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Information Request: IR0307

Dear Mr. Morneau:

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)(a) of the *Parliament of Canada Act*, which mandates the PBO to prepare reports analyzing the following federal government documents: (i) a budget tabled by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance; (ii) an economic and fiscal update or statement issued by the Minister of Finance; (iii) a fiscal sustainability report issued by the Minister of Finance; (iv) the estimates of the government for a fiscal year.

For this analysis, I am asking/requesting the following information:

1. An aggregate mapping of all off-cycle funding decisions to the component lines of the operating statement.
2. The cash spending profiles of all new measures announced in the 2017 Fall Economic Statement.
3. The revised cash and accrual spending profile for the Budget 2016 infrastructure stimulus spending, reflecting lapsed funding from 2016-17 and new reprofiles.

4. An updated profile of National Accounts impulse from incremental Infrastructure spending since Budget 2016.
5. The revised cash and accrual spending profile for the National Defence envelope, compared to the projection presented in the Strong, Secure, Engaged blueprint published in June 2017.

Compared to Budget 2017, the incremental changes to the operating expense forecast arising from revaluation of federal pensions and employee benefits and consequential amortization of the change in these liabilities (assets). Finance Canada

Based on the nature of this request and the analysis I am undertaking, I believe a reasonable deadline would be 24 November 2017. A response must be provided if access to the requested information cannot be granted by that date.

Should you or your staff have any questions about this information request, the analyst responsible, Trevor Shaw can be contacted directly at [trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca](mailto:trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca), 613-698-6568.

Attached is a reply form. It too should be filled out and returned by 24 November 2017, whether or not you provide access to the requested information. Should you refuse to provide access to the requested information, you must provide a written justification for the refusal as required under section 79.41 of the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

Your 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.

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. Providing timely and effective analysis to the Senate and House of Commons for the purposes of raising the quality of parliamentary debate and promoting greater budget transparency and accountability is the PBO's primary objective. 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,



Jean-Denis Fréchette  
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Paul Rochon, Deputy Minister [paul.rochon@canada.ca](mailto:paul.rochon@canada.ca)

Attachment: Reply form for IR0307



## Reply Form / Formulaire de réponse

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1. Information request No.: / N° de la demande d'information :	IR0307			
2. Response required by: / Réponse demandée d'ici le :	24 November 2017 / 24 novembre 2017			
3. Contact: / Personne-ressource :	Trevor Shaw, <a href="mailto:trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca">trevor.shaw@parl.gc.ca</a> , 613-698-6568			
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Information demandée :	<p>1. Illustration globale de la correspondance entre toutes les décisions de financement hors cycle et les postes de l'état des résultats.</p> <p>2. Les profils selon la comptabilité de caisse de toutes les nouvelles mesures annoncées dans l'Énoncé économique de l'automne 2017.</p> <p>3. Le profil révisé, selon la comptabilité de caisse et d'exercice, des dépenses de relance en infrastructure du budget de 2016, tenant compte des fonds inutilisés de 2016-2017 et des nouveaux reports.</p> <p>4. Mise à jour du profil de l'incidence sur les comptes nationaux des dépenses d'infrastructure additionnelles depuis le budget de 2016.</p> <p>5. Le profil révisé, selon la comptabilité de caisse et d'exercice, de l'enveloppe de la Défense nationale, par rapport aux projections présentées dans le plan directeur Protection, sécurité, engagement rendu public en juin 2017.</p> <p>Par rapport au budget de 2017, les changements cumulatifs apportés aux prévisions de dépenses de fonctionnement résultant de la réévaluation des pensions fédérales et des avantages sociaux des employés, ainsi que de l'amortissement en conséquence de l'évolution de ces passifs (actifs).</p>			
5. Information requested: /	<input type="checkbox"/> Provided /	Go to the	<input type="checkbox"/> Not provided /	Go to the next

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<p>6. If the information requested is not provided, please explain: / Si l'information n'est pas communiquée, veuillez en indiquer la raison :</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It is personal information "the disclosure of which is restricted under section 19 of the <i>Access to Information Act</i>" <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.4(2)(a).</i> /  Il s'agit de renseignements personnels « dont la communication est restreinte en vertu de l'article 19 de la <i>Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i>». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.4(2)a).</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The information is information "the disclosure of which is restricted under any provision of any other Act of Parliament set out in Schedule II to the <i>Access to Information Act</i>." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.4(2)(c).</i> /  Les renseignements « sont des renseignements dont la communication est restreinte en vertu d'une disposition d'une autre loi fédérale figurant à l'annexe II de la <i>Loi sur l'accès à l'information</i> » <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.4(2)c).</i></p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> It is information "that is protected by solicitor-client privilege or professional secrecy of advocates and notaries or by litigation privilege" <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.4(2)(b).</i> /  Les renseignements « sont protégés par le secret professionnel de l'avocat ou du notaire ou le privilège relatif au litige » <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.4(2)b).</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It is information "that is a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada as defined in subsection 39(2) of the <i>Canada Evidence Act</i>." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.4(2)(d).</i> /  Les renseignements « sont des renseignements confidentiels du Conseil privé de la Reine pour le Canada, définis au paragraphe 39(2) de la <i>Loi sur la preuve au Canada</i> ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, al. 79.4(2)d).</i></p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> It is not required for "the performance of [the PBO's] mandate." <i>Parliament of Canada Act, s. 79.4(1)</i> /  Les données ne sont pas « nécessaires à l'exercice [du mandat du DPB] ». <i>Loi sur le Parlement du Canada, par. 79.3(1).</i></p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (provide explanation)/ Autre (veuillez préciser)</p>	
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<p><b>Please return this completed reply form to:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mr. Jean-Denis Fréchette Parliamentary Budget Officer Office of the Parliamentary Officer 50 O'Connor Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Ottawa, ON K1A 0A9</p> <p><b>Veuillez faire parvenir le formulaire rempli à :</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Monsieur Jean-Denis Fréchette Directeur parlementaire du budget Bureau du Directeur Parlementaire du Budget 50, rue O'Connor, 10e étage Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0A9</p>				