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The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister
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Information Request: IR0435

Dear Mr. Blair:

As you are likely aware, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) provides independent and non-partisan analysis to the Senate and to the House of Commons about matters related to the nation's finances and the economy, the estimates, certain other documents government documents and the cost of proposals. In carrying out my mandate, I often require information held by government departments and Crown corporations and I am entitled to free and timely access – subject to limited exceptions – to such information under section 79.4 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

I am currently undertaking an analysis pursuant to paragraph 79.2(1)(f) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to estimate the financial cost of any proposal that relates to a matter over which Parliament has jurisdiction at the request of a member of the Senate or of the House of Commons.

For this analysis, I am requesting the following information:

- 1. A microdata extract from the Offender Management System (OMS) database as described in the attached Appendix.
- 2. Any documentation regarding that database, especially any documentation regarding:
 - the circumstances in which provincial sentences appear in the OMS;
 - the meaning of terms used in relation to current sentences, jurisdiction, and final parole board decisions;
 - the correspondence between sections of the criminal code and offence classifications,
 - the treatment of concurrent sentences; and
 - the form in which different types of releases of inmates into the community are recorded within the parole data.

In order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner, I ask the information to be provided to my office no later than **11 December 2019**. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or your deputy minister as soon as possible.

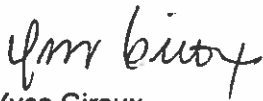
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Ben Segel-Brown can be contacted directly at Ben.Segel-Brown@parl.gc.ca 613-407-8357.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 11 December 2019, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you or your deputy minister must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

The response letter will be posted on the PBO website and, therefore, it should not be marked "confidential". As well, the requested information should be attached separately. If this information is confidential, please clearly mark it as such, either on the electronic spreadsheet or the hard copy version.

Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability are the PBO's primary objectives. The degree to which this is possible depends, to a large extent, on free and timely access to quality information held by government departments. In doing so, you are assisting us in better serving the Senate, the House of Commons, and their members.

Yours sincerely,



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Parliamentary Budget Officer

c.c.: Antoine Brunelle-Côté, Privy Council Office, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,
Liaison Secretariat for Macroeconomic Policy
Ms. Anne Kelly, Commissioner, Correctional Services Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0435

APPENDIX

The data extract should include two sheets:

1. One sheet listing each sentence with the following fields:

CREATION_DATE OID SENTENCE_ID SENTENCE_NUMBER SUB_SENTENCE_NUMBER
SUB_SUB_SENTENCE_NUMBER SENTENCE_COMMENCE_YEAR SENTENCE_COMMENCE_DATE
CURRENT_STATUS MAJOR_OFFENCE MAJOR_OFFENCE_QUALIFIER
MAJOR_OFFENCE_GROUP SENTENCE_LENGTH_IN_DAYS FULL_PAROLE_ELIGIBILITY_DATE
DAYS_BETWEEN_SENT_COM_AND_FPED [First parole decision fields are not required]

2. One sheet listing full parole **and statutory release** decisions with the following fields:

CREATION_DATE OID SENTENCE_ID SENTENCE_NUMBER SUB_SENTENCE_NUMBER
SUB_SUB_SENTENCE_NUMBER DECISION_ID DECISION_TYPE
DECISION_DATE FINAL_DECISION