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The Honourable Marc Miller
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Information Request: IR0545

Dear Minister Miller:

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 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)(b) of the Parliament of Canada Act, which mandates the PBO to prepare reports on matters of particular significance relating to the nation's finances or economy that are listed in an annual work plan.

I would like to thank you for the information that your office provided to my information request IR0506. I am writing to request additional data given the information previously provided.

1. Regarding the federal funding allocations by major program areas identified in IR0506, please provide:
 - a. any additional detail on these allocations by funding recipient;
 - b. the First Nation/Indian band or Tribal Council supported by each funding recipient, and;
 - c. the programs or services being funded.
2. Regarding program funding methodologies, please provide the Modified Berger Formula weighting used to distinguish each region/recipient receiving funding by population size and geographic location.

Please provide the information requested above on an annual basis for fiscal years 2013-14 to 2018-19 and any projections for the subsequent five fiscal years.

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 **November 4, 2020**. 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.

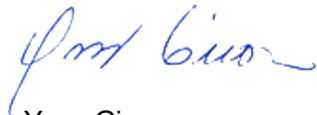
Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Jamie Forsyth can be contacted directly at Jamie.Forsyth@parl.gc.ca, 613-295-2908.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by November 4, 2020, 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
Christiane Fox, Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada

Attachment: Reply form for IR0545