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The Honourable Carla Qualtrough
Acting President of the Treasury Board of Canada
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Information Request: IR0412

Dear Minister:

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:

The number of pay rules for the entire federal government, or an average number of rules per collective agreement, or the number of rules for a specific collective agreement.

Any interim results, including in the form of briefing notes, presentations, or memos, from the TBS-OCHRO project to collect and identify the various pay rules that are found in the current pay system.

In order to provide the analysis to parliamentarians in a timely manner, I ask the information be provided to my office no later than **26 March 2019**. If access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date, a response must be provided by you or the Secretary as soon as possible.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Tessa Davkos can be contacted directly at Tessa.Davkos@parl.gc.ca 613-295-2527.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 26 March 2019, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the

requested information, you or the Secretary 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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Attachment: Reply form for IR0412