Government's fiscal position.
5) Relation to Mandate:	To provide independent analysis on trends in the national economy and state of the nation's finances.
6) Information and Data Requested:	Summary of data collected by the Department of Finance as part of its March 2011 survey of private sector forecasters
7) Priority:	Normal
8) Date Request Sent:	March 11, 2011
9) Response Required By:	March 15, 2011